

A CELEBRATION OF **NATIONAL INDIGENOUS** PEOPLES DAY

AND THE **10TH ANNIVERSARY** OF
SKWACHÀYS LODGE



JUNE 19

Hosted by VNHS & Skwachàys Lodge



SKWACHÀYS LODGE
ABORIGINAL HOTEL & GALLERY



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VNHS opened Skwachàys Lodge, the Urban Aboriginal Fair-Trade Gallery, and the Artists in Residence Program in June of 2012. The former Pender Hotel was transformed from a three-and-a-half-story derelict SRO hotel to a unique Indigenous social enterprise that combines a boutique hotel with a street-level art gallery, that supports on-site housing and studio space for 24 Indigenous artists.

The Artists Residence Program at Skwachàys Lodge is a unique and life-changing program for practicing Indigenous artists. This opportunity includes subsidized housing in clean, unfurnished bachelor suites, 24/7 access to shared artist workshops, and participation in programming opportunities for personal and professional development that help artists develop their craft and move into the next phase of their careers.

The Lodge, the Urban Aboriginal Fair-Trade Gallery and the production space are operated as a self-sustaining social enterprise. Artists are paid a fair price for their work. The model follows the established practices found in the art world.

National Indigenous Peoples Day & Skwachàys Lodge 10th Year Celebration

Skwachàys Lodge Hotel, Gallery and the Artist in Residence Program are celebrating this year's National Indigenous Peoples Day and proposing to have a street event by closing Taylor Street, between West Pender Street and Keefer Pl.

Skwachàys Lodge opened its doors in June of 2012 and has had 110+ artists in residence come through the program since. The success of being in operations and celebrating a milestone of 10-year anniversary is a great achievement.



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