



## ART! VANCOUVER SHOWCASES LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TALENT AT INAUGURAL SHOW

*Event features world-class artists and works  
from May 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Vancouver, BC (April 16, 2015)** – **Art! Vancouver**, a four-day local and international art fair, takes over the beautiful Vancouver Convention Centre from May 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Adding to Vancouver’s growing arts and culture scene and inspired by the world-renowned Art Basel, **Art! Vancouver** offers local and international artists a prestigious platform to showcase diverse collections of original artwork to the public.

**Art! Vancouver** nurtures cross-genre collaborations between all art mediums including painting, sculpture, installations, and photography. Exhibiting artists have the opportunity to share the stories behind their creations and the forces that inspire them.

“By reinforcing Vancouver as a hotspot for international art fairs, the city has the opportunity to become what it should be: one of the world’s most prestigious creative hubs,” says Lisa Wolfin, **Art! Vancouver** Founder & Director. “Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest support a culturally rich, historic, and thriving arts scene. Add in our scenic beauty, and you have the ideal recipe for a memorable and productive gathering of artistic talent and ideas.”

Confirmed attendees include the **Yeats Gallery of West Vancouver**, **Giuliana Motin** of New York and 12-year-old phenom **Charles Gitnick** of Los Angeles who wages war against urban violence by incorporating guns into his paintings.

Also exhibiting is the **The Jerry Garcia Foundation**, a nonprofit, charitable organization honouring the **Grateful Dead**’s iconic musical artist. The organization launches its first philanthropic project at **Art! Vancouver** by donating funds raised from Garcia’s powerful display of pieces to a local music school. **Art! Vancouver** also showcases works from Garcia’s daughter Keelin, as well as art from Garcia’s widow Manasha Garcia.

**Art! Vancouver** launches with an opening ceremony the evening of May 21. The event includes SpierHead Winery’s Art Runway, a 19+ event where both renowned and emerging artists will walk a runway displaying pieces exhibited in their booths.

### **Event Hours:**

Thursday, May 21 – 6PM to 10PM

Friday, May 22 & Saturday, May 23 – 12PM to 8 PM

Sunday, May 24 – 12PM to 5PM

**Ticket Pricing:**

Opening Night Tickets: \$25

General Admission Tickets: \$15 in advance / \$20 at door

Youth Tickets: \$8 in advance / \$10 at door

Sponsors and supporters of **Art! Vancouver** include; DeSerres, Artists in Canada, SpierHead Winery, Red Truck Beer Company, Van Gogh Furniture Paintology, Fresh Vancouver Magazine, Homes & Living, AllWest Insurance, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, The Vancouver Art Gallery, Hollyburn Country Club, ArtBomb, Golden Paints, Opus Art Stores, and The Preview Gallery Guide.

For more information, please visit <http://www.artvancouver.net>.

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**Art! Vancouver** is a Vancouver-based international art fair providing world-class talent with critical visibility for their one-of-a-kind art. Produced by Market Edge Media, **Art! Vancouver** was created by accomplished Vancouver artist and fashion designer Lisa Wolfin. The show was inspired by the world's premiere art show, Art Basel.

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