Express the Creative You at *Culture Days* This Weekend

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Centennial Square will come alive this weekend with free Zumba fitness classes, ballroom dance lessons, interactive theatre skits, and a variety of visual art activities for all ages. It’s all part of *Culture Days*, a national movement designed to encourage Canadians to participate in activities that celebrate the creative expression of their community.

What: Culture Days in Centennial Square
When: Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2, 2011 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Centennial Square, next to Victoria City Hall

The community is invited to write a Haiku (short poem) on what they love about culture in Victoria and send it to the City’s Twitter account [@CityofVictoria](https://twitter.com/CityofVictoria). Poet Laureate Linda Rogers will read the Haikus aloud on Spirit Stage.

Kids can have fun visiting the Instrument Petting Zoo, racing origami boats, participating in maritime-themed activities at Pirate School, creating a community mural using paint balloons, as well as making buttons and a take-home postcard collage.

Art supplies will be provided for people of all ages to help decorate “Art Haus” (German for “house”), a 1 x 2.5 square metre plywood structure in Centennial Square, which will be recycled into new art pieces by the Crystal Pool Art Street program. The “Bob Ross Experience” will provide the public a hands-on, landscape painting lesson with the famous painter’s voice playing in the background. A variety of interpretive walking tours showcasing Victoria’s public art and heritage buildings will also be offered over the two days.

Established in 2010, *Culture Days* provides an opportunity for the City of Victoria to collaborate with Victoria’s arts and culture community and encourage public participation in the arts. This is the first year the City of Victoria is participating in *Culture Days*. Community partners include the Victoria Symphony, Maritime Museum of British Columbia, Victoria Ballroom Society, Spilt Milk Theatre Company, Vancouver Island School of Art, Architectural Institute of BC, and the Ministry of Casual Living.

Activities will take place rain or shine. Registration is not required. For a full list of *Culture Days* activities in Centennial Square this weekend, visit: [www.victoria.ca/culturedays](http://www.victoria.ca/culturedays)

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