

news

# Hatstravaganza a huge success

Downtown Langley's Arts Alive Festival was the place to be on Aug. 21, as over 15,000 visitors enjoyed a sunny day full of art, music and fun activities.

This year's festival hosted an array of visual and performing arts and attracted artists and musicians from across B.C. Over 140 vendors had the opportunity to display their art and hand crafted goods and three stages showcased a variety of entertainment including jazz, country and rock. Arts Alive also featured a popular children's venue where kids could have their face painted, make crafts and contribute to a chalk art space

where they could leave behind their special drawings for all to enjoy.

Another very popular activity at the Festival was Hatstravaganza, presented by Westminster Savings. This gave festival-goers the opportunity to stop by the Westminster Savings tent to decorate and personalize a custom hat. Creativity was on display as more than 700 Hatstravaganza participants wore their colourful and elaborate creations throughout the day.

Also on offer was a \$1,000 term deposit draw and a special back to school promotion.

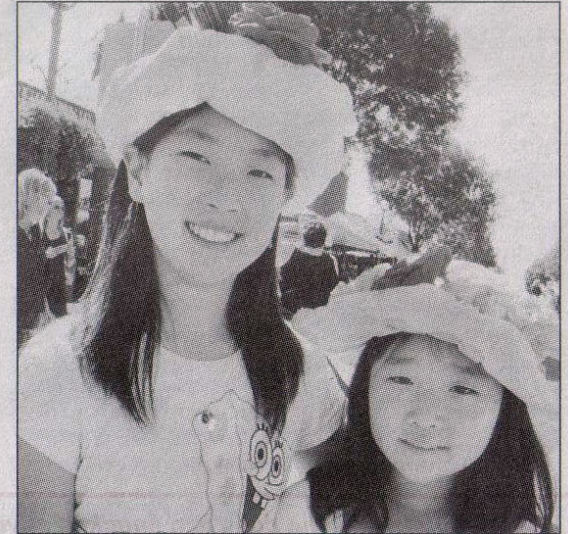
Arts Alive provides

a free and fun family event as a way of celebrating the arts and creating a vibrant, balanced community.

"We're so pleased to support an event which encourages arts and culture and to help the Festival continue to be a growing success," said Nicole Eich, foundation and community investment manager, Westminster Savings.

"The chance to participate in the arts helps to bring balance to people's lives and nurtures the heart of a community."

"As our presenting sponsor, Westminster Savings brought integrity and energy to the 17th Annual Arts Alive Festival," said Teri James, executive director, Downtown Langley Merchants Association. "Hatstravaganza was



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Ellen Sea and Celeste Lee pose with hats they made at the Hatstravaganza booth sponsored by Westminster Savings.

one of the most popular activities of the entire festival and helped create the most successful Arts Alive to date."

Following Arts Alive, the Bard in

the Valley Theatre Company had their debut performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream in Douglas Park. It finished off a busy day celebrating the arts in Langley.



## Make their first day a learning success

Schools will be back in session Sept. 7, and Langley's dedicated teachers, administrators and professional staff are ready to receive your children for the start of another year of successful learning. Parents and the community have a big role to play, and you are invited to click on the **Registration and Back to School** link at [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca) for information about.

### REGISTRATION

What will you need if you are registering your child in a Langley school?

### SCHOOL CALENDARS

Key dates throughout the school year that will help you plan family activities.

### FIRST DAYS BACK

What will be happening in your child's classroom during the first few days?





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