



**(Vancouver, Canada). Registration for the Vancouver Biennale 2021 BIKennale/WALKennale opens today. Register once, and enjoy COVID-safe urban exploration with our self-guided cycling and walking tours all year. Accessible to all ages and abilities, these tours are super fun and fully annotated with fascinating information on public art and points of cultural, historical and architectural interest throughout Metro Vancouver. We guarantee you'll discover something new and have a great time doing it! Register HERE.**

“This is the perfect antidote to the COVID blues”, says Barrie Mowatt, Vancouver Biennale President and Artistic Director. “We’re all suffering from under-stimulation, mind and body, so this year we’ve really focused on creating fun, healthy, and creatively inspiring urban tours. It’s our way of encouraging people to embrace the staycation, go outside to discover the many unknown treasures in our city and have of fun doing it!

We are also happy to announce our Presenting Sponsor, the Community Arts Council of Vancouver (CACV), whose support is invaluable to us. The CACV contributes a fabulous layer to 2021 tours by connecting participants to many of Vancouver’s arts and cultural institutions and organizations which CACV contributed to developing throughout their 75-year history”.

“In Vancouver, and cities around the world, we have entered a period of rediscovery—providing a golden opportunity to reconnect with one another to become more involved in our communities,” says Valerie Smaller, Community Arts Council of Vancouver, Board President. “CACV celebrates its 75th Anniversary in 2021, marking our integral role in shaping cultural life in Vancouver. Through the BIKennale/WALKennale we are pleased to share the highlights of our organization’s development past and present. Together we can learn more about the importance of engaging in community arts. We are very excited to be working in partnership with the Vancouver Biennale.”

#### Event Details

- One-time \$5 minimum donation for individuals or \$15 for families. All funds raised go towards Vancouver Biennale public art installations, exhibitions, artist residencies, and educational programs.
- Register once and get new tours sent to you every week from May 22nd until October 11th. 40 tours in total to choose from! Take as many tours as you like, whenever you like, as often as you like throughout 2021.
- For people and families of all ages and athletic abilities. We have bike rides and urban walks for everyone, from easy to more advanced. All tours indicate approximate walking and cycling times.
- Each tour includes several points of interest and annotations throughout. We guarantee you’ll discover and learn about hidden cultural, historic and architectural treasures throughout the city and have loads of fun doing it!
- **\*New\*** All tours are easily accessible by cell phone with a new and greatly improved user-friendly app. Tours are also downloadable for those who prefer a paper map.
- **\*New\*** Special WE ARE OCEAN Vancouver educational tour for teachers, parents and children to learn about the impact climate change has on the ecosystems of Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam land. WE ARE OCEAN Vancouver is an artistic contribution to the Preparatory Phase of the UN Decade Of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) through IOC-UNESCO, curated by ARTPORT\_making waves.
- **\*New\*** Special tours celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Community Arts Council of Vancouver (CACV) and the Vancouver Outsider Arts Festival (VOAF) presented by CACV.
- **\*New\*** Special AR Legacy tours that bring back some of the most iconic and beloved Vancouver Biennale artworks through Augmented Reality installations

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2021 BIKennale/WALKennale, or becoming a community partner, please contact us.

For more information about the event, visit [vbbike.ca](http://vbbike.ca)

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#### About The Vancouver Biennale

The Vancouver Biennale celebrates art in public space. We transform the urban landscape into an Open Air Museum, creating globally inspired cultural experiences where people live, work, play, and transit. Each exhibition becomes a catalyst for community engagement, learning, and social action. The Vancouver Biennale features internationally renowned and emerging contemporary artists that represent a diversity of cultural perspectives and artistic disciplines including sculpture, augmented and virtual reality, performance works, music, and film. As a non-profit charitable organization, the Vancouver Biennale relies on the support of its partners and friends to deliver award-winning programming. Visit [www.vancouverbiennale.com](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com) for more information.

#### About The Community Arts Council of Vancouver

The Community Arts Council of Vancouver (CACV) was the first arts council in North America and 2021 marks it’s 75th Anniversary. Since its beginning in 1946, CACV has been a contributor to shaping the cultural life of Vancouver as an independent non-profit organization. From music schools, theatres, art galleries, to museums and festivals, the CACV has been involved in the development of some of the most iconic arts institutions in Vancouver. Our vision is of a socially-engaged, inclusive, and vibrant city alive with community arts. CACV is involved in community arts programs where art is made by, with, and for people sharing a sense of community. CACV’s current programs address sustainability and opportunities in the arts sector, Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships, and collective resilience in the face of social and environmental challenges. Learn more about CACV programming and history at [www.cacv.ca](http://www.cacv.ca)

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The Vancouver Biennale is a non-profit charitable organization that celebrates art in public space, creating a catalyst for learning, community engagement, and social action where people live, work, play, and transit.

*We acknowledge we are on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together*