



Hi there!

We are excited to welcome you to the festival.

We hope reading the curtain speech beforehand will be helpful.

- This is the curtain speech we had in 2023. It might change a little for the 2024 festival and the new one will be here a week before the festival.
- Sometimes people add little things, or make a joke
- The parts in yellow are different for every show or building

If you need more information, please reach out at access@childrensfestival.ca.

See you at the show!

CURTAIN SPEECH TEMPLATE

Welcome to the 47th annual Vancouver International Children's Festival and today's performance of _____ by _____ from _____.

We wish to acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, stolen and unceded territories of the hə́nqəminə́m speaking, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and sə́lilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Watuth) people and the Sníchim speaking Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) people on whose territory we stand. We acknowledge the on-going cultural destruction of Indigenous peoples by Canada, particularly the atrocities committed against children. We commit to work with the Indigenous Peoples of this land to raise the voices of Indigenous children through creativity and play.

Let's give a big THANK YOU to our Festival Partners and Government Funders:

CMHC Granville Island, the BC Arts Council and The Province of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver, the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Canada Arts, Presentation Fund, and Canada Council for the Arts. And (partner for the show if there is one).

Plus, thank you to all sponsors, community partners, media, donors, and friends.

In the rare case that we need to evacuate the building, emergency exits are located

If you need to exit during the show for any reason...

Please take a moment to turn off your phones.

No photography or video is allowed during the performance.

Thank you and enjoy the show!