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## **Announcing the 1st Vancouver Rollerskate Festival @ The Shipyards**

### ***The fun and fitness rolls into North Vancouver on April 4***

**North Vancouver, BC** - For the first time since the Stardust rink closed in 1983, roller skating is back in North Vancouver! Rolla Skate Club is proud to present **the inaugural Vancouver Rollerskate Festival at The Shipyards on Saturday, April 4 from 10am to 10pm**. All kinds of roller skating will be celebrated with lessons, an all-ages open skate session, roller derby bout, and an adults-only Neon Nights skate party to close out the event.

"Roller skating is making a huge comeback, with more options than ever to have fun, get fit, and meet new skate friends," says event organizer Carla Smith. "We want to celebrate by connecting the skate community from around BC and Washington to learn, grow, and roll together."

A morning of **roller skate workshops** will kick off the festivities, with options **for beginners to experts, ages 6 to 86**. Beginner skaters can take a free lesson to get started and experienced skaters can upgrade their skills at workshops with world-class instructors. Everyone can practice their moves at the **all-ages open skate session** in the afternoon or later on at the **adults-only Neon Dreams Roller Rink party**. (Pre-registration is recommended for most of these events, as space is limited.)

Rolla Skate Club's Roller Derby Boot Camp program is also presenting a **public roller derby bout**. Sports fans will not want to miss the fast and furious Black vs. Blue showdown, which is free to watch and will be tons of fun for the whole family.

There will also be **roller dance performances** by the Van City Skate Squad and Roller Skate Victoria, a CIB Crew **park skating meetup**, and an appearance by **Vancouver Junior Roller Derby**.

This event ushers in the spring roller skating season at The Shipyards - **Rolla Skate Club will be there every Sunday this spring starting March 29th, for community skating from 2-5pm**, with free admission and \$10 skate rentals (\$8 for kids).

### **About Rolla Skate Club**

*Rolla Skate Club is creating a global movement of empowerment, and they're using roller skates to do it. With a focus on women, youth and non-binary skaters, they believe that you can be as powerful in your life...as you are on your skates. From beginner skills to roller dance, roller derby or the Seawall, they'll get you rolling with their skating classes offered six days a week in Vancouver.*

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**LISTING INFORMATION - Vancouver Rollerskate Festival @ The Shipyards**

**Date:** Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10am - 10pm

**Schedule:** 10am - 2:45pm – Skate Workshops  
3 - 3:30pm – FREE beginner skate lesson  
3 - 6pm – All-ages roller rink  
6 - 7pm – FREE roller derby bout  
7 - 10pm – ‘Neon Nights’ adults-only roller rink party

**Admission:** Workshops - \$25 each, \$40 for two, \$50 for four  
Family skate session - \$10 rentals for adults, \$8 for kids  
Neon Dreams adult party - \$15 with own skates, \$25 with rentals  
Full festival passes available

**Address:** The Shipyards  
125 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver, BC V7L 0G5

**Info and tickets:** [rollaskateclub.com/events](http://rollaskateclub.com/events)