SFU Woodward’s Fact Sheet

SFU Woodward’s Cultural Programs

• Opened during the 2010 Winter Cultural Olympiad, following the $80-million project redevelopment of The Woodward's Department Store
• Includes 120,000 sq feet of performance space including five unique performance spaces: a musical hall, a cinema, a 400 seat theatre, and two black box studios.
• A unique community engagement initiative of Simon Fraser University aimed at enabling and promoting creativity and leading edge practices in the contemporary arts in the heart of Vancouver
• Supports over 120 events per year and 25 diverse annual cultural
• Partnerships include co-presentations, festival support, cultural and venue sponsorship, and guest artist discourse. Re-occurring partnerships include VIFF, VLAFF, Out on Screen, DanceHouse, PuSh Festival, CreativeMornings Vancouver, Interesting Vancouver, Polish Film Festival, Redezvous Film Festival, Talking Stick Festival, among many others.
• Current ongoing SFU Woodward’s Signature Series cultural programs include: Bah! Humbug!, The Talking Stick Indigenous Artist Series (in development), The Restaurant Rumble, A Woodward’s Xmas (in development) and Launch! Festival: Showcase & Artist Workshops
• Supports professional activities such as artist presentations, discourse, residencies, and festivals from many of Canada’s leading arts presenters through partnership

SFU’s Vancity Office of Engagement

• Opened in December 2010
• Mandate to support public programming on themes such as social justice, sustainability and urbanism, arts and culture, democratic resilience and active citizenship through public talks, dialogues, workshops, events, performances and community partnerships.
• Involved in over 124 public events per year with over 8,000 attendees
• Has 15 long term partnerships with a wide range of diverse organizations including with Megaphone, PHS Drug Users Resource Centre, Project Limelight and Pivot Legal Society
• Current programs include Cultural Democracy 101, Community Journalism 101, Coast Salish Singing and Drumming Workshops, community dance workshops, basketball camps, Opera Bravissima, Writers’ Room programming for inner city kids