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# Welcome to the Richmond Olympic Oval!



This is an historic occasion for Richmond as we celebrate the opening of this magnificent new amenity in our City. Today marks the culmination of a thrilling vision and the dedicated hard work of the hundreds of people who have contributed to developing not only a wonderful venue for the long track speed skating event at the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games but also a legacy for the residents of Richmond and the region to enjoy for many years ahead.

An impressive array of activities has been designed to showcase this magnificent building, and to inspire us to embrace the opportunities it offers. As you tour the building, take some time to imagine the roar of the crowd gathered from around the world as they welcome the Olympic athletes to the ice in February 2010 – or lace-up your skates and experience firsthand the exhilaration of skating on Olympic ice! Please also review the material in this program which acknowledges and thanks the generous support of our sponsors, and the many other people who have contributed so much to creating this world-class venue.

With so much to experience here, I know you will want to return again soon!

Malcolm D. Brodie  
Mayor

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## Schedule of Events

### December 12

#### 4:30 to 5:00 pm

Opening pre-show hosted by CTV's very own Tamara Taggart featuring performances by the Hugh Boyd Drum Circle and McNeill Dancers, Showstoppers, the Richmond Youth Honour Choir and the Musqueam Drummers.

#### 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Official Opening Ceremonies with welcomes from His Worship, Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Minister of State for Sport, the Honourable Gary Lunn, the Honourable Premier Gordon Campbell, Olympic Gold Medal winner Kyle Hamilton, Tewanee Joseph and Chief Ernie Campbell. Also featuring performances by the Richmond Youth Honour Choir, the Band of the 15th Field Regiment, Aerosa Dance Society, Alexandria Beck and Shanna Lynn.

#### 6:00 to 10:00 pm

*Watch* .....interactive skating performances with Le Patin Libre and lace up for free public skating

*Partake* ....in interactive Comedy Tour Guides with David C. Jones

*Witness*....performances by local country artist Shanna Lynn, Cary McCaffery, Firebelly, Fanny Starchild and U-Phorea, and the Steveston Tera Taiko Drummers

*Visit*.....The Richmond Olympic Oval, Then and Now Display and Speed Skating Canada

*Look at*.....public Art displays

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#### noon to 7:00 pm

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Go Green! Coast Mountain Bus Company and The City of Richmond are pleased to announce increased bus service on routes 407 and 401 throughout the duration of the event.

# About the Performers



## **Alexandria Beck**

Canadian-born, London-based star Alexandria Beck, 28, is the first ever female 'opera-crossover' singer from North America. This talented singer is returning to her roots having been invited to perform at the opening ceremony of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games venue - The Richmond Olympic Oval. Having begun her professional music career playing the clarinet in the Canadian Army from age 16-21, the multi-talented Beck will once again link up with the musicians from the 15th Field Artillery Band at this historic occasion.

For more information visit [www.myspace.com/alexandriabeck](http://www.myspace.com/alexandriabeck)



## **Shanna Lynn**

"Should of been a cowboy..." "Well, maybe not a cowboy ... Perhaps a cowgirl!" says talented country singer/songwriter, Shanna Lynn. In January of 2008 she made her debut with an impressive collection of material including five songs that she had a hand in co-writing. The self-titled album has already yielded a terrific tune in Shanna Lynn's debut single 'As Long as You Love Me'.

For more information visit [www.shannalynn.com](http://www.shannalynn.com)



## **Aeriosa Dance Society**

Opening night festivities will include the breathtaking aerial dance of the Aeriosa Dance Society as they perform their mid-air ballet suspended from the Oval's spectacular wood roof. Led by artistic director and choreographer Julia Taffe, eight women from Aeriosa will ascend high in the air and dance in a joyful display of grace and strength to a traditional Lil'wat song. Recorded by the artists of Tzo'kam, "The Gathering Song" is contemporary jazz arrangement of a Coast Salish social song. Also featured in Aeriosa's performance is a short musical recording called "Pour Fauna" by clarinetist and composer François Houle.

For more information visit [www.aeriosa.com](http://www.aeriosa.com)



## **Le Patin Libre**

Le Patin Libre is the new wave of skating hailing from Montreal Quebec. On the ice, Le Patin Libre will entertain with their alternative take on an ice performance combining figure skating, acrobatics, barrel jumping and fire breathing with hip hop and other dance and skating elements. Local skating groups will join the performance featuring audience interaction.

