



## NANAIMO MUSEUM

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### Lunar New Year at Nanaimo Museum

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2010 is the Year of the Tiger, which begins on February 14, 2010 and ends on February 2, 2011. At Nanaimo Museum, however, the celebration get under way on Saturday, February 6 from 1-3 pm.

Brought to the community by the Nanaimo Chinese Cultural Society and the Nanaimo Multicultural Society, this is a must see family-oriented event that will feature plenty to see and do including the ever popular Lion Dance, which combines art, history and martial art moves.

According to the Khuan Yee Lion Dance Association, lion dancing represents a symbolic and important tradition of the Chinese culture.

The Lion Dance is most commonly seen during festivities such as Chinese New Year, weddings, and the opening of new businesses. The significance of the Lion Dance is that it is believed to bring good luck, prosperity, and happiness to communities.

Along with the Lion Dance, there will be many other musical performances as well as cultural games, refreshments and more.

Admission to the Lunar New Year celebration is by donation. The Museum is located in the conference centre at 100 Museum Way. For more information, call 250-753-1821 or visit [www.nanaimomuseum.ca](http://www.nanaimomuseum.ca).

### 2010: Year of the Tiger

The Tiger is the third sign in the cycle of Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animal signs. It is a sign of courage. This fearless and fiery fighter is revered by the ancient Chinese as the sign that wards off the three main disasters of a household: fire, thieves and ghosts.

### Born in the year of the Tiger?

Tiger people are sensitive, given to deep thinking, capable of great sympathy. They can be extremely short-tempered, however. Other people have great respect for them, but sometimes tiger people come into conflict with older people or those in authority. Sometimes Tiger people cannot make up their minds, which can result in a poor, hasty decision or a sound decision arrived too late. They are suspicious of others, but they are courageous and powerful. Tigers are most compatible with Horses, Dragons, and Dogs.

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Photo caption: The Lion Dance is one of the most popular activities during the Lunar New Year celebrations at Nanaimo Museum.





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