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Celebrate Canada's West Coast Multicultural Fishing History May 4th, 2019

RICHMOND, BC – Join us for [*The Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration*](#), a family-friendly, FREE event on **Saturday May 4th, from 11am to 4pm** at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Steveston. This third annual event will feature performances, displays, activities, and food of the diverse communities which helped to shape Canada's west coast fishing industry.

Highlights include cultural performances including a Chinese Lion Dance, Japanese taiko drummers, Salish song and dance, Greek and Canadian maritime music, Scottish highland dancing and much more.

Workshops, demonstrations, crafts, and food tastings will be presented by community groups and artists including Alana Hansen, Christine Mackenzie, Richmond Chinese Artists Club, Earthhand Gleaners Society, Pangaea Arts, Pathways Aboriginal Youth Centre, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond Public Library, Scandinavian Community Centre, Steveston Historical Society, Vancouver Cantonese Opera, Wheelhouse Seafoods, and YK3 Sake.

Throughout the day, multi-lingual guided tours (English, French, Mandarin, Japanese) of the historic salmon cannery will be offered in addition to special showings of "Ebb & Flow: Turning Points in West Coast Fishing History" a 25-minute documentary film in the Boiler House Theatre with French, Traditional Chinese, and Japanese subtitles. Please check the event website for tour and film times.

Visitors can also explore the Cannery's new feature exhibit [*The Label Unwrapped: the history of canned salmon labels*](#) (open May 2019 to Spring 2021), and *The Cannery Cat's Collection*, a temporary exhibit celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

We thank the Port of Vancouver as the presenting sponsor of *The Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration*.

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site of Canada is operated by the non-profit Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, on behalf of Parks Canada.

Location: 12138 Fourth Avenue at Moncton, Richmond (Steveston Village).

Hours: Open daily, year round from 10am-5pm. Call 604-664-9009 for details.

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