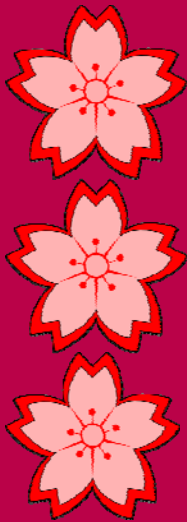




# CULTURE CONNECTIONS



## CULTURE & CONVERSATION'S Reel to Real International Film Festival March 16th at 5:30pm 1522 Commercial Dr., 2nd floor



**Venay Felton** is the director of Reel 2 Real International Film Festival for Youth. She has worked on the festival for 12 years and believes that there are many benefits to introducing families and young people to film.

“Our idea is to expose them to film as an art,” says Felton. “Children will go on field trips to the art gallery and the theatre, but there’s not as much awareness that film is also an art form, an important one.”

R2R screens animation, features, and documentary films that are made locally and around the world. Reel 2 Real runs from April 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

The festival also combines film-viewing with “real” experiences like animation workshops and talks with filmmakers.

Films for Families takes place on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. It offers youth and families the opportunity to learn about film and cultural perspectives from around the world. All films are shown in their original language with English subtitles.

Still photo from the film, *SCHOOL DAYS WITH A PIG*



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Reel 2 Real also offer hands-on animation workshops. Participants of all ages and abilities can create short animated films with paper cut-outs, clay, and pixilation. Everyone is welcome. Contact: volunteerassistant@mosaicbc.com to let us know that you are coming.

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# MARCH HOLIDAYS



**Mar 08 - International Working Women's Day (IWD)** is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women. The first IWD was observed in the US to protest poor working conditions. Working women were demanding shorter hours, better pay

and voting rights. It later came to commemorate the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City which killed over 140 garment workers due to a lack of safety measures. In 1913 at the beginning of World War 1 women across Europe held peace rallies. In the West, IWD dwindled in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century but was revived by the rise of feminism in the 1960s. In 1975, the United Nations gave official sanction to and began sponsoring International Women's Day.



**Mar 14, 2 a.m. - Daylight Saving Time**

begins. The phrase "Spring forward, fall back" reminds us how Daylight Saving Time affects our clocks.

Every spring Canadians move their clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night and each fall Canadians move their clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour. Daylight Saving Time allows Canadians to use less energy in lighting their homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

**Mar 16 Red Wednesday** is the night before the last Wednesday of the Zoroastrian year. People celebrate the light (the good) winning over the darkness (the bad). People make bonfires, and jump over them to purify themselves for the new year.

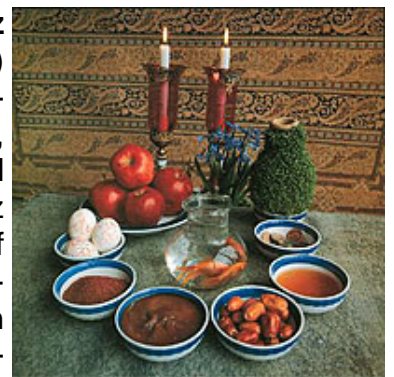


**Mar 17- Saint Patrick's Day** is celebrated worldwide by the Irish living in Ireland and abroad. Celebrations are generally themed around all things Irish: eating Irish foods, green foods, imbibing Irish drink (such as Guinness or Bailey Irish Cream) and attending parades. Canadians celebrate the holiday by wearing green clothing. Many people, regardless of ethnic background, wear shamrocks and green-coloured clothing.

**Mar 20 – Spring or Vernal Equinox** is the exact time when the Sun crosses directly over the Earth's equator. This is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. Equinox means "equal night." Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes.

**Mar 20 - Nowrūz**

(meaning 'New Day') is celebrated by Iranians, Kurds, Zoroastrians and others. Nowruz marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the Iranian New Year. It is celebrated on first day of



spring or the equinox). Family members gather around the table, with the Haft Seen (seven S's) on the table or set next to it, and await the exact moment of the arrival of the spring. People dress in new clothes and start the twelve-day celebrations by visiting their elders and family and friends. The house is stocked with a sufficient supply of pastry, cookies, fresh and dried fruits and special nuts served with tea or sherbet to the many visiting guests.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## &amp; PROGRAMS AT MOSAIC

**Volunteers Needed for Film Festival**

Apr 9-16th. A great opportunity to work with youth in the arts, learn about film festivals and see great films!

**Contact:** [education@r2festival.org](mailto:education@r2festival.org)

Volunteers should be 16 and older.

