

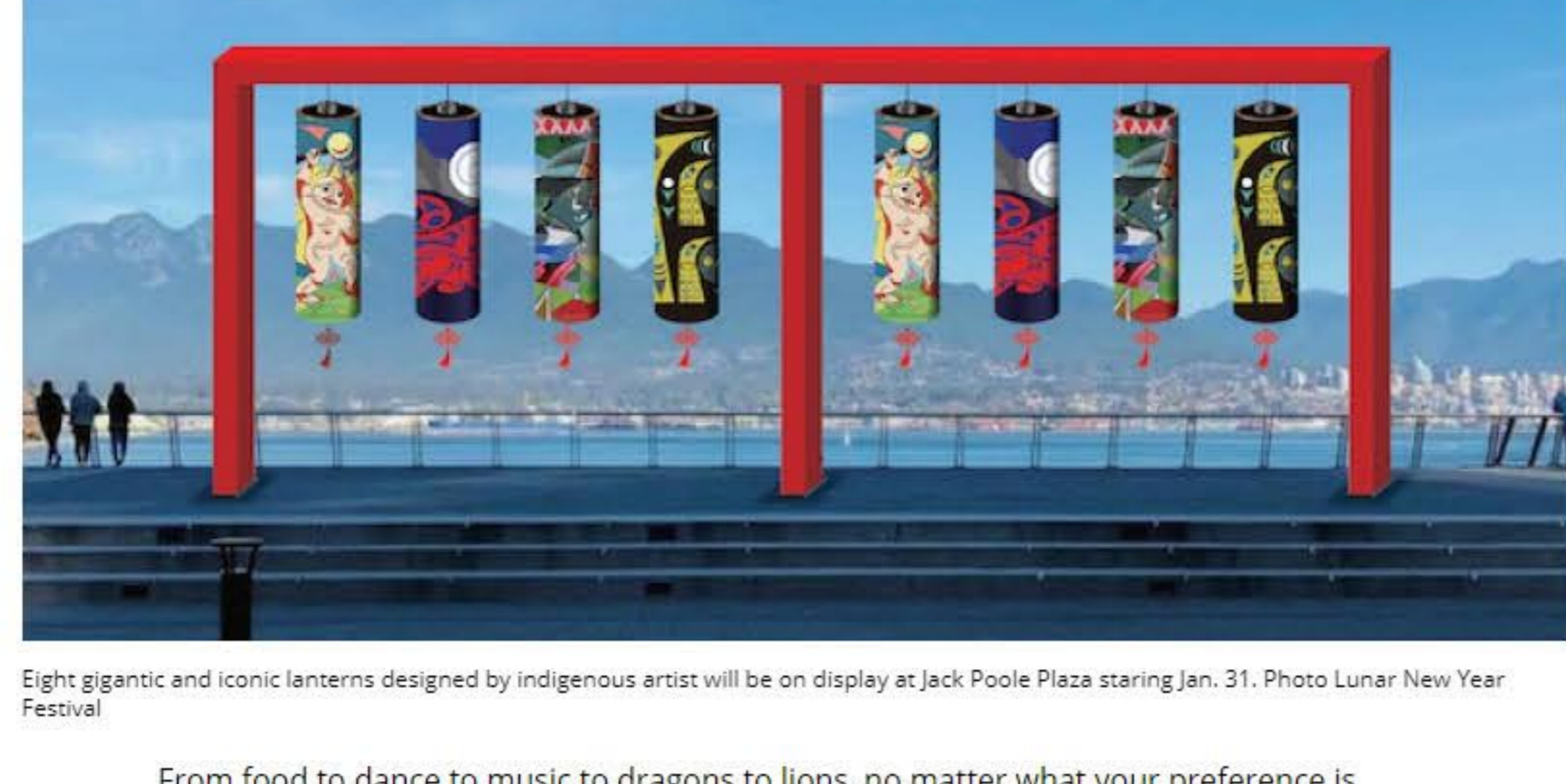
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Lunar New Year events to check out in Vancouver and Richmond

There are many ways to celebrate the Year of the Pig, but here are some highlights

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Eight gigantic and iconic lanterns designed by indigenous artist will be on display at Jack Poole Plaza starting Jan. 31. Photo Lunar New Year Festival

From food to dance to music to dragons to lions, no matter what your preference is there's a Lunar New Year event for that.

