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# Ballet B.C. among arts groups across province taking part in this year's Culture Days

*Culture Days: Sept. 22 to Oct. 15 at various locations in Metro Vancouver and along the Sea to Sky Corridor.*

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**Where:** Various locations in Metro Vancouver and along Sea to Sky Corridor
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For this year's B.C. Culture Days, Lance Lim wants to celebrate the thriving artistic community in Vancouver's Strathcona and the Downtown Eastside.

"I'm trying to create a festival atmosphere," said the dancer/choreographer, who answered a call to submit a community-based project for consideration. "We're a neighbourhood full of creativity of energetic people. We want people to come down and experience that."

Lim's proposal was awarded $5,000 in funding. The Community Engagement Award is named after Judy Robertson, a former B.C. Culture Days' task force chairwoman and proponent of public participation in arts and culture. Robertson died in 2021.

Lim is using the money to fund Our Voices, Ourselves Community Hub as part of Culture Days, the annual countrywide three-week arts' initiative. The B.C. component will host over 430 events across 50 communities, including the North Shore, Richmond, Surrey, Burnaby, Delta, New Westminster, the Tri-Cities, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, White Rock, Langley and Lillooet.

Activities are free or pay-what-you-can. Some are suitable for all ages.

"We're getting back to pre-pandemic levels," said B.C. Culture Days program director Nazanin Shoja. "It's grown quite a bit from previous years. This time last year we definitely didn't have as many registered."

Events are centred around area hubs "to centralize activities so that the public can experience a variety of activities in one location, because there are such a large number of activities," Shoja said. "It's also a great way for them to promote what they're doing."