

NORTH SHORE CULTURE DAYS RIDES AGAIN!

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The 7th Annual Culture Days celebrations happen in cities and towns all across Canada on September 30, October 1 & 2. For **North Shore Culture Days**, the public can choose from over **60 FREE experiences** happening in **six Event Hubs** located in popular gathering places in North Vancouver and West Vancouver.

Culture Days is an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to try something new, experience something totally different, discover creative spaces in the community and meet the artists that work there. The **Hubs** make it easy to enjoy a variety of experiences within an easy distance of one another on the North Shore.

"North Shore Culture Days celebrates the vital role that arts and culture plays in creating vibrant and connected communities. We invite residents to participate, be inspired and have some fun." said Heather Turner, Director, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission.

A full list of events is included in the colourful, "heart-filled" **North Shore Culture Days brochure** available at community rec centres, libraries and local arts venues. Here's a sampling of activities happening in each of the Event Hubs:

HUB 1: Mid-Lonsdale + Centennial Theatre

Artists for Kids offers **hands-on art making workshops and tours** at the Smith Gallery; **ukulele and Kodaly/Orff music workshops** for kids, and **Burstin' With Broadway sing-along** at Centennial Theatre.

HUB 2: Lower-Lonsdale + Lonsdale Quay + Shipbuilders' Square

Free **dance classes** at Perform Art Studios in Lonsdale Quay; a turn-of-the-century **Social Dance Hall** with **live ragtime music, dancing and food** in the Pipe Shop in Shipbuilders' Square.

HUB 3: Lynn Valley Village + area

A **Family Records Workshop** and **historical walk & talk** through "Shaketown" starting at the NVMA History Centre; **musical instrument mini-lessons** and **Hawaiian dance workshop** are part of the Lynn Valley Library Culture Cram.

HUB 4: Deep Cove + Parkgate

The doors at the **Parkgate Pottery Studio** are open all weekend; meet the artists at **Seymour Art Gallery**; travel back in time at the **Deep Cove Heritage Society Open House**.

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HUB 5: West Vancouver

Acclaimed folk group, **The Bill's** perform at West Van Memorial Library; a **sea monster mobile** art activity at the Ferry Building Gallery; and, **public art walking tours** at the West Van Community Centre.

HUB 6: "A Little Outside" the Hubs

Go behind-the-scenes at the **Hendry Hall Theatre**; build a fairy garden-in-a-jar, splatter paint, or try your hand at Kendama toy tricks in **Edgemont Village**; visit the artist studios at **195 Pemberton**; learn about Coast Salish and Tsleil Waututh heritage at Maplewood Mudflats at the **Corrigan Nature House**.

The promotion of North Shore Culture Days is coordinated by the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission with support from the District of West Vancouver and the North Shore News. Look for the special **North Shore Culture Days pull-out section in the September 28th issue of the North Shore News**.



For more information, up-to-date event listings, and the downloadable brochure visit <https://www.nvrc.ca/culture-days>

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