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Museum of Vancouver and BC Alliance for Arts + Culture present All Candidates Meeting on Arts and Culture on October 15

On Oct. 15 discover which candidates understand the true value of arts, culture and heritage in our lives.

Vancouver BC – Museum of Vancouver (MOV) and BC Alliance for Arts + Culture have partnered to host an All Candidates Meeting prior to the Vancouver municipal election. Eight mayoral and three city council candidates will reveal their stance on the importance of arts, culture and heritage to a thriving, sustainable Vancouver, Oct. 15, 5-7 pm, at the Museum of Vancouver.

Confirmed attendance:

Yes Vancouver's Hector Bremner
Pro Vancouver's David Chen
Vancouver First's Fred Harding
Independent Kennedy Stewart
Independent Shauna Sylvester
Coalition Vancouver's Wai Young
Independent Golok Buday
VisionVancouver's Heather Deal
Green Party's Pete Fry
COPE's Anne Roberts
NPA Party (candidate TBD)

Moderator Dani Fecko, president of arts management company Fascinator Management, will ensure a lively discussion exploring arts and culture's impact on the economy, education, health and wellbeing and society. The debate will also focus on funding for arts grants and arts infrastructure in Vancouver.

The confirmed candidates know that arts, culture and heritage need to be an election priority and here are just four reasons why:

1. **Economy:** Investing in the creative economy is an investment in jobs. The province's main economic drivers are now based around innovation, creativity and the knowledge economy.
2. **Education:** Students with an education rich in the arts have better grade point averages and are three times more likely to get a degree.
3. **Health and Wellbeing:** Regardless of income level or education, participation in culture is strongly associated with good health and high life satisfaction.
4. **Society:** Experiencing creativity in any form that deals with poverty, sexuality, racism, and other issues helps us understand humanity and break down boundaries. Arts and culture help us develop tolerance and compassion.

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Event information:

Date: Monday, Oct. 15, 5-7 pm

Location: Museum of Vancouver (1100 Chestnut St.)

Moderated by Dani Fecko

Admission: Free; please register at artsvotebc.ca

About BC Alliance for Arts and Culture (allianceforarts.com)

The BC Alliance for Arts + Culture is a nonprofit provincial organization that works to advocate, inform, connect and serve BC's Creative Community. Their members include organizations, professional associations, not-for-profit groups, artists, and cultural workers throughout British Columbia.

About Museum of Vancouver (museumofvancouver.ca)

The Museum of Vancouver connects Vancouverites to each other while connecting Vancouver to the world. The museum's programs, exhibitions, and collections bring people together and inspire conversation about the future. The museum is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring a socially connected, civically engaged city.

Institutional Partners: City of Vancouver, BC Arts Council, and the Province of British Columbia

LISTING INFORMATION

Vancouver All Candidates Meeting for Arts & Culture at the Museum of Vancouver

Date: October 15, 2018 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Address: Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC

Website: museumofvancouver.ca