## August 21, 2019

## Get schooled at the Royal BC Museum in September

VICTORIA, BC—Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's back to school we go! At the Royal BC Museum, learning isn't limited to the classroom—fill your head with these engaging events and activities in September:

- Home learners will want to circle September 5<sup>th</sup> on their calendars—launch day for the Fall/Winter Program Guide at <a href="rbcm.ca/programguide">rbcm.ca/programguide</a>. Choose from dozens of specially designed learning activities such as the new *Big Play* Saturday morning workshops for pre-school and primary kids and the *Walking Victoria's Great War* walking tour for all ages.
- Meet "Buster"—one of the first and most complete dinosaur skeletons found in BC—in the Helijet-sponsored Pocket Gallery (off Clifford Carl Hall) until Feb. 26, 2020. The display follows paleontology curator Dr. Victoria Arbour's quest to unearth the mysteries of "Buster" the Leptoceratopsidae—a small plant-eating relative of the Triceratops—first discovered by accident in 1971 near the Sustut River, north of Smithers in BC. Free.
- Get outdoors with this month's <u>Fieldtrippers: Life on Marine Debris</u>, an exploration of how natural and human-made marine debris interacts with life in the coastal environment. Meet natural history curators Dr. Henry Choong and Dr. Joel Gibson at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter by the parking lot off Homathko road at Island View Beach Regional Park. Sept. 8, 11 am-12:30 pm; by donation.
- Toast the new academic year at Museum Happy Hour: Brew! on September 12. Join members of the Campaign for Real Ale Victoria in the Old Town gallery from 5:30-7 pm and learn more about the history of brewing in BC. Entry is \$10 per person; snacks and drinks available for purchase. This is a 19+ event; valid photo ID required for entry.



- Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises continues to wow visitors of all ages. The multi-sensory feature exhibition spotlights the mystery, legacy and resilience of one of the world's greatest civilizations—the Maya of Central America—and has earned rave reviews for its rarely seen artifacts and family-friendly interactives. Come for the exhibition and stay for the gift shop, featuring beautiful sustainably sourced, fairly traded handcrafts from Guatemala. Included with admission or membership; until Dec. 31, 2019.
- Learn about the rich cultural traditions of BC's Indigenous peoples at the <u>Indigenous Summer Arts Studio Program</u> under the big white tent near Wawaditla (Mungo Martin House). The program showcases the work of emerging Indigenous artists and their mentors and encourages easy conversations between visitors and the artists-in-residence. <u>Until September 13</u>, <u>Wednesday to</u> <u>Friday</u>, <u>10am to 5pm</u>. Free.

For up-to-date event information, visit our online calendar and museum blog.

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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 traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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