

Celebrate in Your City



A Sampler of Vancouver's Festivals,
Celebrations, and Special Events in 2004





A Message from Mayor Larry Campbell:

Vancouver is alive with celebrations and activities! Each year, right across the city, hundreds of thousands of people participate in a vast array of cultural celebrations, festivals, walks, runs, processions and parades.

Summarized by month, this brochure presents a diverse range of activities that took place in 2004 in our city streets, parks, and cultural facilities. Use this list, or visit the City's Community Web Pages (www.vancouver.ca/communitypages) to discover new ways to celebrate in your city in 2005.

Larry Campbell

Find Out Where Vancouver Celebrates!

JANUARY

< English Bay Polar Bear Swim	West End
< The Running Room's Resolution Run	Kitsilano
< PuSh International Performance Festival	Strathcona/Downtown
< Listen Up! Festival: New Sounds from the City	Grandview-Woodland
< Victory Square Lunar New Year Celebration	Downtown
< Chinese New Year Parade	Strathcona

FEBRUARY

< Black History Month	
< Opening Night Celebration	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< The Actors' Jam	Fairview
< Pacific Road Runners "First Half" Half Marathon	West End
< Trans-Canada Trek for MS	West End
< Dance in Vancouver	Downtown
< Brazilian Carnaval	Downtown
< UBC Open Cross Country	Kitsilano
< Time Flies Improvised Music Festival	Mount Pleasant
< Vancouver Volkswalk	Downtown
< Chutzpah! Festival	Oakridge
< Infest: International Artist Run Culture	Downtown/Mount Pleasant
< IMAGeNation: The Vancouver Aboriginal Film and Video Festival	Grandview-Woodland/Mount Pleasant
< Black History Month Market and Cultural Showcase	Downtown
< Engineering Feats Run/Walk	West End
< Kids Only 5KM Run	Dunbar-Southlands
< Strathcona Artist at Home: A Strathcona Neighbour Performing Arts Festival	Strathcona
< Talking Stick Festival	Downtown/Grandview-Woodland

MARCH

< Signal and Noise Festival	Mount Pleasant
< BusTin' ouT Festival	Downtown
< Reel to Real Film Festival	Downtown
< Sista'Hood Celebration	Downtown
< Vancouver International Dance Festival	Downtown/Grandview-Woodland
< Sonic Boom Festival of New Music	Mount Pleasant
< CelticFest Vancouver Parade	Downtown
< Spring Break Theatre Festival for Young Audiences	Fairview
< Diva on the Run	West Point Grey

APRIL

< Stanley Park Spring Forward 5KM Run	West End
< ALS Run	Riley Park
< Iranian New Year Event	West End
< Pacific Populaire Bike Race	Riley Park
< Vancouver Jewish Film Festival	Oakridge/Downtown
< Easter Bunny Hop Run	West End
< Meet the Busiest People in Town-Paramedics	Downtown
< Vaisakhi Parade	Sunset
< Vancouver Sun Run	West End
< 10th Anniversary of Community Policing in Vancouver	Renfrew-Collingwood
< Kerrisdale Carnival Days	Kerrisdale
< Creating a Legacy of Hope Walk	West End
< Earth Day Celebration	Killarney
< Super Cities Walk/Run For MS	West End
< 15 RCA Change of Command	Kitsilano
< Impact Fun Run	West End
< Slam City Jam	Downtown

MAY

< May Day in the Park	Grandview-Woodland
< Vega Group Convention Run	West End
< Kids Help Phone Walk/Run	West Point Grey
< explorASIAN	Downtown
< Salmonberry Days	Dunbar-Southlands
< Adidas Vancouver International Marathon	West End
< Youth Week Festival	Grandview-Woodland
< New Play Festival	Fairview
< Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< Youth Vibe	Downtown
< The Great Mars Rover Race	Kitsilano
< The City Chase	Downtown and West End
< Vancouver International Children's Festival	Kitsilano
< Festival Ha' Rikud	Oakridge
< Vans Canadian Sports Tour	Hastings-Sunrise
< St. Andrew's School Walkathon Picnic	Riley Park
< Khalsa Diwan Sports Day	Sunset
< Shon Yee Association	
< 40th Anniversary Celebration	Strathcona
< DOXA Documentary Film and Video Festival	Downtown
< Walking Fish Festival	Fairview
< BC Blind Sports Run for Light	West End
< Cancer Society Relay For Life	West End
< False Creek Women's Dragon Boat Regatta	Downtown
< Lees Triathlon	West End
< Canadian Liver Foundation Walk/Run	West End
< MOW Railcars in Vancouver	Mount Pleasant
< Aga Khan Partnership Walk	West End
< Dunbar Fun Run	Shaughnessy
< PMC-Sierra Science Fair Foundation Fun Run	Downtown
< Vancouver Rape Relief Walkathon	West End
< Running Room Shaughnessy 8KM Run and 5KM Walk	Shaughnessy-Kerrisdale
< Vancouver Chinatown Night Market	Strathcona
< MOMpopls Music in the Park	Grandview-Woodland
< Yaletown Farmers Market	Downtown
< Granville Island Farmers Market	Fairview
< East Vancouver Farmers Market	Kensington-Cedar Cottage

