



New Mural Inspired by Chinatown's Colourful 150 Year History

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2008

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VICTORIA, BC — The latest in a series of vibrant, Chinatown murals is being mounted along Government Street today to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Oldest Chinatown. Located on the south facing wall of the Yen Wo Association building, at the corner of Government and Fisgard streets, the mural was painted by Victoria artist Robert Amos, with assistance from the students of the Chinese Public School.

Artist Robert Amos, was selected through a juried public art competition to illustrate the traditional Chinese dragon dance in the form of a large painted mural. Roughly 20 feet high by 40 feet wide, the artwork features a lively dragon that will run along the building's stucco exterior. The mural depicts a red and gold dragon chasing after a lucky pearl.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

What: Installation of Chinese Dragon Dance mural
Artist Robert Amos on-site painting from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

When: Thursday, August 7, 2008, now until approximately 3 p.m.

Where: 1713 Government Street

The "Dragon Dance" was sponsored by the City of Victoria and the Downtown Victoria Business Association, with assistance from the Chinese Consolidated Association, the Chinatown Lioness Club, the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association and the Yen Wo Association who offered the blank wall for the artwork to be mounted.

A ceremony will occur in September with participation from the artist and the children from the Chinese public school.

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