



**EAGLES
IN THE
CITY**
A BC Lions Society Project

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A PROJECT OF THE BC LIONS SOCIETY - NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1

The Eagle has Landed



Artist's Rendition by Mandy Boursicot

WELCOME ABOARD!

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Each issue of the Eagles in the City newsletter will list new partners, sponsors and artists who have come on board. Thank you everyone.

Every winter from November to February literally thousands of Bald Eagles arrive to migrate on the West Coast of British Columbia to feast on Salmon on the banks of our rivers and tributaries. The Bald Eagle makes a statement of strength, striking appearance, grace and personifies freedom.

With this in mind the Bald Eagle will migrate in 2009/2010 onto the streets of Vancouver, Vancouver Island and beyond to complete the trilogy of public arts projects by the BC Lions Society with the first being the Orca coming out of the water, the second being the Spirit Bear living on the land and now the third being the Bald Eagle soaring through the skies. All proceeds from this project will go to supporting children with disabilities.



Prototype of Eagle Sculpture

Local artists, in partnership with sponsoring individuals or organizations, will create a unique design and apply it to the surface of a 7 ½ foot custom formed fibreglass Bald Eagle sculpture. The Bald Eagle becomes the artist's canvas. Once the work is complete, the Bald Eagle will be displayed in prominent public spaces around participating cities with the majority being placed in Vancouver's downtown business core. A 'Bald Eagle Flight Path' showing the location of all the eagles will be created and distributed throughout participating communities.

Did You Know?

- Bald Eagles earned their name because "balde" is an old English term meaning "white".
 - A bald eagle's nest can weigh up to one ton!
 - A bald eagle's eyesite is 4 times sharper than a human with perfect vision.



The People's Choice Challenge

"Judson Beaumont (designer), Michael Cosman and Amy Lau (sculptors), along with all of the Straight Line Designs staff are so proud to be apart of the third installment of the upcoming "Eagles in the City Project" with the BC Lions Society.

Elvis Orca & Darth Bear- People's Choice Winners by Judson Beaumont

It all began when we were first approached by Stephen Miller of the BC Lions Society to produce the first 'Orcas in the City' project. We created the original Orca plug to be made into a mold to produce 3D canvasses for artists to work on. The success of that project led us to the second installment called the 'Spirit Bears in the City'. From the Orcas to the Bears, we've had great opportunity to create and express our imaginations and make them come to life!

As artists, working together in collaboration with business corporations all around B.C. to create such wonderful public art pieces for a children's charity, is something we all take pride in.

We take great pride in having received the Peoples Choice Awards for both projects, the "Elvis Orca" and "Darth Bear". It will be a welcome challenge to try to win again since there are many great artists out there that will be vying for that honor!"

- written by Straightline Designs

Eagles & Easter Seals

Did you know that the town of Brackendale, just outside of Squamish, hosts the largest population of bald eagles in North America? In January 2007, 1757 eagles were counted, and the most popular viewing point for these birds is the Eagle Viewing Dyke across from Easter Seals Camp Squamish.

Where your money goes...

The British Columbia Lions Society for Children with Disabilities is registered as a charitable organization and has been providing services throughout British Columbia since 1952.

We are dedicated to enriching the lives of children through a renewed focus on "Giving Children Abilities". We are committed to do all we can to enhance the lives of children with disabilities.

Our services include 3 Easter Seal Houses, 3 Easter Seal Camps, Easter Seal Buses, Patient Care Grants, the Lions Helipad at Vancouver Hospital, the Lions Laser Skin Centres, and Bursaries at Colleges. Our vision for the future is to continue building, not only specialized services and facilities, but young hearts and minds as well. Giving children with disabilities self-esteem, self-confidence and a sense of independence is what we are all about.

Where Have All the Animals Gone?

They graced our streets for months at a time - but now our beautiful Spirit Bears and Orcas have seemed to vanish! We thought you might be curious to know where in the world some of these sculptures have ended up:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- California
- Dinas Powis, Wales
- Florida
- France
- Jamaica
- London, UK
- The Netherlands
- Nevada
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Swindon, UK
- Switzerland
- Virginia
- Washington DC
- Washington State



2 Orcas in London, England



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