



Museum of Vancouver

The Museum of Vancouver creates Vancouver-focused exhibitions and programs that encourage dynamic conversations about what was, is, and can be Vancouver. Permanent exhibits tell the city's stories from the early 1900s to the late '70s and are complemented by contemporary, ground-breaking feature exhibits.

We use the City's collection of art and artefacts to develop critically acclaimed exhibitions and programs that illuminate the importance of Vancouver--regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Exhibits and programs over the next two years will cover some of the following issues/ideas: Local Food, Fashion by John Fluevog, Bhangra Dance & Culture, Housing & Homelessness, Craft & Design, and Architecture & Urban Planning.

These programs, as well as a commitment to convening discussion, debate and celebratory cultural events, are all integral elements to the continued cultural evolution of Vancouver. They support the promotion of diversity, education, creativity, tolerance, and the exchange of ideas.

New Vision. New Name. New Look.

Over the past few years, the Museum has been going through a transformation. We, like museums throughout the world, are seeking new ways to connect our communities and stay relevant and vibrant in the face of dramatic changes in culture and technology.

First, we developed our new vision: *To hold a mirror up to the city and lead provocative conversations about its past, present, and future.* Now we've taken it one step further by communicating our new direction with a new look, a new website, and a new name--Museum of Vancouver (formerly Vancouver Museum).

What's New

- Exhibits and programs uniquely focused on Vancouver.
- A more contemporary approach to exploring cultures, ideas, and issues that are top-of-mind for Vancouverites.
- Public programs and events that promote discussion and dialogue on current issues.
- A collection focused on the material culture of Vancouver.
- The MOV Studio - a place to sit and read about Vancouver, to gather and discuss Vancouver, and to give us your ideas about the issues important to you.
- www.museumofvancouver.ca - featuring a blog about all things Vancouver, a collections gallery, and events calendar.

Some Facts to Consider

- We collect the material history of the region and hold over 70,000 objects in the City's collection with a value of \$67 million.
- We share a dramatic, city-owned and run facility in Vanier Park with the Space Centre and have since the late 1960s.
- First established in 1894 as the Art, Historical and Scientific Association.
- Annual attendance of approximately 60,000 visitors.
- The museum's website gets 11,000 hits per month; over 8,500 are unique visits.
- Close to 9,000 local students attended the Museum's educational programs in 2009.