

ART & CULTURE IN BURNABY

Discover Burnaby's charming mix of contemporary and conventional art forms – from modern dance performances and classical concerts to engaging exhibits, and everything in between. This artistic city has an abundance of enlightening, fascinating and fun things to see and do for just about everyone.

Burnaby Art Gallery

Featuring a variety of traveling exhibitions and events, the Burnaby Art Gallery offers a unique collection of historical and contemporary art by local, regional, national and international artists. To help enrich the visitor's experience, the gallery often hosts talks and workshops in conjunction with some of the exhibitions – with artists and invited guests discussing some of the issues surrounding the artwork.

6344 Deer Lake Avenue; www.burnabyartgallery.ca

Burnaby's Eco-Sculptures

Drawing inspiration from the more traditional fine arts, eco-sculpture celebrates the wonders of nature while adding handcrafted beauty to the Burnaby landscape. Rather than relying on stone and chisel, eco-sculptors create art from nature. Recognizing a unique opportunity, the City of Burnaby is taking the lead in bringing eco-sculpture to the West Coast. Last year, the city trotted out Parsley – modelled after a carousel horse at the Burnaby Village Museum. Now the menagerie has grown with the addition of Cohoe Loe, Gilbert and Tilicum – a trio of salmon released into the wild at Fraser Foreshores Park in South Burnaby, and a flock of cranes who will be nesting on Burnaby Mountain.

Click here for Burnaby's [Eco-Sculpture Locations](#)

Burnaby Symphony Orchestra

Now in its eighth year, the Burnaby Symphony Orchestra (BSO) has become the thriving musical hub of Burnaby. Founded in 2000 by its conductor and music director, Leonard Camplin, the BSO has become a mainstay of Burnaby's arts and cultural scene year-after-year. Maestro Camplin has had a tremendous career as a conductor and as a musician. Through his experienced leadership, he skilfully bridges the gap between the orchestra and the audience – making the listener a part of the performance.

www.burnabysymphony.com

Burnaby Village Museum

Looking to explore the past? Then, look no farther than the Burnaby Village Museum. Nestled in the outskirts of Deer Lake Park, you'll find this four-hectare open-air museum that features a recreated and restored village, farm and carousel that transports you back to 1925. Wander through this historic village, where you'll find period-costumed staff welcoming you into their homes and businesses at every turn. Visit the Chinese herbalist, and the blacksmith's shop, or take a tour on the BC Electric Railway

tram. Round out your day with a visit to the old-fashioned ice-cream parlour, and take a ride on the restored 1912 carousel (and who can resist a carousel!).

6501 Deer Lake Avenue; www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca

Deer Lake Gallery

Deer Lake Gallery features an interesting array of art and artistic styles from artists and organizations across Greater Vancouver – offering a unique opportunity to see and experience some of the exceptional artwork and exhibits by prominent local artists.

6584 Deer Lake Avenue; www.burnabyartscouncil.org/gallery.html

Michael J. Fox Theatre

As a professional and community-oriented centre, the Michael J. Fox Theatre offers a beautiful venue for amateur and professional performances – enhancing the city's already-rich cultural fabric. Originally opened in 1993, the theatre was re-named in November 1995 to honour one of Burnaby's most famous and beloved sons – Michael J. Fox – and recognize his achievements in the arts, and commitment to the community. Featuring multicultural performances, dance, theatre, music and other events, the Michael J. Fox Theatre is a hotbed of community and cultural activity.

7373 MacPherson Avenue; www.michaeljfoxtheatre.ca

Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Simon Fraser University

The Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology is home to unique displays of Northwest Coast Native art and culture. These extensive and detailed exhibits provide visitors with a rare glimpse into the natural and harmonious way of life pursued by the First Nations people of the West Coast before the arrival of Europeans.

www.sfu.ca/archaeology/museum/

National Nikkei Heritage Centre

As the largest and most comprehensive Japanese Canadian complex in Canada, Nikkei Place is both a monument to Japanese Canadian history and a gateway to the future. Comprising the National Nikkei Heritage Centre, Japanese Canadian National Museum and the beautiful Nikkei Garden, Nikkei Place bridges generations and cultures — providing a focal point to help promote and celebrate Japanese Canadian culture and its contribution to the Canadian mosaic.

6688 Southoaks Crescent (Kingsway @ Sperling); www.nikkeiplace.org

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

As an award-winning arts centre, the Shadbolt Centre is Burnaby's cultural hotspot – offering an interesting mix of creative performances, exciting festivals, engaging exhibitions, special events and more. Located in picturesque Deer Lake Park, the centre presents a range of artistic forms – from dramatic plays and comedic improv to lively musicals and much more. Enjoy the classical sounds of Symphony in the Park or dance to the soul rhythms of the Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival – just to name a few of the popular annual events at the Centre's 10,000-seat natural amphitheatre.

6450 Deer Lake Avenue; www.shadboltcentre.com

Simon Fraser University (SFU) Public Art Walking Tour

SFU offers an engaging Public Art Tour throughout its campus – boasting more than 4,000 works of art in total. Part of this collection is also featured in the university's art gallery, which hosts several exhibitions every year – both historical and contemporary – covering the full range of media. Some past exhibitions have included Dave Ostrem from Vancouver, Emmanuelle Antille from Switzerland, and an exhibition of vintage Weegee photographs. The tours outlined in the link below can be followed as separate excursions or connected for a 'grand tour' of the SFU Burnaby campus.

[SFU Public Art Tour.pdf](#)

<http://www.sfu.ca/gallery>