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The Royal BC Museum celebrates 130 years
with Emily Carr treasures and a warm welcome to 19 youth

Victoria, BC— In 1886, a **citizens' petition** sparked the creation of the Royal BC Museum, and the interests of BC citizens continue to guide the museum and archives as it celebrates its 130th anniversary today.

"Our legacy is marked by a remarkable continuity of vision, values and goals," said Royal BC Museum CEO **Prof. Jack Lohman**. "Our forward strategy is about being Canada's number one museum, promoting a culture of collaboration and advancing inclusion and diversity in all our work."

To celebrate the anniversary, for the first time ever, the Royal BC Museum will reveal some seldom-seen treasures of the Royal BC Museum, placing five original Emily Carr paintings on public display.

The five paintings, by the world-renowned BC artist and author, are "**Yan, Q.C.I.**", "**Tanoo, Q.C.I.**", "**Sombreness Sunlit**", "**Kitamaux, Hazelton**" and "**Roots**". The paintings will be displayed in Clifford Carl Hall from Tuesday October 25 to Thursday October 27.

The Royal BC Museum is also handing **out chocolates, courtesy of Rogers' Chocolates**, to the first 130 visitors, on Tuesday October 25.

Additionally, 19 children from across BC—winners of the Royal BC Museum's summertime Ice Age art contest—are guests of the museum and archives on October 25, enjoying exclusive behind-the-scenes tours and learning how they can become long-term Royal BC Museum "**ambassadors**" of their home communities and classrooms.

The ambassadors will play a role in "**digital fieldtrips**", organized by the Royal BC Museum Learning team, where the children, back in their home communities, can explore the museum and archives through Facetime or Skype.

The ambassadors have been assisted on their journey to Victoria by Air Canada (Official Canadian Airline), Pacific Coastal Airlines (Official BC Airline), YYJ Airport Shuttle (transportation partner) and the Hotel Association of Greater Victoria. The media partner for the contest is Global TV and IMAX Victoria provided the children with free admission.



Approaching the milestone anniversary has encouraged the museum and archives to take stock of the past but also to look to the future, thinking of innovative and inclusive ways to reach more people. The Royal BC Museum will continue extending its reach across the province and throughout diverse communities, sending travelling exhibitions throughout BC and consulting with ethnic communities about under-represented stories.

For more information about the Royal BC Museum's 130th anniversary, visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/130.

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, 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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