WHO NEEDS CANADA?

SFU Public Square
2017 Community Summit
February 27th–March 8th

#WhoNeedsCanada?
A MESSAGE FROM
Andrew Petter
President and Vice Chancellor, SFU

Welcome to the SFU Public Square 2017 Community Summit.

Who Needs Canada? In this, the 150th anniversary of Confederation, it’s a question well worth asking. From the rise of nationalism, to the instability of labour markets, to the threat of climate change, the world is facing some serious challenges. What then should be Canada’s role?

We at Simon Fraser University believe that the health of communities—local and global—depends upon citizens coming together to share information, exchange views and seek solutions. That’s why SFU has resolved to be Canada’s Engaged University, and to serve as a public square for dialogue on major issues of the day.

SFU’s “public square” is physical and virtual. We have conference centres, meeting rooms and theatres. We create opportunities for dialogue in social media and throughout the wider community. And once a year, we convene the SFU Public Square Community Summit, an intensive forum for engagement on issues of vital interest to the community.

For this fifth summit, we identified Canada’s role in the world as a topic that is both timely and significant.

Looking to Canadian history, there is much to be admired and much left to question. Canada has gained a seat among the world’s wealthiest democracies. Its reputation for inclusivity and multiculturalism have made it a place of dreams for immigrants the world over. Yet if we ask, “Who needs Canada?” one answer points back to our failures to meet the needs of our own Indigenous peoples and at-risk populations.

And, while our country has staked its future on freer trade and internationalism, we now face global pressures, from Trump to Brexit, to strengthen borders and to dis-engage.

What then should Canada do? We expect no easy answers, but with your help we hope to shine greater light on both the challenges and the possibilities. We could not have this dialogue without you. Nor could we mount this summit without the support of the Community Summit sponsors listed in this program. So, to you and them, thank you.

If you are a regular SFU Public Square participant, welcome back. If you are a newcomer, we’re glad to have you. Please stay a while, expand your knowledge, and join in an inclusive, intelligent and productive conversation.
A MESSAGE FROM
Gregor Robertson
Mayor, City of Vancouver

On behalf of my colleagues on Vancouver City Council and the citizens of Vancouver, I want to welcome everyone to the SFU Public Square 2017 Community Summit.

Cities are on the front lines of many of our biggest challenges, from welcoming refugees to tackling climate change, and Canadian cities like Vancouver have been frontrunners in the global effort to make our communities healthier, greener, and more inclusive. Recent events, both around the world and close to home, have only highlighted how important it is for us to continue to come together to learn, connect, and find ways to support one another, and the Community Summit presents a unique opportunity to further this important work.

The City of Vancouver is proud to once again support the SFU Public Square Community Summit, and I want to thank everyone who has made this year’s Summit a success.

A MESSAGE FROM
Kathleen S. Bartels
Director, Vancouver Art Gallery

The Vancouver Art Gallery is delighted to partner with this year’s SFU Public Square Community Summit to present *Culture/Diplomacy: A Celebration of Artists Shaping Canada’s Relationship with China*. I invite you to join us for what is sure to be an insightful and thought-provoking event.

Artists and their works encourage alternative perspectives, conversation, and the exchange of ideas—opening doors to new possibilities. As the largest visual art museum in Western Canada, the Vancouver Art Gallery plays a key role in international dialogue. The Gallery has a longstanding engagement and cultural links to China, Japan, Korea and India. Through our Institute of Asian Art, we present exhibitions and activities such as curatorial research, collaborations, exchanges and travel programs that foster a deeper understanding between cultures, expand local and international discourse on Asian Art and provide rich opportunities for individuals to experience the transformative power of art.

On behalf of everyone at the Vancouver Art Gallery, I extend my congratulations to SFU on the 2017 Community Summit.
A MESSAGE FROM
Janet Webber
Executive Director, SFU Public Square

When we picked the theme for this year’s Community Summit, it was long before Trump and Brexit. We chose the theme in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Canada’s Confederation, but it was never going to be about red and white balloons and cake cutting. Instead, it is about bringing people together for an honest, thought-provoking, and engaging dialogue about Canada’s role in the world.

Canada’s changing role in this increasingly complex global landscape has been the subject of intense media coverage over the past few months. We decided to take the conversation a step further and ask: who needs Canada? What opportunities do we have to serve as international leaders and what risks need to be mitigated?

