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Explore the Love of Collecting at *Family FUSE Weekend*
Saturday, Nov. 19th and Sunday, Nov. 20th

VANCOUVER, BC – Do you have a tiny collector in your family? A wonderful weekend of exploring the Love of Collecting is in store for children and grownups at *Family FUSE Weekend*, Saturday, November 19th and Sunday, November 20th. This Vancouver Art Gallery event gives families the opportunity to gather mementos and share curiosities together in a creative atmosphere. Artists, dancers, and musicians are on hand for fun and informative workshops, tours and activities. Special performances at Family FUSE include contemporary ballet company **plastic orchid factory** and the thunderous drumming of **Jodaiko**.

Other activities for kids and grownups to enjoy together include:

- **Dig It:** Uncover interesting objects or buried treasure at the dig site.
- **Identification Station:** Make a badge to show whether you're an "Art Hunter" or a "Picture Detective."
- **Taiko Drumming Workshop:** learn Taiko drumming by collecting rhythms from the world around you.
- **Collecting Tales:** Listen to readings from books selected by Vancouver Public Library children's librarian Nathalie Patel and check out the mini-library of books about collecting.
- Create miniature three-dimensional galleries of your very own at **Tiny Galleries**.
- Visit the **Gallery of Very Small Objects** and discover the classification system for Very Small Objects invented by Brian Collier.
- Join a tour of the ***Shore, Forest and Beyond*** exhibition with our Art Agents
- Join art educator Kate Dawson in making drawings inspired by Northwest Coast artists at our Sketch Stations
- Spend time getting your hands 'arty' at **The Making Place**
- **Family Film Lounge:** Take a break, eat lunch or a snack and relax while watching a selection of great animated films.

Family FUSE Weekend is presented three times annually as one of several educational programs that enhance visitor experiences, while offering new ways for children and parents to view, discuss and think about art. It is generously supported by Presenting Sponsor: BMO Financial Group.

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