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THE
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THE PANAMA MARU IN VICTORIA: PERFORMING A HUNDRED YEAR RETROSPECTIVE



The Maritime Museum of B.C.,
28 Bastion Square, Victoria
Sunday, November 24, 2013, 3pm
Admission by donation

On October 17, 1913, the Japanese oceanliner *Panama Maru* steamed into Victoria's harbour. Among its passengers were 56 newcomers from India hoping to settle in Canada. Most were detained under Canada's Continuous Journey regulations, imprisoned at Victoria's immigration shed, and ordered deported by immigration officials. However, the passengers refused to give up. Support from the new South Asian communities in Victoria (centred in the newly completed Topaz Street gurdwara, 1912)

and Vancouver, and from EuroCanadian allies, prompted a legal challenge. The outcome in the Supreme Court of British Columbia surprised everyone, angered politicians in Victoria and Ottawa, sent shock waves across the Pacific, and set the stage for the Komagata Maru tragedy six months later. Join UVIC students on Sunday, November 24, 3pm in the courtroom of the B.C. Supreme Court at the Maritime Museum of B.C. for a creative performance of the trial and its aftermath. Reception to follow.

For more information, please call 250-721-7386

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