

MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release:

July 31, 2019

WHO: Community Arts Council of Vancouver (CACV) presents the Third Annual Vancouver Outsider Arts Festival (VOAF)

WHAT: 150+ outsider artists in a 3-day free festival of visual & performance artists with art exhibition sales, workshops, artist talks, and community arts. The VOAF is Canada's first and only Outsider Arts festival, representing the imaginations of dedicated artists facing barriers and exclusion who work outside the mainstream. Group shows from MPA Society, Alternative Creations Studio, Coast Mental Health, The Art Studios, and CACV's Artist-in-Residence program partner John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland.

Artist Workshops and Art Talks by Opus Art Supplies, Francis Arevalo (Filipino rapper, producer and mental health advocate), Vancouver artists Jeff Wilson with special guest Barrie Mowatt from Vancouver Biennale, and Sean Nosek author of *Ken Foster's Vancouver: Life, Art and Alleyways* and more.

Performers include: Cantonese Opera, Mina Chan, Downtown Eastside (DTES) Writer's Collective, Highs and Lows Choir, Jerry LaFaery & Sparkipelago, Polymer Dance, Raven's Daughter Robin & Wren, Anjalica Solomon, Vancouver Poetry House.

All events are FREE and 100% of sales go to the artists. Daily raffle draw and online art auction (July 31 to August 11) @ <http://www.cacv.ca/2019-vancouver-outsider-arts-festival-art-auction/>.

WHEN:

Friday, August 9	11 AM - 9:30 PM
Saturday, August 10	10 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, August 11	10 AM - 4:00 PM

WHERE:

Exhibition Hall @ Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre
181 Roundhouse Mews (Corner of Davie & Pacific)
Yaletown, Vancouver, BC

For more information on the Community Arts Council of Vancouver and complete VOAF schedule go to www.cacv.ca. B-Roll Clip https://youtu.be/MFKxkNSL_BM

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