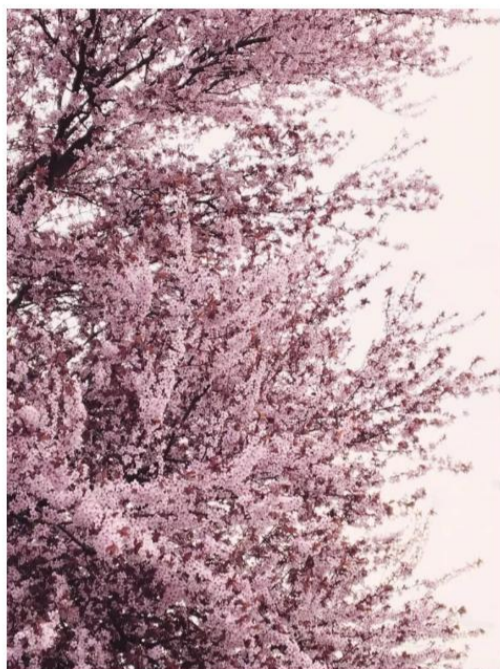


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## 2019 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Blossoms



The 2019 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival blossoms from April 4th to April 28th, highlighting the city's vibrant colourful cherry trees.

This year's record cold February gave way to some record warmth for the start of spring and now the city's Cherry trees are coming into bloom to welcome the new season.

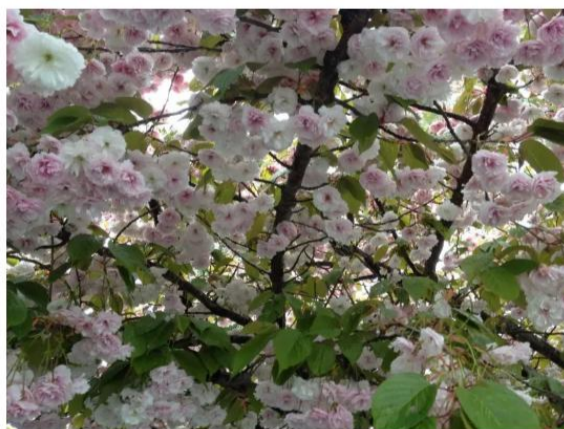
Once again the Festival kicks off with the Cherry Jam, a free concert on April 4th, at the

Burrard Station concourse. A festival atmosphere, the event features music by Zimbamoto, Katari Taiko, NoriNori & Kage, MNGWA as well as readings by the 2018 Haiku Invitational winners.

April 27th finds the Festival coming to a close with Big Sing, a free choral event that invites choirs and individuals to join the new free event for an uplifting and exhilarating public experience. Rehearsals for the Big Sing take place throughout the month around Metro Vancouver.

In the midst of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, Sakura Days Japanese Fair at Van Dusen Botanical Gardens (admission ticket required) returns April 13th and 14th. The popular event invites the public to enjoy Japanese Traditional Tea Ceremonies, Food, Sake, Haiku readings and Tree Talks and Walks through the gardens to soak up the beautiful blossoms all around the gardens.

Other community events during the Cherry Blossom Festival include; Haiku Invitational writing competition and Haiku workshop, The Big Picnic in Queen Elizabeth Park April 13th, BC Blossom Photo Watch, Bike The Blossoms on April 27th, Lantern Workshops.



Another highlight outside of the official Festival dates is the Sakura Night Gala at Stanley Park Pavilion on May 5th. The gala fundraiser celebrating Vancouver's top chef's with an asian influenced menu.

The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival runs all over the city from April 4th to April 28th, 2019 visit [vcbf.ca](http://vcbf.ca) for the full line-up of activities. Follow the Festival hashtag [#vancherryblossomfest](https://twitter.com/vancherryblossomfest) on social media to find out what others are exploring during the Festival