For more information visit [www.lepatinlibre.com](http://www.lepatinlibre.com)



## **David C. Jones**

Take a tour of the new Oval - with a twist. Actors will guide groups of people throughout the various areas of the Oval, using comedy and participatory activities to excite and engage. Around every corner is another surprise; look up and see Men on Stilts and Bird Puppets on Sticks. Win prizes from the masked Olympic Officials or help the perpetually lost Hermans find their way about. But watch out for Crabby The Crab - he is still cranky he wasn't chosen to be the winter Olympic mascot.

For more information visit [www.comedyevents.ca](http://www.comedyevents.ca) or [www.davidjones.ca](http://www.davidjones.ca)



### **The Band of the 15th Field Regiment**

Vancouver's artillery band was formally established in 1933 when the Band of 15th Field Brigade, Canadian Artillery was formed under the direction of Capt Henry Slatter M.S.M. The band is part of the Canadian Forces Army Reserve and reports directly to Headquarters, 39 Canadian Brigade Group, based in Vancouver British Columbia.

[For more information visit www.militaryband.ca](http://www.militaryband.ca)

### **Cary McCaffery**

Cary McCaffery is a 23-year-old musician/vocalist with the Band of the 15th Field Regiment. His extensive music background goes back to early childhood. He spent four summers playing and singing with the band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa and graduated from UBC with a degree in music education in 2007.



### **Richmond Youth Honour Choir**

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Lorraine Jarvis and Conductor Greg Quan, the Richmond Youth Honour Choir has grown into two dynamic and outstanding choirs reflecting the richness of the Richmond music scene. From Bach to Oscar Peterson, from ethnic folk songs to movie favourites, their singers bring joy, inspiration and beauty to their audiences.

[For more information visit www.richmondyouthhonourchoir.org](http://www.richmondyouthhonourchoir.org)

### **Hugh Boyd Drum Circle and McNeill Raven Dancers**

The Hugh Boyd Drum Circle under the direction of Garth Bowen gives regular performances within the district and beyond. The group is an especially talented group of multi-aged students that attend Hugh Boyd Secondary and are enrolled in the school's hand drumming program.

The McNeill Raven dance team has been in the school for three years. In the last year they have won 2nd place in the Magee Foot Loose competition and have competed in many competitions since then.



### **Starchild and U-Phorea**

Internationally renowned, this warm and charismatic Trio combines music, movement and heart to bring your ceremony to a peak of joy and celebration. Starchild and U-Phorea features Fanny Starchild, Vegari Cendar and Ron Stelling. Their repertoire covers a vast range, from spirited and soulful originals in French and English, and genres including pop, reggae, calypso, dance beat, rock and R&B.

[For more information visit www.starchild.bc.ca](http://www.starchild.bc.ca)



### **Firebelly Productions**

Founded in Vancouver in the spring of 2000 by Kira Schaffe, Firebelly offers unique forms of entertainment, combining circus elements such as fire dance, stilt characters, and aerial acrobatics with dance and theatre.

[For more information visit www.firebelly.org](http://www.firebelly.org)

### **Showstoppers**

Showstoppers are a dynamic group of teenagers who love to sing, dance and entertain. They have appeared in concert, on radio and television, and at numerous galas, awards dinners, and corporate and charitable events throughout BC.



### **Steveston Tera Taiko Drummers**

Steveston Tera Taiko is the first organized taiko group in Richmond, BC and only the second youth taiko group in the Vancouver area. They formed in December of 2000 from the Dharma School (Sunday School) of the Steveston Buddhist Temple in Richmond.

[For more information visit www.terataiko.com](http://www.terataiko.com)

# Things to Do and See

## Outside On The Riverside Plaza

### Graffiti Wall

Graffiti has finally gone digital with Graffiti Wall. Now, artists can digitally “paint” a surface in the same way they can tag a wall with traditional spray paint. This multi-user activity is perfectly poised to immerse you in a cool common activity.

### Ribbon Wall

Use a tangible wand to interact with the digital world! Here, you will create unique visuals and sounds based on your own physical movements. Get involved first hand with an immersive experience where you control the flow of virtual ribbons, creating a burst of colour and sound all your own.

### Fun for All

Have your face painted with a Richmond heron, make a balloon hat, learn to build with Rona's Little Hammers program, or catch a snappy tune in the Richmond City Tent.

### RONA's Little Hammers Club

RONA, a National Partner for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, provided in excess of 1.7 million dollars of building materials to construct the Richmond Oval. In keeping with the building theme, RONA will have a fun family activity and take away for all; come and build your very own Inukshuk!

### Act Now! BC

Come visit their booth and take the Healthy Living pledge. It's a great way to start on your healthy living program.

### Team Power Smart

Join Team Power Smart by committing to use 10% less electricity. Win prizes and learn money saving tips. You've got the Power!

