



LIBERTY AWARDS GALA

2013

Celebrating Excellence  
in Protecting and  
Promoting Freedoms  
in Canada

PERFORMANCE WORKS  
ON GRANVILLE ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

# WELCOME FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JOSH PATERSON

**W**elcome to the BC Civil Liberties Association's Liberty Awards Gala. We are thrilled that you are here to share this evening with us, celebrating individuals and organizations who are committed to civil liberties and human rights.

The BCCLA is in its 51st year, and our work is far from over. Governments are finding new ways all the time to infringe on civil liberties and fundamental human rights through their laws and policies - whether intentional or not. That's why your support continues to be essential to our work; shedding light on these rights violations and fighting them in the policy arena, the public discourse, and the courts.

Thank you so much for joining us tonight and for all of the different ways that you support this work. Enjoy yourself, and have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,  
Josh Paterson  
Executive Director





# LIBERTY AWARDS EVENT PROGRAM

## SCHEDULE

- 6:00 **Catered reception & silent auction**  
A selection of savoury and sweet canapés  
Music by Eric Wyness
- 7:30 **Program begins**  
Dessert service
- 7:45 **Welcome and opening remarks**  
with President Lindsay Lyster
- 8:00 **Liberty Awards ceremony**  
Performance by Shane Koyczan:  
*Instructions for a Bad Day*
- 9:00 **Keynote address**  
Dr. David Suzuki:  
*Democracy on the Line*
- 9:30 **Concluding remarks**  
Silent auction closes at 8:00 p.m.



## BAR OPTIONS

Cash accepted at the bars.  
Credit cards and cheques accepted at payment table.

### WINE

St. Hubertus Dry Riesling & Pinot Blanc  
Oak Bay Family Estate Winery Gamay Noir & Pinot Noir

Glass – \$6

Bottle – \$30

### BEER

Scandal Lager & Ale

Bottle – \$5

### NON-ALCOHOLIC

Ethical Bean coffee

Martinelli's cider

Nester's Market juices

Beverages are available at the bars  
in the lobby and in the hall.

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## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### Dr. David Suzuki

#### *Democracy on the Line*



An honorary director of the BC Civil Liberties Association, Dr. David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author, and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. He is a Companion to the Order of Canada and a recipient of UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for science, the United Nations Environment Program medal, and in 2009 he won the Right Livelihood Award.

Dr. Suzuki is a Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver

and holds 28 honorary degrees from universities around the world. He is familiar to television audiences as host of the multi-award winning long-running CBC science and natural history television series *The Nature of Things*, and to radio audiences as the original host of CBC Radio's *Quirks and Quarks*, as well as the acclaimed series *It's a Matter of Survival* and *From Naked Ape to Superspecies*.

In 1990 he co-founded The David Suzuki Foundation. His written work includes more than 54 books; 19 of them for children. Dr. Suzuki lives with his wife, Dr. Tara Cullis, and family in Vancouver, BC.

## 2013 LIBERTY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Liberty Award recipients are each devoted in their own ways to the cause of protecting and expanding hard-won democratic rights and freedoms; their collective contributions are invaluable – and essential – to the work of the BC Civil Liberties Association. Without their principled, creative and often courageous efforts to do right and seek justice, we would have a less free society.

### Excellence in Youth Activism Openmedia.ca



OpenMedia.ca is a youth-driven organization that fights for the open Internet, working toward informed and participatory digital policy. Led by Steve Anderson, Reilly Yeo, Lindsay Pinto, and Shea Sinnott, Openmedia played a key role in stopping federal legislation that would give unprecedented access to security forces to monitor an individual's online activity.

### Excellence in Legal Advocacy – Firm McCarthy Tetrault – Vancouver Office



Under the guidance of Michael Feder, the Vancouver office of McCarthy Tetrault has shown outstanding leadership through the provision of pro bono legal assistance to support the BC Civil Liberties Association's mandate of promoting and protecting human rights and civil liberties in Canada.

## 2013 LIBERTY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

### Excellence in Legal Advocacy – Individual

**Sheila Tucker, Lawyer**



Sheila Tucker, as co-counsel on *Carter v. Canada*, secured a watershed victory from the BC Supreme Court when the court ruled that the right to die with dignity is protected by the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. A lawyer at Davis LLP, she represented the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority in the litigation that affirmed the Authority's right to operate Canada's only safe injection site, Insite.

### Excellence in Journalism

**Brian Hutchinson, The National Post**



A journalist at The National Post, Brian Hutchinson is best known to the BCCLA for his investigative journalism on the theme of police accountability. He uncovered the "Cowboy Mountie" who was involved in the 2003 death of Clayton Alvin Willey, and his in-depth coverage of the more recent Missing Women Commission of Inquiry was unparalleled.

### Excellence in the Arts

**Shane Koyczan, Poet**



A spoken word poet, writer, and performer, Shane Koyczan has received notoriety for his ability to address and challenge discrimination through his poetry. He has performed at the 2010 Olympic opening ceremonies, and his poem *To This Day* has been viewed over 8 million times after being featured at the TED2013 conference.





# THE BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

## ABOUT THE BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

Since 1962, the BC Civil Liberties Association has existed to defend and preserve equality, liberty, freedom and justice in Canada. From our successes at the Supreme Court of Canada challenging censorship laws, as in the watershed Little Sister's Bookstore case, to our recent success in the BC Supreme Court for the right to choice and dignity at the end of life, our work seeks to battle discrimination, fight for democratic rights, and challenge practices that offend human dignity.

In addition to our victories in the courts, for the last half a century we have been actively advancing human rights and civil liberties causes through our public education, policy and law reform work, and individual casework program. We offer educational resources and workshops on issues as diverse as accountability in policing, rights to expression and association, and equality before the law.

We work cooperatively with other groups on common causes, but we are unaffiliated with any other organization or political group. Our independence has been one of the BC Civil Liberties Association's enduring strengths for over 50 years.

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## PEOPLE

The BCCLA is so grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, without whom this evening would not be possible.

### LIBERTY AWARDS GALA COORDINATORS

Stefanie Ratjen

Charlotte Kingston

Kelly Douglas

Chaerean Kim

Sumra Mahmoud

Erin Pavan

Sally Shin

Jes Simkin

### EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Sandborn

Jacob Hunter

Eric Wyness

Muriel Groves



## BY THE NUMBERS

In 2012, the BC Civil Liberties Association achieved a number of important successes in defending and promoting human rights and civil liberties in Canada. Here's a snapshot:

87%

87% decrease in Taser use by police forces thanks to BCCLA advocacy around the Robert Dziekanski tragedy.

2,000

Almost 2,000 people helped by our lawyers and case-workers, across BC, including the families of several people killed or seriously injured in police custody.

5,686

5,686 people attending 97 events hosted by the BCCLA or featuring BCCLA speakers, an increase of 32% in our annual audience.

1st

The inaugural meeting of our new Families for Police Accountability group of families affected by police-involved and in-custody deaths.

36

36 active cases for our litigation department, including Gloria Taylor and our legal team's remarkable victory to protect her right to a death with dignity.

9

9 handbooks and scholarly reports released on topics as diverse as BC's justice system, how to protect your medical record privacy, the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry and the Internet spy bill proposal.

2,000

2,000 BCCLA "apps" teaching people about arrest rights downloaded by Android and iPhone users in the first two months of release.



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