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Maritime Museum of BC Launches Summer Art Show “West Coast Celebration” Featuring Mark Hobson and Esther Sample

The Maritime Museum of BC is pleased to announce “West Coast Celebration”, the summer art show which features two prominent BC marine artists, Mark Hobson and Esther Sample. David Leverton, Executive Director of the Maritime Museum stated, “We are very fortunate to have such talented marine artists displaying their work during this summer period. Over the past two years we have featured a number of B.C. artists and look forward to continuing to highlight other amazing marine artists in the future.”



Mark Hobson and Esther Sample

About Mark Hobson

Mark has lived and painted in Tofino, B.C. for over 30 years. He was drawn to the outer coast community by the dramatic beauty and variety of the landscape. He is best known for his use of light in his portrayals of the coast and especially for his accurate underwater scenes. To find uninterrupted time to paint Mark travels north from Tofino into the heart of Clayoquot Sound. His floating studio is surrounded by wilderness, offering endless inspiration and the solitude to be creative. Visit the Mark Hobson Gallery for original paintings, limited edition giclées and paper prints. The gallery gift shop includes items such as calendars and art cards as well as block-mounted, matted & framed reproductions.



“Tug MV Songhee in How Sound” by Mark Hobson

About Esther Sample

Esther Sample is a primarily self-taught oil and acrylic painter that specializes in West Coast scenery. Deeply inspired by her previous career as a commercial fisherman and having grown up on the BC coast, Esther's artwork portrays the true beauty of West Coast lifestyle. Through her paintings, she shares her point of view and life experiences of the land she calls home. In addition to her passion for nature and painting, Esther spent years practicing the art of Muay Thai kickboxing. Having competed undefeated in the amateur circuit, she earned the title wins of BC Lightweight Champion in 2013, Pacific Northwest Coast Champion in 2015, and has earned her black belt. Esther's award winning paintings are collected around the world and have been published in a variety of books, magazines, and newspaper articles. Esther teaches acrylic workshops throughout the year.



"Coastal Playground" by Esther Sample

"West Coast Celebration" Show Details

Dates: May 21, 2018 to August 30, 2018 (10-5 daily)
Regular Museum admission applies
Art work is for sale

Launch Event Details:

The Maritime Museum of BC will be hosting an evening launch event for this summer show.

Location: Maritime Museum of BC
Date: May 23, 2018
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Cost: By donation

There will be a drink bar also by donation.

In addition to the launch event, Mark Hobson and Esther Sample will be at the Museum's annual Victoria Day Block Party on May 21st, 2018. Come down either date to hear about the show directly from the artists!

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