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Halloween spirit is alive at the Royal BC Museum

Victoria, BC – Spend a devilishly good evening at the Royal BC Museum as the spirits of the past awaken to celebrate Halloween in style.

On Friday, Oct. 31, after the children have gone to bed, the adults will come out to play at the Royal BC Museum, with drinks, live music and fun activities. Back for its second year, the popular event *Night Shift: Living and Dying in Victorian Times* lets visitors travel back in time more than 100 years and have the pleasure—or displeasure—of spooky company and eerie entertainment.

The Royal BC Museum's Old Town gallery will be quivering with *Night Shift* activity inspired by archival records and the human history collection, with stories of life and death from the Victorian period.

Creepy costumed players will share customs from the past, including how to make a memento mori brooch from hair. In the Majestic Theatre, guests can attend a screening of the 1920s German vampire movie *Nosferatu*, with live musical accompaniment by jazz musician Patrick Boyle. After summoning spirits from long ago at a Victorian séance, guests can pay tribute to the departed at a wake with a procession led by the eclectic musical ensemble Bučan Bučan, who will be playing throughout the evening.

Brave guests can also go on a tour of the Modern History Gallery to hear stories of murder, woe and tragedy found in archival BC Coroners' reports. Or, for the fainter of heart, let the lovelorn fortune teller help you find true love through traditional Halloween games and activities.

Night Shift: Living and Dying in Victorian Times takes place from 8 to 11 pm on the third floor of the Royal BC Museum only (Admission to Vikings is not included). Tickets for this spooky event are \$30, with a 10 per cent discount for Members, and are only available in advance.

Drinks will be available for purchase. Participants must be 19 years of age or older. Photo ID will be required for entry. To purchase tickets or for more information visit: <http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/events/night-shift-living-and-dying-again-in-victorian-times/> or call 250-356-7226.

Don't let this opportunity pass away - last year the event sold out early.

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. Looking to the future, by 2017 the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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