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## Journey to Wonderlands with all the Family at the Vancouver Art Gallery

Family FUSE Weekend: Wonderlands, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 10am–5pm  
Vancouver Art Gallery

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Families are invited to join artists, musicians, performers and educators as they take kids and parents on an exciting exploration through ‘Wonderlands’ this **Family Fuse Weekend**. It’s a great opportunity for the whole family to learn new ways to share stories through a range of exciting and fun activities, performances and hands-on sessions throughout the Gallery. Inspired by the Gallery’s new exhibition *Grand Hotel: Redesigning Modern Life*, this event provides travel-themed activities for everyone in the family. **FREE for all Gallery Members and all children aged 12-and-under.**

Some of the weekend’s activities:

### 1. Stories on Wheels

(Outside) Robson Plaza and (Inside) Forecourt, 11:30am, 12:30 and 1:30pm daily.

This is original street theatre act for the whole family, based on a traditional Japanese travelling storytelling show called *Kamishibai*. Tales are brought to life by a high-energy comic performer, using picture cards displayed in a magnificent miniature wooden stage attached to the back of a bicycle. You’ve never seen a story told this way before!

### 2. Dream Hotel

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Annex, 10:30am – 4:30pm daily.

If you had a dream hotel, what special features would you include? Use a range of materials to design and build a model of your hotel and add it to the growing landscape.

### 3. Traveling Within

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Rotunda, 11am, 12 and 1pm daily.

We are all travelers on a journey. Join the **Traveling Alchemists' Outreach Society** as we journey through music, looped sound and story to the home we've never left...

### 4. The Grand Hotel Ballroom Spectacular

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Rotunda, 2:30, 3:30 and 4pm daily.

Leave your daily routine at the rotating doors and enter *The Grand Hotel Ballroom Spectacular*. With Charleston dance, hot jazz, classic hotel scenes, and a synchronized swimming routine, **The Dusty Flowerpot Dancers** await you!

### 5. Art Agents- Grand Hotel

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery, 10am – 4:30pm daily.

Explore the exhibition *Grand Hotel* with our Art Agents and their amazing range of activities including building with Keva planks. Think about what you would pack for a journey and much more!

## 6. Sketch Station

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 10:30am – 4:30pm daily.

Find art educator **Kate Dawson** in the Gallery and join her in sketching and drawing inspired by the ideas of planning and documenting our journeys

## 7. Building Buildings with the Vancouver LEGO Club.

4<sup>th</sup> Floor East, 11am - 4pm daily.

Spend an afternoon making building fronts with the **Vancouver LEGO Club** (vlc.ca). They'll bring the LEGO bricks and some sample creations, you bring your creative imagination and turn your inspired thoughts into a modeled reality. (Note: these models will stay in the Gallery for others to see)

## 8. Making Place

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Pavilion, 10am - 4pm daily.

Travel in your imagination and explore using a range of materials, paint your own **room with a view** and create a collage of your very own **themed hotel room**.

## 9. Pocket Hotel

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery North, 10am - 4pm daily.

Join artist **Jessica Jang** to create a living space that fits in the palm of your hand. Create a matchbox size hotel to carry with you wherever you may travel.

## 10. Family Film Lounge - Programmed by Reel 2 Real International Film Festival for Youth

1<sup>st</sup> floor, Room 100, 10am – 4:30pm daily.

Take a break and relax in our film lounge, eat your lunch or a snack while watching a selection of animated and live action films.

**Gallery Members and children aged 12-and-under are FREE when accompanied by an adult.** Regular Admission Rates apply. \$20 Adults, \$15 Senior (65+), \$15 Student (with valid ID). For more information about Family FUSE Weekend call 604 662 4719. (All prices subject to 5% GST)

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