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Royal BC Museum invites you to watch a
virtual tour of Orcas anytime and anywhere in the world

VICTORIA, BC—This summer, **Victoria's** hottest museum experience is the *Orcas* exhibition at the Royal BC Museum, but if you can't make it in person, **we've** a cool way for you to take a dip into this magical, magnificent exhibition: a guided video tour.

Available anywhere and anytime, our 30-minute-long video tour of *Orcas: Our Shared Future* uses the feature exhibition as a springboard to dive even deeper into the stories and science of the Orca.

The video features Royal BC Museum learning program developer Kim Gough as your congenial and knowledgeable host, introducing viewers to exhibition curators Lou-ann Neel, Lorne Hammond and Gavin Hanke, who provide informative but informal deep-dives in their respective areas of expertise.

Lou-ann Neel is the Indigenous collections curator at the Royal BC Museum and a world-renowned visual artist. Her section of the tour focuses on the centrality of the Orca in the culture, mythology and history of Indigenous peoples who live along the coast of what is now known as BC.

Dr. Lorne Hammond is a curator of history at the Royal BC Museum. His focus in the exhibition and the virtual tour is popular culture, and helping you make sense of how the Salish Sea was the epicentre of both the market in captive orcas and the surge in scientific research about Orcas.

Dr. Gavin Hanke is the curator of vertebrate zoology at the Royal BC Museum. His focus in the exhibition and the virtual tour is the biological traits of orcas (including their sophisticated social networks) and Orca research today.

To access the virtual tour, visit rbc.ca/watch. **Click the "Watch Preview & Purchase Tour" button to enjoy.** The virtual tour is \$10.00, with 10 per cent off for Royal BC Museum members.

If the virtual **tour wets your whistle and you'd like to visit the museum to see** the *Orcas* exhibition in person, you can purchase timed tickets at rbc.ca/orcas. The exhibition will close on January 9, 2022.



About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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