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## January Events at the AGGV

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***Celebrate the New Year with***

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Illuminate the winter season with art and special events at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

Celebrate the New Year at the AGGV's Winter Exhibition Celebration on Friday, January 16 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This free event celebrates the launch of a new season of exhibitions at the Gallery: *Fifty Shades of Ink: Ink Paintings from the AGGV Collection*, curated by Dr. Heng Wu, AGGV Curator of Asian Art; *Dangerous Beauty: The Prints of Albrecht Dürer*, curated by Steven McNeil, AGGV Chief Curator & Director of Exhibitions, and *ਸ਼ੀਸ਼ੇ 'ਚ ਤਰੇਰ | sheeshe 'ch tharer | a crack in the mirror*, organized and circulated by The Reach Gallery Museum; guest curated by Sajdeep Soomal.

The evening will include a welcome by Diane Sam, Songhees Nation, and words from exhibition curators at 5:30 pm, music by DJ Nova Jade from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, and refreshments by Hoyne Brewing Company, Vessel Liquor, and Fizz Bottle Shop.

On Thursday, January 15 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Gallery-goers are invited to an Artist Tour in Punjabi with Simranpreet Anand and her mom Neelu Anand for a conversation in Punjabi that explores the themes and key concepts shared in *ਸ਼ੀਸ਼ੇ 'ਚ ਤਰੇਰ | sheeshe 'ch tharer | a crack in the mirror*. Space is limited. Register for the by-donation tour at: [Tour Registration](#).

On Saturday, January 17, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, join *ਸ਼ੀਸ਼ੇ 'ਚ ਤਰੇਰ | sheeshe 'ch tharer | a crack in the mirror* exhibiting artists Simranpreet Anand and Conner Singh VanderBeek, with cultural leader Am Johal, Executive Artistic Director of the Indian Summer Festival, Vancouver, and exhibition curator Sajdeep Soomal, for *Artists In Discussion*. Register for the by-donation event at: [Talk Registration](#).

Join the Gallery for the first Family Sunday of 2026, on January 18 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and discover how everyday objects tell stories about their origins, makers, and cultural meanings. Participants will take part in art activities inspired by *ਸ਼ੀਸ਼ੇ 'ਚ ਤਰੇਰ | sheeshe 'ch tharer | a crack in the mirror*, stitch on an embroidery wall, add hand-coloured patches to a canvas bag, paint marigolds, and enjoy educational, interactive performance by special guests, Apna Virsa Victoria dance academy. Family Sunday is included with Gallery admission or membership.

Admission to the AGGV is always free for: Visitors aged 25 & under, AGGV Members & See Art Pass holders, all Indigenous Peoples, Support Workers accompanying visitors who need assistance (Leisure Assistant Pass Holders).

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, today known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory.