

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2017 Jan 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES **FILE:** 02410-20

SUBJECT: FESTIVALS BURNABY PROGRAM - SMALL SCALE EVENT
17-S-004 VANCOUVER CANTONESE OPERA

PURPOSE: Grant Approval Request

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Festivals Burnaby Grant request from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the performance of Reunion of a White Hare on 2017 July 22 be received.

REPORT

Festivals and Special Events: Small Scale Event

Grant File 17-S-004: Vancouver Cantonese Opera

Application Received:	2016 December 15
Project Budget:	\$40,200
Project Request:	\$ 8,000

Previous Support: 2016 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant \$3,500
2015 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant \$3,500
2014 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant \$5,000

An application request for \$8,000 has been received from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the performance of Reunion of a White Hare on 2017 July 22 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. Cantonese opera is a unique combination of performing arts including singing, dancing, acting, miming and acrobatic movements. The Reunion by a White Hare by Tong Dik San is a challenging musical that eulogizes the theme of love and devotion. Three international and renowned Cantonese opera performers from Hong Kong and Seattle have been invited to participate 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 23 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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