



Kitsilano Summer Solstice - artist Naomi Singer



Wind Swimmer at Kits Beach - artist Doug Taylor



Ramayana at the Roundhouse - South Asian Family Association

## Mandate

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation confirms its mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as an essential element in a vital, creative and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all.

## Vision

The Park Board holds a vision of a city where the arts are an integral part of everyday life; where community cultural development processes strengthen civil society, where parks and community centres reflect the cultural vitality of the community and where people are able to learn and express creativity in ways that build healthy communities.

## Values which guide the Arts Policy

### Creativity

The inherent human capacity of creativity promotes well-being and generates innovative thinking and action.

### Inclusion

Equitable access and inclusion is a priority in a city where diversity is a key element in our demographic make up.

### Community

The connectivity provided by community of interest or of neighbourhood, strengthens the social safety net, develops leadership and supports democratic decision making.

### Collaboration

Resources are used most effectively when individuals, groups and organizations define and work together on common interests.

## Policy Statements

### 1) Community Cultural Development

The Board contributes to the health of communities through community cultural development processes linking artists and community members addressing issues of shared interest.

### 2) Public Realm

The Board provides a vibrant public realm and supports the experience of public art and cultural events in parks.

### 3) Learning

With its community association partners, the Board provides learning opportunities for personal growth and community development both in and through the arts.

### 4) Experience

The Board establishes avenues for young and emerging artists and artists of diverse cultures to gain experience.

### 5) Innovation and Tradition

The Board values both innovation and tradition in the arts and takes measures to implement new and creative ventures as well as maintaining cultural and civic traditions.

### 6) Recognition of Artists

Recognizing the role that artists play in society and the expertise that they carry, the Board affirms that artists must be paid for their work.



Frogs at Rainforest Train in Stanley park - Mortal Coil Performance Society



Renfrew Ravine Celebration - artist Carmen Rosen



Artists at Work: Dhabo Salad, Khadija Aden-Ishaq, Lenka Suchanek, Krista Point & Loretta Williams





Renfrew Ravine Mosaic - artists Jennifer Norquist & Carmen Rosen



Explorasian Poster - artist Lynda Nakashima

## 7) Staffing

Seeing arts qualifications as a significant asset to an organization, the Board seeks opportunities to recruit staff with background or experience in the arts.

## 8) Partnerships

The Board works with artists, arts organizations and community partners to expand the opportunities for the experience of art in everyday life.

## 9) Facilities and Planning

The Board provides specialised arts facilities and park elements and, recognizing the unique skills that artists bring to the creation of a dynamic city, includes artists in the planning of parks and facilities



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Celebration - Marpole - Oakridge artist Judith Atkinson

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