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Celebrate the Year of the Pig
Over 30 celebrations across Vancouver & Richmond. Slip in the Year of the Pig.

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Jan. 28: 6 p.m.

Spring Festival fundraising gala

Parq Vancouver: Grand Ballroom

This gala fundraising event is produced by Charlie Huang, owner of Vancouver's Peaceful Restaurant, and is in support of B.C. Children's Hospital's Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children Enhancement Initiative. Thousands of families from across the province visit Sunny Hill each year, seeking assessments, diagnoses and rehabilitation for a wide range of conditions affecting their child's development.

Sunnyhill is the only children's rehabilitation facility of its kind in B.C. The evening includes beautiful culinary creations, show-stopping food-carving demonstrations by renowned Chinese chefs, live dance and musical performances, and a live auction.

Feb. 8 to 10

Chinese New Year celebration

International Village Mall

International Village Mall's celebration gives Vancouverites an opportunity to experience traditional Chinese spring festivities and rituals with exhibition and sales booths on both the main and upper mall levels.

Drop by for Chinese New Year festive items, souvenirs, culinary delights, giftware, multicultural live performances, a lucky draw and more. This three-day event includes an opening celebration with a ceremonial lion dance.



The 遡芬 你 好 嘛 (Suk-Fong Nay Ho Mah) / Suk-Fong, How Are You? exhibit by artist Paul Wong is a highlight of the Lunar New Year celebrations at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. Photo Jennifer Gautier

