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West Vancouver's festival of visual, culinary and performing arts launches August 3, 2018

West Vancouver, **BC**, **May 18**, **2018** — In its 28th year, **The Harmony Arts Festival**, presented by **Odlum Brown Limited**, is going strong with a cornucopia of festival favourites and some exciting new additions. Enjoy a variety of free events and activities including live concerts, art exhibitions, outdoor installations and culinary events along the Ambleside waterfront from August 3–12, 2018.

New This Year

- A new Indigenous Exhibition, sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal, will include an authentic marketplace and group exhibition, starting with a traditional welcome on Friday, August 3.
- The inaugural **Indigenous Feast** featuring Salmon n' Bannock will take place on Tuesday, August 7, on Ambleside Landing.
- We are proud to offer a stunning feature artwork designed by a Coast Salish artist, Sinámkin Jody Broomfield, which pays homage to the spirit of the eagles who live near Ambleside and John Lawson Park.
- Salt & Earth Catering Co. brings savoury treats to the **Salt & Earth Oyster Bar** in the **RE/MAX Waterfront Lounge** for all 10 days of the festival.

Visual Arts: an eclectic mix of local and international artistic talent in a variety of media.

- The **Fresh St. Market Art Market** features a wide range of juried products including ceramics, glass, jewelry, leather, painting, photography, textiles and wood. The market runs both weekends (August 3–6 and August 10–12) on Argyle Avenue.
- ArtSpeaks, sponsored by British Pacific Properties, features a range of workshops, demonstrations and artist talks at the Ferry Building Gallery.
 - The ArtSpeaks workshop facilitators also display their work at the Harmony Showcase Exhibition at the Silk Purse.
 - The Slow Clothes Fashion Show takes place on the Main Stage on Wednesday, August 8 at 2 p.m. Stay for the sale of unique textile arts after the show.
 - The annual Plein Air Challenge will be held on Ambleside Landing on Saturday, August 4, at 10 a.m.
- The Group Exhibition, sponsored by the Always Best Care Senior Services, is an outdoor exhibition, open daily.
- Located at Ambleside and Dundarave storefronts, Art Beat, sponsored by Cressey Development Group, showcases local artists in more than 40 local businesses.
- For the Love of Art, sponsored by Kin's Farm Market showcases youth art in an outdoor exhibition, open daily.

• **Artsy Kids**, sponsored by the **North Shore News**, offers a fun and messy creative outlet for kids. Drop in for crafting, painting and other fun workshops.

Music and Performing Arts: enjoy over 50 free concerts.

- PARC Retirement Living Garden Concerts at the PARC Retirement Living Garden Stage in Millennium Park offers three different performances daily with daytime concerts, dinner concerts at 5:30 p.m. and late-night concerts at 8:45 p.m.
 - The festivities will open up with The Hip Show, a tribute band that dives deep into the music, image, sounds and essence of the iconic Canadian band, The Tragically Hip.
- Onni Group Sunset Concerts also offers nightly performances at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Enjoy the classics from 2–4 p.m. on August 5, 6 and 12, during the **Seniors' Series** sponsored by **Hollyburn House**.
- Jazz by the waterfront returns with Live Music at the Silk Purse.

Culinary Arts: a feast for the senses with pop-up restaurants and more.

- Sample delicious cuisine and relax with a drink in the RE/MAX Waterfront Lounge in Millennium Park.
- The **Park Royal Beachside Patio** in Millennium Park features down-to-earth cuisine from a pop-up restaurant created by Feast Dining.
- Artisan Eats, sponsored by Just Like Family Home Care, turns John Lawson Park into a mecca of mobile food trucks.
- The always-popular **Best of the West**, sponsored by **Grosvenor Americas**, is a ticketed food and wine pairing event. Twelve local restaurants and wineries compete for culinary mastery on Ambleside Pier.
- Catch innovative cocktail stylings from bartenders at the ticketed **Night on the Pier**.

Cinema in the Park: enjoy a film in the park.

For movie lovers and cinephiles, **Cinema in the Park**, sponsored by **West Vancouver Optometry**, offers free nightly movies every evening at 9 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Literary Arts

Readings in the Park, sponsored by **Bridgewater Tile Ltd.**, features Canadian author, Joy Kogawa. This is a perfect event for literary lovers and written word aficionados.

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