

Camosun International Student Newsletter

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The poster features a central globe surrounded by various cultural icons like a saxophone, a guitar, a pencil, and a building. The text on the poster includes the Camosun International logo, the event title '15th Annual Cultural Showcase', a description of the event as an evening of performances, contact information, the date and location (Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:30pm in the Gibson Auditorium, Young Building 216, Lansdowne Campus), and the event details: 'Free Event!' and 'DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM'. At the bottom, it provides a link for more information: camosun.ca/international and the phone number 250-370-4812.

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Camosun International is happy to announce that the 15th Annual Cultural Showcase Event will be held on **March 21, 2024 at 7:30pm in the Gibson Auditorium, Young Building 216**. Please mark your calendars for an evening of performances by our students and Camosun College community members as we celebrate and bring cultures together.

The purpose of this Camosun “grassroots” event is to provide an opportunity for our students to share about their culture through song, dance, music or other artistic means; and, it aims to promote sharing and celebration of cultures through creativity in recognition of the annual [End Racism Day](#). All donations from the event will support the Camosun College Students [World University Service of Canada](#) (WUSC) chapter. The Camosun WUSC chapter welcomed the first student refugee to Camosun in 2016 and strives to create a sustainable refugee program for current and future students. Please [donate](#)!

The Cultural Showcase continues to be supported and organized by the Peer Connections student peer leadership/helping group.

Host



[Flor Ordóñez]

“I am honored to participate as hostess in this event, last year I had the opportunity to be in the audience and since then I wanted to be part of it. I think this is a good opportunity to show the cultural diversity and of course represent my country Honduras. I was a radio and television hostess for more than 8 years. After that I was media director at a publicity agency and also marketing manager for several brands. Now I always manage my social media platforms (flordonez) where I share my experiences and interview Hondurans who give information on topics of general interest.”

Volunteers



[Josselin Lemus]

“My name is Josselin Lemus. I am a 20-year-old student originally from Acapulco, Guerrero, MEXICO. I am in my second year of the Community, Family and Child Studies programme. I would like to participate as a volunteer because I will get the opportunity to meet people and see things from different cultures, and it is always nice to see it come all together. I participated in last year’s Cultural Showcase, as a volunteer as well. It was an amazing experience, the staff and the performers were such nice people, and everything went well according to what was planned. I mean, in a show, there’s always going to be unforeseen things but it was handled very well. I would really love to see something from my country. I can say I am quite excited for this year’s show.”

“Greetings! I’m Raveena Parmar from vibrant India, currently wrapping up my BBA in HR at Camosun. Excitedly, I’m volunteering in this event to dive into event management and gain hands-on experience. My seven-year journey in Canada has been enriched by Camosun, and this opportunity aligns perfectly with my passion for creating memorable experiences. Join me in this adventure, where my diverse background and love for event coordination blend seamlessly to make this occasion unforgettable! Catch me at the event, say hi, and let’s make memories together! Cheers to the vibrant journey ahead!”



[Raveena Parmar]



[Roopanshi]

“I go by Roopanshi. This semester marks my first for the Post Degree Diploma in Applied Tourism and Hospitality Management, and I have been in Victoria past two months. My involvement in the cultural event is an opportunity for personal growth and development, as I deeply value cultural diversity and community engagement. I have a keen interest in event organization. I'm sure I'll pick up useful skills and get insights from working with other volunteers and stepping outside of my comfort zone that will help me both personally and professionally.”

“My name is Valeria Sanchez. I am from Perú. Currently I am taking the Community, Family and Child Studies. Being part of the showcase as a volunteer means having the opportunity to get to know more about different cultures as lots of students from diverse countries will be performing and showing their talents and artistic skills. I've never participated before in a talent show, however, being close of the scenario and having the chance to talk to the participants is very exciting.”