The 2017 Community Summit invites Canadians to think deeply and engage with each other on the value Canada can offer to the world. What aspects of the Canadian ideal must we reconcile, preserve, and enforce—both at home and abroad? The reality is, the survival of our nation and the quality of life we enjoy as Canadians is dependent not only on our own residents, systems, and structures, but on the world around us.

SFU Public Square invites everyone to bring their opinions to the table and respectfully share them with each other. This week is not about closed-door expert discussions, but about everyday Canadians who care about their country. Together, we must decide on the Canada we want to create for the next 150 years, and that will take dialogue and deliberation. We need to truly listen to each other.
A MESSAGE FROM

Robert Weston BA (Econ) ’78
President, SFU Alumni Association

With a global presence of nearly 150,000 alumni in more than 130 countries, SFU graduates demonstrate the broad impact that a Canadian post-secondary education has upon the world. Whether it be the entrepreneur who provides opportunities for refugee families to get a head start in our country, the leading researcher whose discovery is improving the treatment of certain cancers, or the multitude of authors and artists who communicate important perspective through their craft—as mere examples—SFU alumni are taking Canadian values and infusing them into their everyday work to enhance the lives of our expanding global community.

It’s also our responsibility, as an Alumni Association, to ensure our graduates are exposed to new ideas and that we provide intellectually engaging content to maintain rich dialogue and perspective; that is why we are proud to sponsor the SFU Public Square 2017 Community Summit.

Our intention is that those who attend this year’s events become inspired, informed, and further invested into shaping the future of Canada and its role on the global stage.

The Middle East and the Refugee Crisis
An Evening with Robert Fisk

March 7, 2017
7:00–9:00pm

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Who Needs Canada?
Canada’s Role in the World

February 27, 2017 | 7:00–9:00pm
Vancouver Playhouse

From President Trump to Brexit, we are witnessing dramatic global change. What impact will these shifts have on Canada? What role does Canada need to play on the world stage? What value can Canada offer to the world?

Speakers: Shuvaloy Majumdar, Roland Paris, Senator Yuen Pau Woo, Sheila Watt-Cloutier
Moderator: Laura Lynch

大山侃大山 at SFU
‘Dashan Live’ at SFU

March 1, 2017 | 11:00am–12:00pm
Leslie & Gordon Diamond Family Auditorium, SFU Burnaby

作为一个中国名人是什么感觉？搞笑怎能把加拿大和中国拉近？首次在温哥华开脱口秀的大山将会跟您一一探讨。

What is it like to be famous in China? How can comedy bring Canada and China closer together? Join Dashan 大山 as he explores these questions in his first-ever stand-up comedy performance in Metro Vancouver.

Speaker: Mark Rowswell aka Dashan 大山

This event is exclusively open to students and will be held in Mandarin.
Culture / Diplomacy
A Celebration of Artists Shaping Canada’s Relationship with China

March 1, 2017 | 7:00–9:00pm

SFU Public Square and the Vancouver Art Gallery are proud to co-present an exclusive showcase featuring six leading artists who are defining, building, and shaping the connection between Canada and China. Guests will enjoy five short performances and hear from participating artists on how a China-Canada relationship informs their work.

Throughout the evening, we will explore how art and culture can inform human connection and enable us to cross oceans and borders, discover common ground, and build empathy and understanding.

Our special guests are Mark Rowswell (Dashan/大山), Hank Bull, Chan Hon Goh, Zheng Shengtian, Howie Tsui and Wen Wei Wang. The evening will be moderated by Jan Walls.

Presented in partnership with Vancouver Art Gallery
Mark Rowswell (Dashan/大山) has been called “the most famous Canadian in China”, where he has worked as a media personality and cultural ambassador for over 25 years.

Chan Hon Goh is a Director at Goh Ballet Academy and Youth Company Canada, Prima Ballerina at the National Ballet of Canada.

Hank Bull has been active on the Vancouver art scene since 1973. He is also co-founder of Centre A, the Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art.

Wen Wei Wang began dancing professionally in China. In 1991 he came to Canada and joined the Judith Marcuse Dance Company and Ballet British Columbia.

Zheng Shengtian is the Adjunct Director of Institute for Asian Art, Vancouver Art Gallery and the Founding Managing Editor of Yishu: Journal of Contemporary Chinese Art.

