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## CELEBRATE OUR COASTS AND CANADA'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT VANCOUVER AQUARIUM'S NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM GALA

**Vancouver, B.C.** – [Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre](#) will be hosting a birthday bash like no other as it celebrates the nation's 150<sup>th</sup> year at its annual signature gala, [Night at the Aquarium](#), on Thursday, June 15.

Foodies, wine lovers, and ocean ambassadors alike will celebrate Canada and its incredible coastlines at this award-winning gala fundraiser that supports the Vancouver Aquarium's many conservation, research, and education programs. Setting the scene for a magical evening, the Aquarium galleries will become an enchanting underwater world – perfect for learning about marine conservation while marveling at the stunning colours in the Treasures of the B.C. Coast or the majesty of the sea lions.

"This year is a particularly special year for Night at the Aquarium as we celebrate a momentous milestone for our country. It will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration and one that will bring together so many of our longstanding friends, supporters, and partners for a night to remember in support of ocean conservation," said Dr. John Nightingale, president and CEO, Vancouver Aquarium.

Night at the Aquarium begins with a Taittinger champagne reception, featuring [cocktails](#) and [canapés](#) crafted by local sustainable seafood champions. The epicurean delight continues with an exquisite four-course seated dinner with dishes by some of B.C.'s premier chefs: Ocean Wise® Executive Chef Ned Bell, Araxi Restaurant's James Walt, Blue Water Cafe's Frank Pabst, and The Fish Counter's Rob Clark. Delectable wines from Kim Crawford, Sage Hills, and Meiomi, thirst-quenching beer from Red Truck Beer Co., and savoury Ocean Wise® caesars from Walter Caesar will complement the menu.

In addition to dynamic live music, guests can expect an impressive silent auction and a raffle for tickets for two to anywhere in the world that Air Canada flies. A much-anticipated and exhilarating live auction will keep guests on the edge of their seat as fantastic prizes – including a 13-day Northwest Passage and Greenland adventure from One Ocean Expeditions and a romantic four-night stay in an overwater bungalow at the Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora – go to the highest bidder.

In 2016, Night at the Aquarium raised more than \$460,000, which directly supported the Aquarium's many conservation programs, including [Ocean Wise](#), [Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup](#), the [Coastal Ocean Research Institute](#), and the [Marine Mammal Rescue Centre](#), the only one of its kind in Canada. The event was recently recognized at the Canadian Special Event Industry Awards for Best Event Produced for a Community-Based Charitable Organization.

Tickets for Night at the Aquarium cost \$350 and can be purchased at [www.vanaqua.org/nata](http://www.vanaqua.org/nata).

### **Vancouver Aquarium**

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