Feb 10

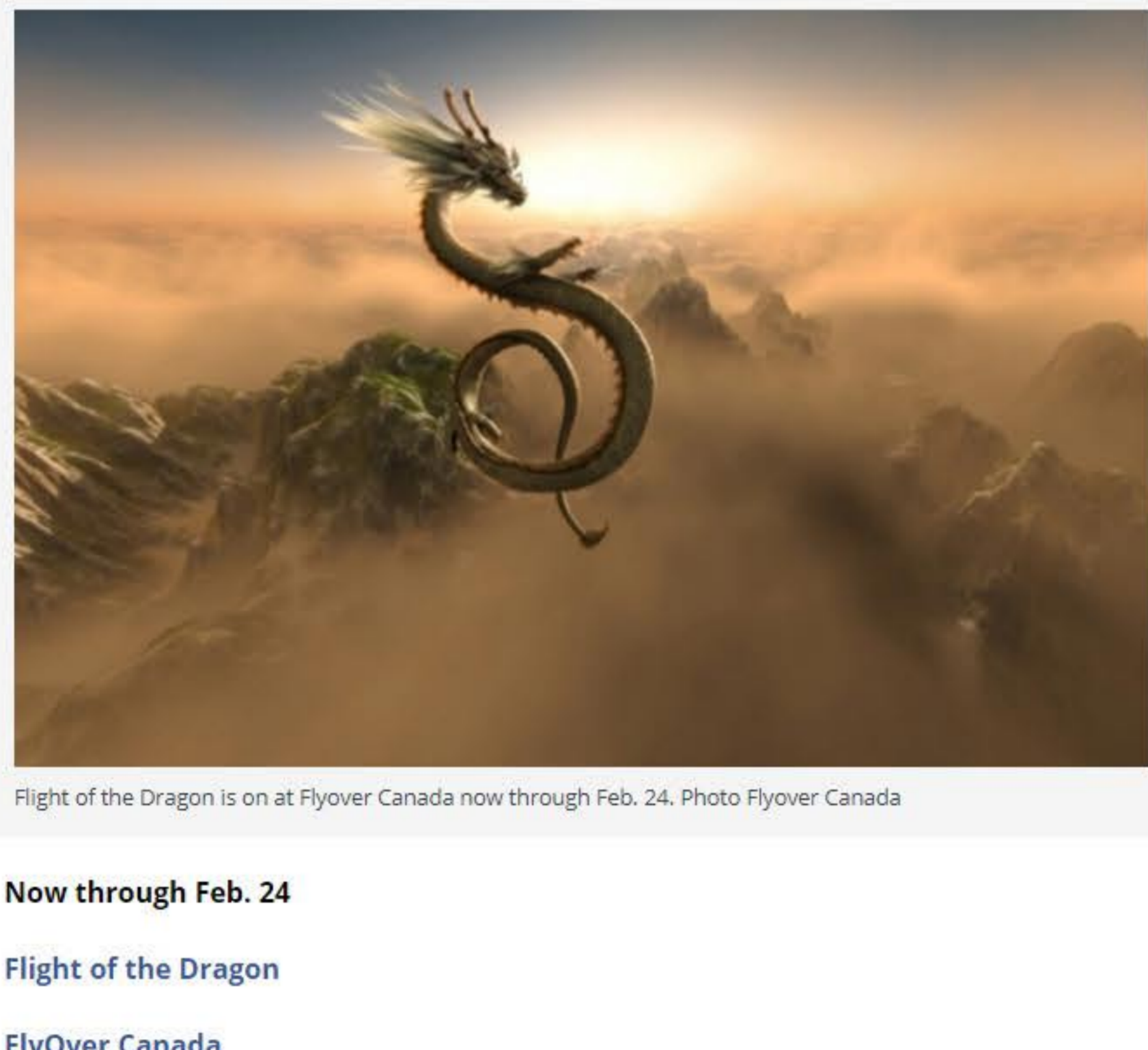
Year of the Pig Temple Fair

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Open to the public by suggested donation of \$5

This annual temple fair celebration returns in 2019 to usher in the Year of the Pig. The twelfth animal in the Chinese zodiac, the pig is a symbol of prosperity, its round cheeks full of good fortune.

Everyone is invited to this family-friendly event, where they can enjoy a lineup of traditional activities, explore the wares of local vendors, and take in the 遡芬 你 好 嘛 (Suk-Fong Nay Ho Mah) / Suk-Fong, How Are You? exhibition from artist Paul Wong.



