September events at the Royal BC Museum range from mammoths to mobile exhibitions

VICTORIA, BC – Mammoth madness continues to grip the Royal BC Museum with Ice Age-themed events this September.

The Royal BC Museum is calling on BC kids ages 5–15 to draw, paint or sketch their favourite Ice Age creature. Kids can submit their creative masterpieces for a chance to win a trip to Victoria to help celebrate the museum's 130th anniversary on October 25, 2016. Email, mail or drop off submissions in person before the contest closes on September 20, 2016. Contest details can be found at royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/contest.



The museum's popular annual sleepover is back! On Saturday, September 24, 2016, starting at 6:30 p.m., visitors can spend the Night at the Museum and travel back in time to the Ice Age. Explore the popular exhibition Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age without the crowds, go on a midnight behind-the-scenes tour and wake up with morning yoga. Tickets are \$80 (10 per cent discount for members).

The Modern History galleries will be more animated than usual on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Visitors will be serenaded by the melodies of Scott Joplin and contemporary artists with a <u>live musical performance</u> on a 1916 player piano. The demonstration takes place by the Train Station in Old Town from 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Meet "Alma Rattenbury" as she tells her side of the story in <u>Rattenbury: A Tale of Murder, Adultery and Scandal</u> in Old Town in front of the Saloon from 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On Wednesday September 7, 2016 visitors are invited to hear about the adventures of the Royal BC Museum's travelling exhibition *Species at Risk*. The pop up display toured around BC, including the Kootenays, over the summer. This free program, <u>Live at Lunch</u>: <u>Species at Risk Travelogue</u>, runs from noon – 1 p.m. in the Community Room, adjacent to the Sequoia Café in Clifford Carl Hall.

Our Living Languages exhibition tours, Cedar Weaving and bent (paper) box making activities run until September 5, 2016. Take part before these summer activities end!

For more information on these and other events, or to purchase tickets, visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that

enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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