Jan Walls is a Professor Emeritus in the Humanities Department at Simon Fraser University, where he was Founding Director of the David Lam Centre for International Communication.

Howie Tsui (徐浩恩) is a Vancouver-based artist who was born in Hong Kong, and raised in Lagos and Canada. He holds a BFA from the University of Waterloo and was awarded the Joseph Stauffer Prize (2005).
City Conversations: Special Edition
Metro Vancouver’s Global Impact

March 2, 2017 | 12:30–1:30pm
Room 7000, Harbour Centre Campus, SFU Vancouver

From climate change to refugee settlement, cities around the world are tackling critical and complex global issues. Metro Vancouver’s municipalities are increasingly recognized for their work on issues that go beyond our region’s boundaries. What opportunities exist for Canadian cities to help address global challenges? How are the leaders of Canadian cities having an impact on the world stage and where do they need to show greater leadership?

Presenters: Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Penny Gurstein, Raymond Louie

The Anger of Nations
Trump, Trudeau, Merkel, and Farage in an Age of Voter Rage

March 2, 2017 | 7:00–9:00pm
Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema
SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts

What does a Trump presidency mean for Canada? We know that Canada needs the United States, but do they need us? These questions are on the minds of many as our country’s most important political and economic partner begins an unprecedented unpredictable transition.

Speaker: Nik Nanos
Respondents: Michael Meneer, Jeff Peterson, Mark Pickup
Moderator: Laura Lynch
Doors Open in Surrey
International Trade in Action

March 6, 2017 | 8:30am–3:00pm
SFU Surrey
Powertech Labs
Fraser Surrey Docks

Canada’s place in international trade affects every aspect of our lives on a daily basis, but many of us know very little about how goods, products, and people move around our cities and the world. On March 6th, we’re taking Surrey high school students to see international trade in action at two of the city’s most innovative and essential trading hubs. Students will also hear from leading experts whose work is connecting BC and Canada to global trade opportunities.

The Middle East and the Refugee Crisis
An Evening with Robert Fisk

March 7, 2017 | 7:00–9:00pm
Vancouver Playhouse

The ongoing crisis in the Middle East has not only undermined security in the region, it has generated a host of complex problems with far-reaching implications. The rise of ISIS and the beginning of a resurgent Russian interest in the area have helped to fuel the worst refugee crisis since the end of World War II. With an estimated 21.3 million refugees around the world, Canadians are being forced to think about our responsibilities as global citizens: are we doing enough? Or have we already done too much?

**Speakers:** Catherine Boura, Robert Fisk, Nelofer Pazira

**Moderator:** Bal Brach
Researching the Globe
SFU Research Impacting the World

March 8, 2017 | 6:00–9:00pm
Room 1400, Harbour Centre Campus,
SFU Vancouver

Think research is boring and unrelated to the real world? Think again!

Researching the Globe is an inspirational evening showcasing SFU research activities that are having, or have the potential to have, impact beyond our borders. Presented in partnership with SFU Vancouver, this evening is an important part of the 2017 SFU Public Square Community Summit, exploring Canada’s role in the World.

Host: Joy Johnson
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Stephen A. Jarislowsky
For his generous support as a member of the SFU Public Square Founding Council. Dr. Jarislowsky’s continuing record of philanthropy and civic leadership stands as one of the best examples of global citizenship and democratic engagement. He has been active in educational, cultural and charitable activities of many kinds, has endowed more than twenty-three University Chairs and contributes frequently to television, radio, magazines and newspapers.

Participants
A Community Summit event is useful and meaningful only when we have you, the community, here in the public square with us. You are what makes it all worthwhile. From our presenters to our social media audiences, from those that are with us for the first time to those that have been around since the beginning, thank you for the important role you all play in making this annual community engagement week a resounding success. YOU are the Community Summit.

Volunteers
You did it again this year! It is not hyperbole to state that we could not have done this without you. The researching, the emailing, the designing, the street-teams and social media promoting, the translating, the gifs… and the list just goes on and on. You proved again how vital our Community Summit support team is and we are incredibly grateful for the energy and commitment you bring.

Advisors, Partners and Sponsors
As it’s said, make new friends and keep the old… none of this would be possible if we didn’t have your guidance, advice, support and collaboration. Each year we start out with not much more than an idea for the Community Summit, and each year we produce a unique experience for thousands of attendees. The process of getting from one to the other is a direct result of our relationships with you.

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