**Grow Your Own Organic Vegetables**

Learn to grow your own food with fellow Gardeners from around the world. The Intercultural Community Gardens Project is a chance to:

- Meet new people
- Explore new cultures
- Become active in your community!

Intercultural Community Gardens Project.

Gardening sessions on:

Wed. Mar 3 at 7-8:30 pm at Gordon Neighbourhood House (1019 Broughton St.)

Sat. Mar 6 at 10-11:30 am at Heritage Square (1447 Barclay St.)

Tue. Mar 9, at 7-8:30 pm at Gordon Neighbourhood House (1019 Broughton St)

Wed. Mar 10, at 7-8:30 pm at Roundhouse Community Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews)

Sat., Mar 13 at 10-11:30 am at Heritage Square (1447 Barclay St.)

**Contact:**

Joao Salm at [joao.salm@vanymca.org](mailto:joao.salm@vanymca.org)

David Tracey [david.tracey@vanymca.org](mailto:david.tracey@vanymca.org)  
or call (604) 685-8066

**ENGLISH CORNER CLUB**

- Practice speaking English.
- Improve your Vocabulary
- Meet New People

Join our drop-in sessions on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 pm in the MOSAIC Community Room. Ground Floor—1720 Grant Street.

**Contact:** 604-250-9626 ext 295 or

[Volunteerassistant@mosaicbc.com](mailto:Volunteerassistant@mosaicbc.com)

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**CULTURE CONNECTIONS**

Matches Newcomers with Canadian Hosts who will help them:

- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Learn about Canadian Services
- Learn about Canadian Culture
- Learn about Leisure and Recreation

Newcomers must meet with their Host once a week for two hours over a 12 week period. Must be 18 years old or more and able to speak at ELSA level 3 or better to join.

**Contact:** 604 254 9626 or

[culture@mosaicbc.com](mailto:culture@mosaicbc.com)

# MARCH ACTIVITIES

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

OR BY DONATION

**Mar-Apr - Cherry Blossom Festival.** For photos, maps and events for Cherry Blossom viewing go to: [www.vcbf.ca/](http://www.vcbf.ca/)



vegetables, meats, seafood, artisanal cheeses, prepared food items, and handmade crafts. Info [www.eatlocal.org/](http://www.eatlocal.org/) Wise Hall 1882 Adanac St Info: 604-254-5858

## Mar 13 - Iranian Day Festival Noruz Bazaar

11am – 7pm Live Persian Music, Folk Dances, Games, Food Courts and much more. Info: 604-696-1121 or E-mail [info@cif-bc.com](mailto:info@cif-bc.com).



**Mar 6 - International Women's Day Rally** 12pm, Conference 1-5 pm. Amnesty International presents a rally and a conference featuring displays and discussions Central Library 350 West Georgia St.

**Mar 8 - International Women's Day** 7-9pm Remarkable Women: Honouring Women From Our Vancouver Communities Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St.

**Mar 12 - Kokoro Dance: L.S.D. (Love, Sex and Death)** 7pm, fusing the aesthetics of East and West, inspired by the Japanese dance form known as butoh. Roundhouse 181 Roundhouse Mews, Info 604-662-4966



**Mar 12 - ESL Reading Circle** 4 -5:15 pm Practice speaking English, read aloud from easy to read stories, share information with group members in a friendly, supportive setting. Registration required. South Hill Branch 6076 Fraser St

**Mar 12 - 21. The Paralympic Games.** The multi-sport event for elite athletes with physical and visual disabilities. Designed to emphasize the participants' athletic skills, not their disability. Info

<http://www.vancouver2010.com>

**Mar 13 & 27 - Winter Farmers Market,** 10 am–2 pm Featuring 50 vendors selling fruits,



## Mar 16 & 18 - Flamenco Rosario

7pm Flamenco Rosario honours the rich flamenco tradition and stretches its boundaries. Roundhouse 181 Roundhouse Mews Info: 604-662-4966

**Mar 17 - In Situ** 10 pm. Dynamic interaction between dancers, musicians and Moshe Safdie's striking architectural design. A full-length interdisciplinary site work: Library Square 300 West Georgia St Info 604 893 8875



**Mar 17 - L.S.D. (Love, Sex & Death)** 7pm: Raymond and Tregarthen combine their contrasting physical instruments to create a unique body of expressive work. Roundhouse 181 Roundhouse Mews, 604-662-4966

**Mar 20 - Sacred Cow** 7pm Butoh dancer Michael Sakamoto and percussionist Amy Knoles combines dance, soundscapes and inventive costumes mining the cultural and personal issues music and dance forms found in Western and Eastern societies. Roundhouse 181 Roundhouse Mews.

