



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Van Vogue Jam Arts Society would like to recognize we are coming together on the unceded territories of **xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-waututh) Nations.** We seek to honour and uphold these ongoing relationships to the land and its stewards as we work on these territories.

CULTURAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As an organization that is founded by non Black and Latinx people we acknowledge our ongoing need to question and reflect on how we navigate practicing our ballroom scene here in Vancouver, BC. We know we do not have all the answers and are always looking to be better. We are always seeking and open to how we can better support the Queer/Trans Black and Brown folks that founded the culture we love and share through VVJ.

VAN VOGUE JAM STATEMENT

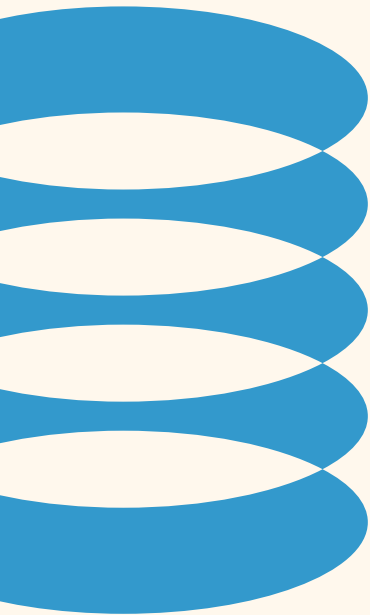
Throughout the past year, Van Vogue Jam Arts Society (VVJ) has made significant strides in enriching the Vancouver Ballroom scene. Key highlights include the dynamic IYKYK mini functions by Gago 007 at the Cobalt, our inaugural 7 panel at the annual Posh Ball in collaboration with Vancouver Pride, and the successful second Supernatural Ball organized by Salish Siriano and Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week. These events have not only showcased talent but also continue to foster community celebration and comradery

As we acknowledge these achievements, we remain committed to approaching the Ballroom scene with humility and respect, honoring its traditions and contributions. Looking forward, we are excited to support the establishment of the Vancouver Ballroom Alliance and collaborate on new initiatives led by and for Black Ballroom members. This work is a continued step towards helping build a Ballroom scene that connects not only to our local community, but to the Ballroom scene at large.

We'd like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all members for their dedication. Let us continue to embrace unity and celebration in the spirit of Ballroom. We look forward to seeing you on the FLOOR.

Love,
Ralph Escamillan and Serene Carter
VVJ Founder/Director and Board President





54

Classes & workshops

3,545

Spectators

\$38,870

to Ballroom Members

COMING UP IN 2024

- Super Kiki Ball - 3 March 2024
- 4th Annual Posh Ball - A
Canada Pride Event

BALLS

Everyday Ki Kiki Ball

January 18, 2023

The Cobalt, DJ Benny 007, Host Gago 007, 5 Grand Prizes, \$125 cash prizes.

The Wintour Is Coming Ball

26 February, 2023

w/ Vancouver Pride Society & VMF Winter Arts Winter Arts Hub/ Vancouver Art Gallery, DJ Dream Siriano, Host OA Mother Posh Gvasalia, 10 Grand Prizes, \$1,200 Cash prizes.

Posh's 30th Birthday Mini Kiki Ball

24 April 2023

The Birdhouse, DJ Benny 007, Host Gago 007, 9 Grand Prizes, \$650 cash prizes.

The 3rd Annual Posh Ball

28 July 2024

w/ Vancouver Pride Society D/6 Parq Vancouver, Legendary DJ Blackcatt, Host OA Mother Posh Gvasalia, 12 Grand Prizes, \$2,300 Cash prizes.

Spice Up Your Life Mini Kiki Ball

27th August, 2023

w/Downtown Van & Granville Block Party Robson Street Stage, DJ Benny 007, Host Gago 007, 6 Grand Prizes, \$400 Cash Prizes.

The Birdhouse Ball

7 October 2023

w/ Eastside Studios - The Birdhouse The Birdhouse, DJ Gago 007, Host OA Mother Posh Gvasalia, 8 Grand Prizes, \$700 Cash Prizes.

The Supernatural Kiki Ball

25 November 2023

w/ Vancouver Indigenous Fashion week & Salish Siriano Performance Works, DJ Benny 007 Host Salish Siriano, 11 Grand Prizes, \$2,575 Cash prizes.

1 July 2023

The Cobalt Cabaret, DJ Boyfriend YVR, Host Gago 007, 7 Grand Prizes.

IYKYK Mini Kiki Balls

28 September 2023

The Cobalt Cabaret, DJ Benny 007, Host Gago 007, 6 Grand Prizes.

16 November 2023

The Cobalt Cabaret, DJ Benny 007, Host Gago 007, 7 Grand Prizes, \$350 cash prizes.

21 December 2023

The Cobalt Cabaret, DJ Princess Ricky Andromeda, Host Gago 007, 8 Grand Prizes.