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### **Celebrating Ukrainians in Canada with *Canada, Here We Are!* Travelling Exhibit at the Royal BC Museum**

VICTORIA, BC — The Royal BC Museum is honouring the contributions of Ukrainian Canadians to our country and proudly standing with Ukraine through the launch of a new travelling exhibit *Canada, Here We Are!*

Created in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Vancouver, *Canada, Here We Are!* looks at and celebrates the more than 1.3 million Canadians who can trace their ancestry to Ukraine, Ukrainian Canadian history and culture, and the enduring impact Ukrainians have had on life in Canada.

"We are honoured and proud to have *Canada, Here We Are!* presented at the Royal BC Museum," says Natalie Jatskevich, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – BC Provincial Council. "This exhibit helps Canadians and newcomers to this great country to understand the most important steps of our community's 131 years long journey in Canada and the most significant contributions made to enriching Canada's multicultural landscape and strengthening its social, cultural, and economic life. This exhibit also presents a wonderful opportunity for Ukrainian Canadians to reflect on their rich heritage and culture and the ways of giving back to the land where they have made their homes."

The exhibition first came to life in 2016 as *Bread & Salt* to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada and was updated to reflect the community sentiments since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February this year.

"It has been an absolute honour and privilege to work with the Ukrainian Canadian communities in 2016, and again during this challenging time since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022," says Dr. Tzu-I Chung, Curator of History at the Royal BC Museum. "*Canada, Here We Are!* represents all partners' joint efforts to celebrate Ukrainian Canadians' remarkable advocacy, resilience, and contribution to Canada and the world."

*Canada, Here We Are!* is on now through January 6, 2023, in Clifford Carl Hall on the ground floor of the Royal BC Museum, free of charge to visitors.

Photos of the exhibition launch, taken August 3, are available for use here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjA1vtD>

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**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. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC — onsite, offsite, and online — taking pride in our collective histories.

For tickets to IMAX® Victoria and the Royal BC Museum, including combo tickets for both attractions, visit: [Tickets](#)

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