### Big Screen

Big screen viewing of all the inside action can be enjoyed outside.

### Food and Beverages

Enjoy a hot chocolate, a Greek skewer, a mini donut or a hot dog from our friendly food folks.

## Inside The Olympic Oval

### Richmond Olympic Oval Information (ROO) booth on the Ice Level.

- Drop off your ROO Trivia Contest answers and enter to win a draw for a Panasonic 42" HD Plasma and a Panasonic Blu-Ray Disc Player
- Learn the answers to Trivia questions 13, 14 and 15
- Purchase ROO commemorative memberships; \$60 for 60 Days
- Learn all about the ROO Programs from our expert Oval Team
- Buy tickets now for the Canadian Single Distance Championships in December 2008 (Long Track Speed Skating)
- Learn about the first world championship speed skating competition to be held in the Richmond Olympic Oval; the March 2009 World Single Distance Championships
- Get your souvenir autograph from members of the National Speed Skating Team.
- Come visit Speed Skating Canada and Speed Skating BC at their booth next to the Richmond Olympic Oval and learn about the exciting sport of speed skating

# Public Art Tours

The artistic component of the Richmond Oval represents the largest investment in public art in the City's history. Several large-scale pieces will exemplify the Oval project's artistic vision to incorporate the City's landscape, history and cultural mix. Join volunteer guides and learn about these works of art first hand by signing up for a tour in the Art Tour check-in booth on the Riverside plaza.

On the north side of the Oval, Riverside Plaza features huge concrete buttresses decorated with Coast Salish themed sculptures of salmon, herons, and the Fraser River by internationally acclaimed Musqueam artist Susan Point. The sculptures will enhance the water collecting features of the Oval's roof design.

A bridge inspired by the Chinese Dragon Dance will meander through shallow ponds on the eastern side of the Oval in the Water Sky Gardens, one of the most ambitious public art projects in Richmond's history. The Gardens will be the home of two ephemeral lantern sculptures, 18 metres in diameter and 21 metres tall. The lanterns will evoke the spirit of the area's fishing culture as their diaphanous nets change shape in the wind. The Nitobe Gardens at UBC and the Sun Yat Sen Garden in Chinatown were inspiration for the Water Sky Gardens, which were a collaborative effort between Janet Echelman, Phillips, Fareraag, Smallemberg Landscape Architecture, and the Cannon Design Team.

Buster Simpson's towering 8.95-metre tall skate blade sculptures will border the new vehicular bridge crossing Hollybridge Canal on the southeast region of the Oval. The blades will be composed of laminated reflective glass and holographic film and will be illuminated at night with embedded LED lights.

Future public art pieces include a story telling project on the riverfront and an Aboriginal medicine and herb garden.

## Thank You . . .

### **We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the following individuals and organizations:**

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And the City of Richmond staff, Richmond Olympic Oval staff and community members who have so generously volunteered their time and creativity to ensure this event is a success.

# Trivia Challenge

## Win a Panasonic HD Plasma and Blu-Ray disc player!

Play the Oval Opening Trivia Contest by searching for the answers to the questions below while you tour the building. Once you've answered all the questions, take your program to the Richmond Olympic Oval Information booth, located on the ice level, and check your answers. Once you've completed the trivia questionnaire you can enter your name in a draw for a Panasonic 42" HD Plasma and a Panasonic Blu-Ray disc player. **Good Luck!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Name the two morning show hosts on 96.9 JACK FM?  
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- Who are the Morning Show Anchors on News 1130, Vancouver's Traffic and Information Station?  
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- How old is the Bay?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which two days of the week is the Richmond News delivered?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the Morning Weather Man on FM 104.9?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What television station is the Official Broadcasting Partner of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What day of the week does the Vancouver Sun publish its 'Road to 2010' coverage?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is Canucks Nation?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What year did Panasonic become a sponsor of the Olympic Games?  
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- Name one Official Sponsor of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which Official Supporter of the 2010 Winter Games produces the SportsFunder?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What airline is an Official Supporter of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many wood wave panels are in the roof of the Richmond Olympic Oval?  
**a.** 150 **b.** 450 **c.** 2010.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What activities will be offered in the Richmond Olympic Oval?  
**a.** Yogi-Bears Kids Yoga  
**b.** Blood Sweat + Gears Indoor Cycling  
**c.** Boot Camp  
**d.** All of the Above  
\_\_\_\_\_
- An Olympic Speed Skater can do one lap of the Oval (400 metres) in about:  
**a.** 15 seconds **b.** 25 seconds **c.** 35 seconds  
\_\_\_\_\_

Detach this page and drop off at the Richmond Olympic Oval Information booth, located on the ice level.