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The Royal BC Museum celebrates Asian Heritage Month with a new Vietnamese Canadian Digital Field Trip

VICTORIA, BC — In recognition of Asian Heritage Month this May, the Royal BC Museum is pleased to offer a new, limited-time Digital Field Trip exploring how art offers a space to consider different cultures.

The new digital field trip, *Art with Chrystal Phan*, is an accompaniment to *Vietnamese Canadian Experiences in BC*, a Learning Portal pathway the Royal BC Museum's learning team developed with Chrystal Phan as a way to share stories from the more than 60,000 refugees that found their way from Vietnam to Canada between 1979 and 1980.

Phan, a second-generation Canadian artist born to Vietnamese refugee parents, uses *Art with Chrystal Phan* to reflect on her family's story and share her art with students.

"This has been a powerful experience for me, delving into the details of my family's past in ways I never did before," says Phan. "We didn't grow up talking about this stuff, so to be able to explore my own story through creating content for these online learning programs has been very fulfilling."

Chrystal's family arrived on Canada's west coast in the fall of 1980 from Vietnam, and her art explores the experiences of being in a Vietnamese Canadian family.

The Digital Field Trip builds on the themes presented in the *Vietnamese Canadian Experiences in BC* pathway. The pathway asks students the question "What does life look like when you have to start all over again?", allowing students the opportunity to put themselves in another person's shoes when considering the refugee experience.

"Each migration story is different. They can't all be captured in textbooks," says Phan. "Sharing personal stories allows students to empathize, to see themselves and their own families, friends and neighbours in the experiences of others. This can only be a good thing for BC communities."

This Digital Field Trip is an interactive learning experience designed for grades 4-6, but can be adapted for different learning levels and can be enjoyed from anywhere with internet.

"As the provincial museum we need to be as accessible to British Columbians as possible. Digital Field Trips are one way that we can do that," says Liz Crocker, learning program developer with the Royal BC Museum. "Digital programming will never replace actually being here in person but our interactive, virtual, live programming can be an incredibly valuable experience."

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Book a Digital Field Trip for your class or organization here - <https://lnkd.in/e95h8as7>

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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—on-site, off-site, and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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