

## THE COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL OF RICHMOND AND ARTISANS' GALLERIA IN DANGER OF CLOSING AFTER 40 YEARS!

The Community Arts Council of Richmond became a provincially and federally registered charity 40 years ago. It's mandate was simple, to support and promote the arts, artisans and artists in Richmond.

During it's 40-year history it was instrumental in advocating and raising funds to build the current Richmond Arts Center and Gateway Theatre in Richmond, issued grants to dozens of art groups, donated thousands for scholarships to young performing artists, held many free events in Richmond and spent it's entire life following its mandate.

The CACR has made a difference in the lives of many people and groups and is responsible for making Richmond the progressive "arts aware" city it is today.

Now it may have to close! Government cuts in funding to the arts has meant that it is next to impossible to access grant funds. As a result they have used their hard-earned savings to continue to operate and the money is running out.

They desperately need major sponsorship and donations in order to continue to operate. Funding and sponsorship for their various exhibits helps to defray operating costs is needed to continue to operate.

The Artisans' Galleria is a "one of kind " gallery in Richmond. This is where they hold various events and exhibitions, which are always free to the public to view, as well as a location for local artists to display and sell their work, giving the public excellent quality at affordable prices. They do not make the normal markup, rather the larger portion goes to the artists, thereby helping to support and encourage them.

It is "public art" in an enclosed environment and it will soon disappear without funding. The Artisans' Galleria is proud to be a part of Steveston Village and brings many people to the village with their reputation and events. Their departure would leave a space that will never be filled.

So they are asking for the help of corporate and individual sponsors and donors and will issue a tax receipt for donations in excess of \$20.00, and will give public recognition to any major sponsors or donors.

Imagine a world without colour, form and beauty. That is a world without art.

Visit their website at [www.richmondartscouncil.org](http://www.richmondartscouncil.org) to see more of who they are and what they do. Call or visit the Galleria at 604-241-2790 to learn more and help them continue to produce great exhibitions and support the arts and artists!