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It under a canopy of cherry blossoms at this massive FREE picnic in Vancouver

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every year, more than 3,000 people come together under Queen Elizabeth Park's iconic cherry blossom canopy to share in the beauty of the blossoms. Photo: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival

The [Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival](#) will once again host one of the city's largest free picnics in April for the community to admire and delight in the magnificent blooming trees.

The [Big Picnic](#), set to be held on April 11, is one of a number of events throughout the festival, which runs from Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 26 with a mission to "actively engage diverse communities through arts and culture that celebrates the transcendent fragile beauty of the cherry blossom."

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The free event is inspired by the Japanese cultural tradition of Hanami which literally translates to "cherry blossom viewing (mi)." Hanami dates back to more than a thousand years ago when Japanese aristocrats sat under the blossoming cherry trees and wrote poems inspired by the blossoms.

The event invites Vancouverites to bring their own mat or purchase one of the Festival's connecting Petal Mats, pack a picnic basket and make some new friends under the stunning flowers.



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The event will also have family activities, cultural entertainment and some of Metro Vancouver's best food trucks.

far, the entertainment line-up includes The Khac Chi Ensemble, a Vietnamese duo that will delight crowds with Khac Chi Bamboo Music, which is said to take you on an adventure in sound. They perform various styles of Vietnamese traditional music, folk music and contemporary music.

atsu Stalqayu (Coastal Wolf Pack), a Young group of Coast Salish people coming from across the Coast and throughout the Fraser Valley, will sing, dance, and pray as one for everyone at the picnic.

The day will also have Okinawan style drum dancing called Eisa performed by Japanese group Vancouver Okinawa Iko—who aim to promote and share Okinawan cultural heritage. Plus, there will be Chinese classical and folk dancing by Jessica Yue Dance Studio and a traditional Korean performance by Namsadang Cultural Institute.

nd more information on the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival [HERE](#).



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Are you ready to picnic under the beautiful cherry blossoms at Queen Elizabeth Park? Join us at The Big Picnic presented by TD Bank Group on April 13, noon to 3pm. We cannot wait to see you there!

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[The Big Picnic](#)

When: Rain or Shine! April 11 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm

'here: Queen Elizabeth Park's cherry blossom canopy - parking closest to the venue will be reserved for vendors
e event suggests two paid parking lots:

At the top of the park, near the conservatory, access off Midlothian Ave.

Near the tennis courts, access off W 37th Ave. Cost: Free

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