

November 20, 2012

## Victorian Experiences and Festive Events at the Royal BC Museum

### *Carol-Along with the Carillon, Royal BC Museum*

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, 4:30 pm

It's a unique holiday experience enjoyed by more than 100 people (and a few pets). The Provincial Carillonneur climbs 75 spiral steps to ring out 22 seasonal favourites and everyone sings along! Hot chocolate, cookies and songsheets are provided. Members of the Newcombe Choir lead the carolling. When the singing ends, the carillon is lit up for the festive season.

*Please note: This event takes place in all conditions except high winds.*

### *Christmas in Old Town, Royal BC Museum*

Nov. 15, 2012 – Jan. 7, 2013, 10 am – 5 pm daily

The sights and sounds of Christmas long ago. Marvel at the 4.5 metre Christmas tree, visit the wood-cobbled streets laced with festive garlands and stroll past the old-time shops with their seasonal finery. Included with admission or membership.

### *Father Christmas – A Victorian Experience, Royal BC Museum*

Friday to Sunday, 11 am to 4:30 pm, Dec. 7-23, 2012

Dressed in his old-style robes, Father Christmas will be part of the magical experience in Old Town. Share holiday wishes and have a photo taken in this special setting. Included with admission or membership. Extra fee for photos.

### *Helmcken House Old-Fashioned Christmas, Royal BC Museum*

Dec. 22 – 31, 2012, 12 -4 pm daily

Open the door to one of BC's oldest buildings. Helmcken House comes alive with the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas in Victoria. Discover the Christmas traditions of early Victorians - Christmas crackers, cards and carols. Included with admission, membership, or by donation.

The Royal BC Museum and Imax Theatre are closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

### **About the Royal BC Museum**

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, publications and educational programs. Its two-hectare cultural precinct in Victoria also includes a number of historically significant buildings and First Nations sites.

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