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Jan. 30 to Feb. 18

Coastal Lunar Lanterns

Jack Poole Plaza

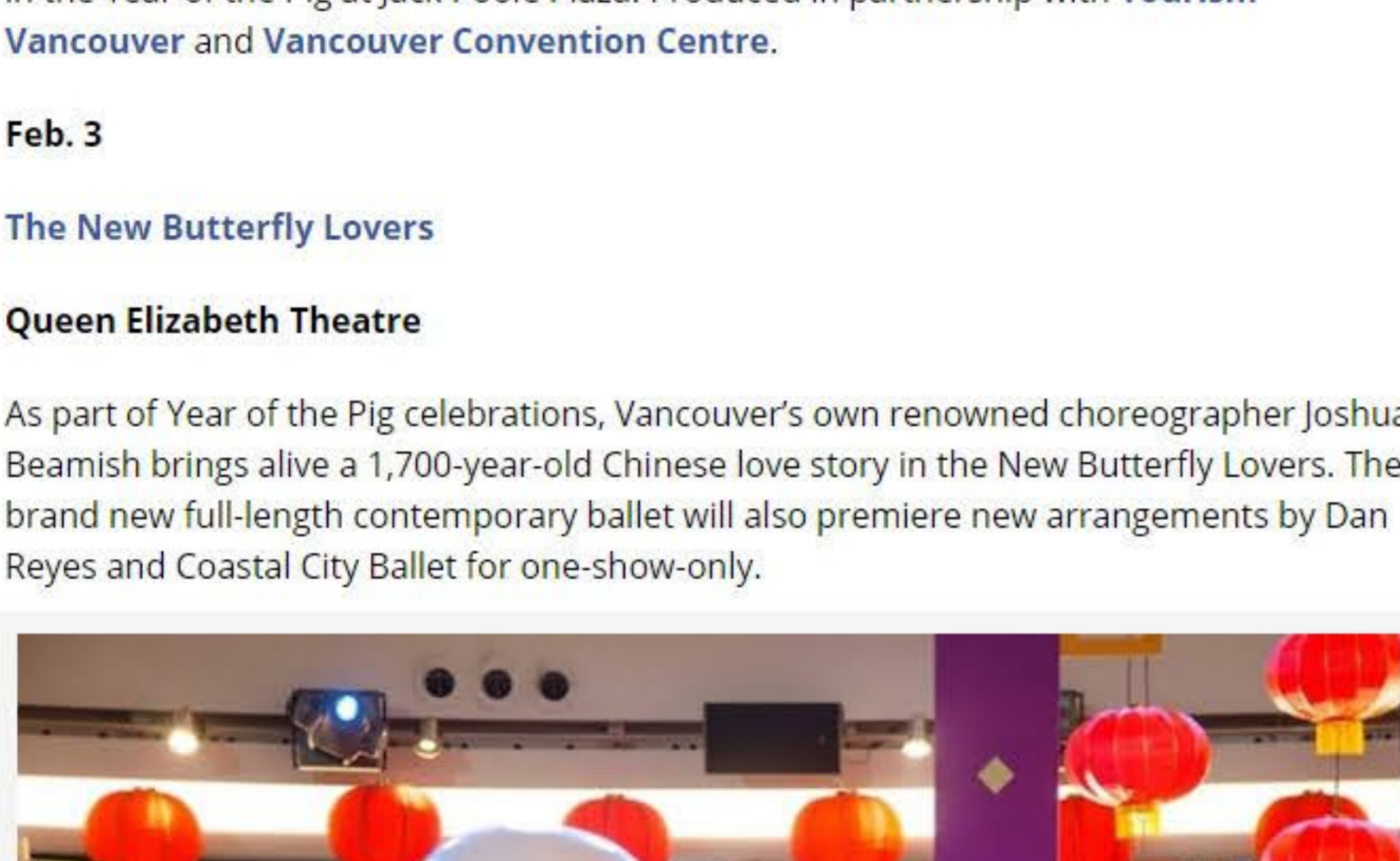
Eight gigantic and iconic lanterns designed by Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh artists and a guest indigenous artist from the Zihing tribe in Taiwan, will be raised to ring in the Year of the Pig at Jack Poole Plaza. Produced in partnership with Tourism Vancouver and Vancouver Convention Centre.

Feb. 3

The New Butterfly Lovers

Queen Elizabeth Theatre

As part of Year of the Pig celebrations, Vancouver's own renowned choreographer Joshua Beamish brings alive a 1,700-year-old Chinese love story in the New Butterfly Lovers. The brand new full-length contemporary ballet will also premiere new arrangements by Dan Reyes and Coastal City Ballet for one-show-only.



Countdown to Chinese New Year of the Pig at Aberdeen Centre Feb. 4. Photo Aberdeen Centre

Feb. 4

Live countdown shows to Chinese New Year of the Pig 2019

Aberdeen Centre

There will be two live variety stage shows presented by Fairchild Radio and Television featuring cultural performances by winners of the Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant, music, dance, fortune-telling, giveaways and more. There will also be a live broadcasted countdown to the Chinese New Year of the Pig.



A lion dance will kick off Lunar New Year festivities at Parq Vancouver Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Photo iStock

Feb. 5

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Parq Vancouver

Watch age-old traditions come to life at Parq Casino. A lion dance will kick off the festivities Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. while luminous lanterns, vibrant cherry blossom trees and hanging silk wisteria with magnolia adorn many of the other corners of Parq Vancouver. An embellished pop-up photo lounge and life-size zodiac calendars will make an appearance for guests to capture the magic.

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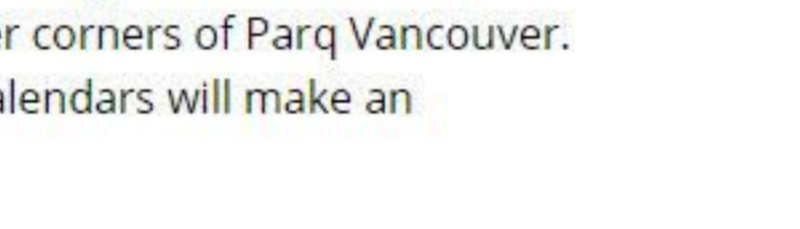
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