JUNE

< 60th Anniversary of D-Day	Downtown
< Ride Electric Vehicle Show	Mount Pleasant
< Celebrate Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant
< Marpole Oakridge Community Festival	Marpole
< Variety Club Boat for Hope	Point Grey
< Alcan Dragon Boat Festival Regatta	Downtown
< HSBG Child Run	Riley Park
< Larry Young Memorial Waterfront Run	Kitsilano
< Little Mountain-Riley Park Community Festival	Riley Park
< BC Deaf Sports Federation Silent Walk and Run	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< Van Dusen Flower and Garden Show	Oakridge
< Champlain Community Summer Fair	Killarney
< Stanley Park Bike Festival	West End
< CityFest	Hastings-Sunrise
< BC Guide Dog Walk	West End
< Crohn's and Colitis Heel 'n Wheel-a-thon	West Point Grey
< BC Wheelchair Sports Association	
< Wheels in Motion	Downtown
< Light the Train	Downtown
< Festival D'été Francophone de Vancouver	Fairview
< Alcan Dragon Boat Festival	Downtown
< National Aboriginal Day	
< Art and Culture Celebration	Downtown
< Celebrating Cultural Harmony through South Asian Eyes: Sawan Mela	Sunset
< Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey
< Dunbar Little League Closing Day Parade	Dunbar-Southlands
< Pacific Rim Kite Flying Festival	Kitsilano
< Kirkan O' The Tartan	Downtown/Kitsilano
< Father's Day Outing	Downtown
< Rotary Foundation Walk	Kitsilano
< National Aboriginal Day	
< Community Celebration	Grandview-Woodland
< Scotia Bank Half Marathon	West End
< Camp Can-Do 10KM Run	West End
< Vancouver Pride Society Stonewall Festival	Grandview-Woodland
< Strawberry Festival and Tea	West End
< Kitsilano Soapbox Derby	Kitsilano
< Celebrating 30 years of Multiculturalism and Diversity in Vancouver	Riley Park
< Yaletown Brewing Company Grand Prix	Downtown
< Vancouver International Jazz Festival	Downtown/Fairview
< Bard on the Beach	Kitsilano
< Canadian Vocal and Performing Arts Music in the Park	West End-Downtown
< Nat Bailey Stadium Farmers Market	Riley Park
< West End Farmers Market	Downtown

JULY

< Canada Day at Canada Place	Downtown
< Grandview Park Canada Day Celebration	Grandview-Woodland
< CRAB Park Canada Day Celebration	Downtown
< Hastings Park Canada Day Celebration	Hastings-Sunrise
< Coastal Jazz and Blues Festival	Downtown

Greek Summer Festival	Renfrew-Collingwood
Chinatown Arts and Culture Festival	Strathcona
RCMP and VPD's Pulling Together	West End
Intertidal Art Festival	West Point Grey
Multicultural Summer Celebration	Renfrew-Collingwood
Vancouver Folk Music Festival	West Point Grey
Dancing on the Edge Festival	Strathcona/Grandview Woodland
Marpole Summerfest	Marpole
Chatelaine on the Move Walk/Run	West Point Grey
Downtown Community Picnic in the Park	Downtown
Obon Festival	Strathcona
Strathcona Park Opening Day Celebration	Strathcona
Pink Flamingo Croquet Tourney	West Point Grey
Vancouver Folk Music Festival	West Point Grey
Celebration of Fiji Day	Renfrew-Collingwood
SUCCESS Walk With the Dragon	West End
Vancouver Chamber Music and Song Festival	Dunbar-Southlands
Tour de Gastown	Downtown
Molson Indy Vancouver	Downtown
Illuminares Lantern Festival	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Excellerations' Tri It Triathlon	Hastings-Sunrise
Pride Picnic	West End
Summer Dream Reading Festival	Downtown
Summerfast Fun 10K Road Race	West End
Danskin Run	West Point Grey
QueerStock-Music at Haywood Bandstand	Downtown
Dyke March	Grandview-Woodland
Vancouver Early Music Programme and Festival	Fairview
Celebration of Light	West End/Kitsilano
Powell Street Festival	Strathcona

AUGUST

< Pride Parade and Festival	West End
< Festival Vancouver	Fairview/Downtown
< Out on Screen Film Festival	Downtown/Mount Pleasant
< Monsters in the Meadow	West End
< Barclay Heritage Square Celebration	West End
< Chinatown Festival	Strathcona
< Multicultural Celebration	Downtown
< Picnic in The Park	Mount Pleasant
< Yaletown Summer Celebration and Car Show	Downtown
< Vision Quest Fast	Strathcona
< Iskon Parade and Festival of India	West End
< MS Bike Tour	Downtown
< Gastown Heritage Days	Downtown
< Gujarati Society of BC Walk in the Park	West End
< Canadian Lawn Bowls Championship	West End
< Health Fair at Hastings Community Centre	Grandview-Woodland
< Weekend to End Breast Cancer-60 KM Walk	Killarney
< Celebration Métis	Downtown
< Scotia Bank Easter Seals Regatta	West Point Grey
< Jericho Oceanman	West Point Grey
< Latin Summer Fest	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< Summer Paradise off the Drive	Grandview-Woodland
< Kerrisdale Days	Kerrisdale
< Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival	Fairview
< Canadian National Wakeboard Championship	Grandview-Woodland
< Grandview-Woodland Graffiti Contest	Grandview-Woodland
< Katie's Walk	West End
< Pacific National Exhibition	Hastings-Sunrise

