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ONE WORLD PERFORMANCE & EXPO – A SPRING TRADITION
Pearson College UWC'S Annual International Performance & Student Expo

VICTORIA, B.C. — A beloved Victoria spring tradition brings a world of international performances to the stage of the McPherson Playhouse as nearly 200 Pearson College UWC students present the annual One World Performance and Expo March 15 and 16.

One World is a mélange of multicultural music, dance and spoken word performances led by students from across Canada and around the world. Presented annually for more than three decades, students work together on every aspect of the performance and student expo from choreography, script-writing, creating costumes to lighting, sound, presentation and other technical support.

“One World is entertaining, engaging and inspiring,” says President and Head of College Désirée McGraw. “Today, Pearson students from very different countries and cultures are working together to create a professional-quality stage performance, tomorrow they will be working together to craft positive change in their communities and around the world.”

McGraw added a special guest performance by the Beecher Bay (Scia’new) First Nation’s drumming group, together with remarks by one of the Nation’s leaders, will welcome guests to all three performances this year. The First Nation and Pearson are working together on a variety of initiatives in the spirit of reconciliation as friends and neighbours.

Onstage, audiences will experience Pearson favourites like the powerful Gumbo dance from South Africa, the Ukrainian dance visual spectacle and a variety of original, impactful spoken word performances. In the McPherson lobby, the Expo features student-staffed displays highlighting community and worldwide service and engagement, the College’s unique approach to education and the 4,100 Pearson graduates making a difference around the world.

Discount tickets (*Royal McPherson Box Office / www.rmts.bc.ca / 250.386.6121*) are available now for the Friday matinee dress rehearsal with regular-priced tickets for Saturday afternoon and evening performances. The student expo runs before and after all shows in the McPherson lobby.

Times & Tickets:

DRESS REHEARSAL	Fri. 15 March @ 2 pm (All tickets \$12!)
MATINEE*	Sat. 16 March @ 2 pm*
EVENING*	Sat. 16 March @ 8 pm*
TICKETS*	\$30 adults / \$23 seniors, students
VENUE	McPherson Playhouse, 3 Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C.

About Pearson College:

In 1974, Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific was founded on a beautiful campus along the shores of the Pacific Ocean at Pedder Bay on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. We are proud and grateful to be living and learning on the unceded territory of the Scia'new (Beecher Bay) First Nation. Pearson is one of 17 UWCs (United World Colleges) worldwide.

Like all UWCs, the College believes that its mission – *to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future* – is transformational. Pearson is a two-year pre-university school for up to 200 exceptional students aged 16 to 19 selected to represent more than 100 countries in a given year and all regions of Canada who live, study, and grow together. The vast majority of Pearson students – 90% this year -- attend on full or partial scholarships made possible through generous individual and organizational donors.

To honour our commitment to deliberate diversity, many students are from regions of conflict, refugee backgrounds, and frequently from challenging socioeconomic backgrounds. To date, 14 Pearson alumni have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars.

Pearson College UWC offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, the most recognized and respected high-school diploma in the world. One of the first schools in North America to offer the IB program. Students are offered the opportunity to embrace a whole education – a powerful one that pays equal respect to academics, service, leadership, physical pursuits, creative expression, experiential learning and the lessons of learning and living together.

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