

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2015 November 06

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: FESTIVALS BURNABY PROGRAM - SMALL SCALE EVENT
16-S-002 VANCOUVER CANTONESE OPERA**

PURPOSE: Grant Approval Request

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Festivals Burnaby grant request from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the Cantonese Opera – *Princess Cheung Ping* 2016 April 16 be received.

REPORT

Festivals and Special Events: Small Scale Event

Grant File 16-S-002: Vancouver Cantonese Opera

Application Received: 2015 September 02

Project Budget: \$39,200

Project Request: \$ 7,000

Previous Support: 2015 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant \$3,500
2014 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant \$5,000

An application request for \$7,000 has been received from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the Cantonese Opera – *Princess Cheung Ping* 2016 April 16 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. Cantonese opera is a unique combination of performing arts including singing, dancing, acting, miming and acrobatic movements. The *Princess Cheung Ping* by Tong Dik San features highly refined and subtle lyrics, eulogizing the theme of love and devotion, and is hailed as a high point in Chinese literature. Three international and renowned Cantonese opera performers from Hong Kong and Seattle have been invited to perform with the local professional Cantonese artists for this performance.

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The mission of the Vancouver Cantonese Opera is to present the unique traditional art of Cantonese opera at the highest level to both Chinese and non-Chinese audiences. As an organization they strive for artistic excellence; host educational seminars and workshops; offer accessible, affordable and entertaining performances; and provide employment opportunities to Cantonese opera artists, musicians and technicians. Vancouver Cantonese Opera produced their first Cantonese opera in 2000 and since then has produced over 22 Cantonese Opera long plays and other Cantonese based performances throughout Metro Vancouver.

The application has been completed in full and the applicant has shown evidence that they have the capacity to coordinate the event. Festivals Burnaby funds would be allocated toward eligible project expenses related to programming, marketing/promotions and administration.

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