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See Stonehenge in a new light at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC — Discover one of the most mysterious and unique stone monuments in the world and what it meant to the people who built it with *Stonehenge*, now open at the Royal BC Museum.

"This insightful exhibition walks you through the evolution of Stonehenge featuring over 400 ancient artifacts, interactive installations and immersive videos that shine a light on the science and people behind the monument," says Tracey Drake, CEO, Royal BC Museum. "We are thrilled to share the stories of one of the most iconic World Heritage sites."

Expert archaeological insight and cutting-edge scientific research help visitors to shed light on some of the mysteries surrounding *Stonehenge*.

"There have been so many discoveries in the last few years," says Mike Parker Pearson, Professor of British Later Prehistory at the Institute of Archaeology in University College London. "It's a real revolution in our knowledge about Stonehenge and the people who built it."

The exhibition was previously at the War Memorial Museum in Auckland and has gone through a significant refresh since it was last on display. The exhibition now primarily focuses on the people who built Stonehenge and includes the belongings of the Stonehenge and Amesbury archers, both of which have never been seen before in North America.

This stone circle is unique because it is the only one in which the stones were moved long distances, shaped with stone tools, and jointed together. It is also the only lintelled henge in the world. It was not built in isolation, but is part of the larger landscape of burial mounds and ceremonial sites that were possibly intended to unify the west and east of Britain.

Stonehenge is now open at the Royal BC Museum and runs until January 5, 2025. This exhibition is produced by MuseumsPartner in Austria in collaboration with English Heritage, and with thanks to the National Trust, The Salisbury Museum and Wiltshire Museum.

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About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the territory of the lakwaŋan (Lekwungen) peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt

nations, we are a hub of community connections in BC—on-site, off-site and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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