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Last chance to see Treasures at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC – With Treasures: The World’s Cultures from the British Museum set to close its run at the Royal BC Museum (RBCM) Sept 30, visitors have one final week to view this collection of cultural artifacts.

And as Treasures heads home to London, UK, the Royal BC Museum will be preparing two new exhibitions:

❖  S’abadeb – The Gifts: Pacific Coast Salish Art and Artists, the next major show coming to the RBCM, makes its Canadian premiere Nov. 20, 2009 - March 8, 2010. The exhibition showcases 165 works of art from the Salish First Nations of BC and Washington state – historic sculpture, basketry and weaving are displayed alongside contemporary artworks to emphasize the ongoing vitality of today’s Salish artistic traditions.

❖  From Oct. 23, 2009 to Jan. 10, 2010, the RBCM presents Silver of the Stars – a collection of contemporary silver designed by, and created for, some of the biggest names in film, music, fashion, theatre and literature. Based on the theme “a drink with a close friend,” 10 celebrities, including Sir Sean Connery, Robbie Coltrane and Ewan McGregor, teamed up with Scottish silversmiths to create elaborate drinking vessels.

For more information on Silver of the Stars or S’abadeb – The Gifts: Pacific Coast Salish Art and Artists or to book tickets for Treasures, visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca.

Treasures: The World’s Cultures from the British Museum brings together 309 of the most celebrated objects from the renowned British Museum collection and showcases the objects that define human culture – travelling across 1.5 million years and through all parts of the world. The exhibition is proudly supported by: London Drugs (Lead Sponsor); Tourism Victoria (Lead Marketing Partner); Canwest (Media Sponsor), which includes Global BC, Times Colonist and Vancouver Sun; CHEK News and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

As the provincial museum and archives, the Royal BC Museum preserves and shares the stories of British Columbia – on-site, off-site and online – through its research, collections, exhibitions and educational programs. Its two-hectare cultural precinct also includes a number of historically significant buildings and First Nations sites.

For more information on the latest activities, events and exhibitions at the Royal BC Museum, visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca or call 1-888-447-7977.

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