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VANHOOVER PONY EXPO ANNOUNCES 2020 VENUE, THEME, AND GUESTS

Event organizers promise a tropical weekend of fun with fan-favourite guests!

VANCOUVER – Today, Vanhoover Pony Expo is proud to announce the first details about its upcoming 2020 event. Vanhoover Pony Expo will return for its second year on January 10-12, 2020 at the Executive Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC.

Vanhoover Pony Expo is the only My Little Pony fan convention currently operating in Canada and caters to young and old fans alike, with children under 12 comprising nearly 20% of last year's attendance.

"Following the tremendous success of our inaugural 2019 event, we can't wait to welcome *My Little Pony* fans of all ages back to Richmond for a weekend filled with family activities, panels, games, crafts, laughter, shopping, music, and fun as we once again celebrate the magic of friendship," said Convention Chair Rob Harrison. "As always, we thank the BC Anthropomorphic Events Association for helping make this event possible."

Vanhoover Pony Expo is also excited to reveal the convention theme for its 2020 event. "Tropical Canada" will see attendees take a break from the Canadian winter with white-sand beaches, palm trees, and warm ocean waves. "We invite attendees to come join our convention mascots Sunny Showers and Trail Blazer as they host the Princesses of Caneighda, Princess Apricity and Princess Poutine, on a tropical January getaway right in the heart of Richmond," said Harrison.

Lastly, Vanhoover Pony Expo is incredibly excited to announce its first two guests for 2020.

Chiara Zanni is a professional actress and voice actor who has starred in numerous productions including *What About Mimi*, *About a Girl*, *Good Luck Chuck*, *X-Men II*, *Supernatural*, and *Stargate: Atlantis*. On *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic* she is the voice of the fan-favourite reclusive author-adventurer Daring Do. Chiara will be the perfect guide for attendees' tropical adventure in Richmond this January!

PixelKitties is one of the biggest names in *My Little Pony* art. She is probably best known for her work creating unique autograph images for the cast and crew of *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*. She also designs official pony shirts, playmats, game cards, and merchandise.

We encourage everyone who is interested in more information and updates about Vanhoover 2020 to please check out our <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook page</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>. Registration and hotel block are now open! Children 12 and under attend for free (registration and accompanying guardian required)!

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