[Valeria Sanchez]

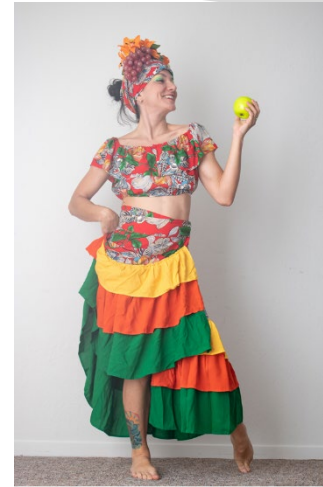
Performers



[Giovanny Enrique Lopez Cuadrado]

“My name is Giovanny from Colombia. I am currently taking the second term of the Post Degree Diploma in Marketing. I consider myself a very artistic person and dancing has been one of my passions since I was a child; I have participated in several folk groups in different periods of my life. I want to highlight the Afro-Caribbean heritage of my hometown city: Cartagena, Colombia. Africa's influence runs deep in Cartagena, shaping its culture, music, and identity. I am deeply honored to celebrate the vibrant musical genres that resonate along the sun-drenched shores of the Colombian Caribbean.”

“My name is Mariana Mazullo. I’m from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I’m a former dancer/circus artist and I’m studying Kinesiology. Happy to perform at this 2024 showcase and sharing some of the Brazilian dance styles!”



[Mariana Mazullo]



[Rongrong Liu]

“Hello! My name is Rongrong, I’m from Beijing, China. My program is early learning and care. I’m a belly dance performer. I was a belly dance instructor. I have been dancing for more than ten years.”

“My name is Victor Morales Valdez, I come from Mexico, and I am currently studying for a “Bachelor's in Kinesiology”. I wanted to participate in the Cultural Showcase just for fun and I think it will be interesting to sing in front of people a song that I love. I started singing in high school just for fun with friends; singing songs from various genres and singers, and that’s where I found out I love singing romantic songs.”



[Victor Morales Valdez]

Upcoming Workshops in April 2024

We highly encourage you to participate in the following workshops.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

"Exciting news! Take advantage of our Free Income Tax E-Filing Services at the School of Business, located at Interurban's Centre for Business & Access (CBA) 201. Here are the details:

- Location: Centre for Business & Access (CBA) 201
- Dates: April 2nd to April 5th
- Time: 9 am to 12:20 pm

Camosun students with simple tax situations can have their returns professionally filed for free by trained accounting students supervised by CPAs. Please note the following:

- [Limited appointments](#) and drop-ins available
- Ensure [eligibility](#) before making an appointment on the CRA website

Don't miss out – mark your calendars!

Camosun Comic Arts Festival (CCAF)



Save the date for an exciting event hosted by the School of Arts and Science at Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus! Here are the details:

- Date: April 18, 2024
- Time: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Location: Wilna Thomas 224 (Sheri Bell Hall), 3100 Foul Bay Rd, Victoria, B.C

Join us for the Camosun Comic Arts Festival (CCAF), celebrating the creativity of our Comics Program students:

- Student Showcase: View work from our Comics & Graphic Novels Certificate Program.
- Professional Guests: Meet comic book creators.
- Comics Jam: Join collaborative comic creation activities.
- Art for Sale: Purchase comics, prints, and original artwork.



Don't miss out! Open to the public. Bring friends and family for an inspiring day. Learn more about our [Comics & Graphic Novels Certificate Program](#) and [Visual Storytelling Courses at the festival](#).

Scholarships

Camosun International Academic Advancement Scholarship

This is awarded annually to international students who have completed at least one year of full-time studies in an academic program at Camosun College. Here's what you need to know:

- Who: International students who have completed at least one year of full-time studies at Camosun College
- What: Each award is valued at \$1000.
- How Many: We'll be granting this award to 5 outstanding students.
- Deadline: Don't miss your chance! The deadline to apply is May 01, 2024.

This is your opportunity to be recognized for your academic achievements. [Apply now!](#)

International scholarship opportunities for non-Canadians

Explore [scholarships](#) offered by Canadian governments, foreign governments, non-governmental organization and international organizations.



Financial Aid & Awards

Visit our Financial Aid & Awards website to discover a wide range of opportunities including

- [Awards, scholarships, grants, and bursaries.](#)
- [Search for funding](#) tailored to your needs and qualifications.
- Additionally, explore funding options specifically available for [students with Permanent Disabilities.](#)

Start your search today and unlock financial support to pursue your educational goals.

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Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.