

# Arty facts: Jazz fest, Goh Ballet and Snoop Dogg



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Seattle band Polyrhythmics is coming to the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival in 2016.

The TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival announced its last big round of performers on April 13.

Twenty five new concerts were revealed to be taking place for the Performance Works, Innovation and Roundhouse Performance Centre series during the festival, held June 24 to July 3.

Acts will include Seattle funk band Polyrhythmics, Memphis guitarist Ana Popovic, Vancouver's Gordon Grdina's Haram, and drummer Dan Brubeck (in the Performance Works series); genre-benders The Thing and Peggy Lee's Echo Painting (in the Innovation series at Ironworks); and concerts by Mattias Risberg and Francois Houle, and British trio Mammal Hands (at the Roundhouse Performance Centre), among others.

## **Goh Ballet heads to Beijing**

Vancouver's Goh Ballet has been invited to represent Canada as the only Canadian dance organization at the 16th annual Meet In Beijing Arts Festival.

"I am honoured and delighted to have this extraordinary occasion to be able to bring to Beijing the young dancers that I have been mentoring," Goh Ballet Academy director Chan Hon Goh said in a press release. "I am a native of Beijing, but I grew up in Vancouver. Not only is this a remarkable cultural exchange between Canadian artists and the international community, but this will enable us to showcase our calibre of work and provide young local dancers with a once in a lifetime experience to perform on the world stage."

Goh Ballet will to perform a 10-minute piece at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in China during the festival's opening night gala.

The festival takes place April 25 to May 30.

## **Vancouver film also headed to China**

Vancouver-produced film Grand Unified Theory will be competing for the Tiantan Prize at the Beijing International Film Festival, held April 16-23.

The independent movie was written, produced and directed by David Ray (who directed Fetching Cody, launching the career of actor Jay Baruchel), and tells the story of the family of an astrophysicist going through "a complete meltdown."

The film was shot entirely on location on Vancouver's North Shore and features Vancouver-based actors Kendall Cross (The 100), Maxwell Haynes (The Killing), Scott Bellis (founding member of Bard on the Beach), and Emma Grabinsky (Mr. Hockey).

## **Snoop Dogg to DJ in Vancouver this weekend**

Rapper and actor Snoop Dogg will be performing a DJ set at Vancouver's Fortune Sound Club on Sunday, April 17.

Under the name of DJ Snoopadelic, Snoop Dogg will be spinning behind the decks at an event dubbed the Westcoast Smokers Bowl. Snoop is scheduled to play a two-hour set.

Tickets for the marijuana-themed event are \$50 [via Fortune Sound Club](#). A \$200 "Judges VIP Pass" is also available for those who would like to sample and vote on "the top strains in the Pacific Northwest."

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