



2011 - A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

On April 24th, 2011 the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden turns twenty five. To commemorate this exciting milestone and to honour the Garden's special place in Vancouver's history, we're hosting a year-long celebration -- and everyone is invited.

Celebrating 25 years every 25th

25th of each calendar month

Watch for special offers for the 25th of every month in celebration of the Garden's 25th Anniversary.

Chinese New Year- Year of the Rabbit

February 6

An annual festival for families, children and those who like to have fun. Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at the Garden! We're taking Chinese New Year back to basics! Based on the temple fairs of old, this year's celebration includes a "hot & noisy" (*re-nao*) mixture of traditional activities perfect for the whole family. Expect couplet making, children's lion parades, red envelopes handed out by "Grandma and Grandpa" and a whole host of other intriguing activities aimed to delight and teach you about the traditions of this thousand-year-old holiday. Not to be missed!

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

ARCHIVAL EXHIBIT: Behind the White Walls: 25 Years

April 4 - April 30

An elementary multi-media exhibition exploring the history of one the most unique spots in Vancouver, the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. It will tell the story of the Garden's construction, evolution and people involved in making it all possible.

Founder's Event

May 6

Our honoured founders and donors, whose vision and hard work created the first classical Chinese garden built outside of China, will come together to celebrate their achievement.

By invitation

Penjing- Miniature Trees: Silent Poems

May 13 - 15

A display of miniaturized landscapes for experts and novices alike. Marvel at the complexity of the design often featuring ancient tiny trees and gnarled rock. The exhibition is accompanied by demonstrations and classes.

Free with Garden admission

International Conference on Chinese Gardens**May 20**

Join scholars and aficionados for a day exploring the world of ancient and modern Chinese gardens. Share expertise passion and opinions. At the Segal Graduate School of Business at Simon Fraser University.

*No charge***Enchanted Evening Concert Series****Friday evenings, July 8 - September 2**

9 evening concerts set in the indoor and outdoor spaces of the Garden. A variety of music genres: Bach to Gershwin, African, folk, gospel, jazz and fusion. The 18th season of this Vancouver favourite.

*Ticketed event***Summer Theatre****Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun. June 29 - July 31**

Seven Tyrants Theatre presents their original adaptation of "The Good Woman of Sichuan"

This interactive roving-theatre play uses the Garden as its stage and engages the audience with the beauty and symbolism of Chinese culture.

*Ticketed event***A Proud Venue for Vancouver International Fringe Festival****Screaming Silently - Me2YOU Productions****September 10, 13, 14**

Four siblings reunite for their father's memorial service. The famous director leaves a controversial legacy behind. A tragicomedy on the gift of second chances.

Siddhartha - Akasha Arts**September 15, 16, 17**

The timeless story of Herman Hesse's Siddharth comes alive through an interweaving of theatre, music & dance. A young man's deeply human & spiritual quest retold.

*Ticketed event***Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration****Sunday, September 11**

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in traditional style. This traditional Chinese 'Thanksgiving' holiday centers around friends and families with mooncakes, fun and games.

*By donation***Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibit****September 23-25**

Members of several important schools in the Vancouver Ikebana Association will come together to create this fascinating exhibit. Visitors will be intrigued by the beautiful and original ideas expressed in the arrangements which stress the artful use of line and space.

*Free with Garden admission***A Judge Dee Mystery****October 26 -30**

Chill to the sometimes gruesome but always thrilling plot, featuring the historical character of Judge Dee, the Tang dynasty 's Sherlock Holmes. Just in time for the 'spooky' season. Can you solve the crime before the end?

Ticketed event

Winter Solstice Lantern Festival

December 21

As the dark *yin* of winter gives way to the light *yang* of spring, artist-made candle-lit lanterns light the night to create a magical display. In partnership with the Secret Lantern Society and the Community Arts Council of Vancouver. Lanterns, arts, crafts, delicious treats, music and song.

By donation

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