SEPTEMBER

< Silent Summer Nights	Grandview-Woodland
< Taiwanese Cultural Festival	Downtown
< Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival	Downtown/Mount Pleasant
< Steamworks Concours D'elegance	Downtown
< Vancouver Triathlon	West End
< Labour Day Block Party	Downtown
< SWARM: Festival of Artist-Run Culture	Downtown/Mount Pleasant
< The Vancouver Sweet Basil Singers Festival	Downtown
< Vancouver Fringe Festival	Fairview
< Davie Day	West End
< Mercury Theatre	Downtown
< Ismaili Walk	West End
< BC Parkinson's Disease Superwalk	West End
< Paddle For Kids	Downtown
< SPCA Paws for a Cause	Kitsilano
< Latin American Film Festival	Downtown
< KickstART! Festival of Disability Arts	Downtown
< Little Heroes Sports Day	Downtown
< Celebration of Chile Day	Renfrew-Collingwood
< Earthdance	West End
< Jack and Jill Family 5KM	West End
< Family Kite Day	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< Terry Fox Run	West End
< BC Orienteering Championships	Riley Park
< Run for Rescue: Saving Lives Beyond Borders	West End
< Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew-Collingwood
< Play on! Street Hockey	Downtown
< Aids Walk	West End
< Cheerios' Mother Daughter Walk	West Point Grey
< Southlands Riding Club Country Fair	Dunbar-Southlands
< Salmon Celebration: BC Rivers Day	Mount Pleasant
< Word on the Street Festival	Downtown
< Vancouver International Film Festival	Downtown/Kitsilano/Grandview Woodland

OCTOBER

< Celtic Walkathon	West End
< Reach for the Stars Celebration	Kensington-Cedar Cottage
< The Drift on Main	Mount Pleasant
< Stanley Park Hallowe'en Ghost Train	West End
< Day of the Longboat Festival	West Point Grey
< CIBC Run for the Cure	Downtown
< German National Day Celebration	Renfrew-Collingwood
< Blessed Sacrament Walkathon	Riley Park
< Heart of the City Festival	Strathcona/Downtown
< Granville Island Turkey Trot 10KM Run	Fairview
< New Forms International Festival of Media Arts	Downtown/Mount Pleasant
< Ride for the Disabled	West End
< New Music Festival	Downtown
< Vancouver International Writers Festival	Fairview
< Vancouver International Comedy Festival	Downtown
< JDRF's Ride for Diabetes Research	Downtown
< Theatre Under the Gun	Grandview-Woodland
< Pumpkin Patch Party	Strathcona
< iFestival Judiol	
< Festival of Latin American Jewish Culture	Oakridge
< BC Cyclo-Cross Race	West Point Grey/West Point
< Parade of the Lost Souls	Grandview-Woodland
< The Pumpkin Patch	Renfrew-Collingwood
< James Cunningham Seawall Race	West End

NOVEMBER

< BC High School Cross Country Championship	West Point Grey
< Vancouver Asian Film Festival	Downtown
< Coup de Cœur Francophone Festival	Downtown
< Memorial Park South	
< Remembrance Day Ceremony	Sunset
< Royal Canadian Legion	
< Remembrance Day Celebration	Grandview-Woodland
< Remembrance Day Ceremony-Japanese War	West End
< Hershey Harriers Remembrance Day Run	West End
< Victory Square Remembrance Day Ceremony	Downtown
< Diwali Festival	Downtown
< Eastside Culture Crawl	Strathcona/Grandview Woodland
< Vancouver International Storytelling Festival	Downtown/Grandview-Woodland
< Jewish Book Festival	Oakridge
< Rogers Santa Claus Parade	Downtown
< Hear it Now! Festival	Mount Pleasant
< European Union Film Festival	Downtown

DECEMBER

< Carol Ships Parade of Lights	Downtown/West End
< Bright Nights in Stanley Park	West End
< Gunner Shaw Memorial Crosscountry Run	West Point Grey
< Santa Shuffle 5KM Run	West End
< Winter Farmers Market	Mount Pleasant
< Winter Solstice Lantern Procession	West End/Downtown/Kitsilano
< First Night Vancouver	Downtown



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Visit these web sites to find out more about Vancouver's festivals, celebrations, and special events in 2005.

www.vancouver.ca/engsvcs/projects/events
www.vancouver.ca/communitypages_wa
www.vancouverparks.ca

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