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2019 annual Vancouver cherry blossom festival kicks off

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SUMMARY

VANCOUVER (NEWS 1130) – It's a quintessential symbol of spring: the 13th annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival has officially kicked off.

They've popped up on streets all over the Lower Mainland telling us spring is finally here.

Cherry blossom season is here! We've got lots of events happening in our parks and @VanDusenGdn, check out @OfficialVCBF for more info

The festival begins Thursday with music and poetry under a canopy of blossoms at the Burrard SkyTrain Station at noon. Other events through the month include the Sakura Days Japan Fair, and a chance to sing your heart out with hundreds of others at Robson Plaza.

"The underlying purpose of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival is a simple one embracing all citizens of all ages: we are blessed to have these trees and the more closely we look at them and the more we learn about them, the more enjoyment they give us," writes festival founder Linda Poole.

The festival goes until Apr. 28.