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HERITAGE MINUTES

PALDI HERITAGE MINUTE SCREENING



In celebration of Sikh Heritage Month, please join us in the premiere screening of a new Heritage Minute by Historica Canada that showcases the rich cultural heritage of Paldi, a welcoming and inclusive town founded by immigrants on Vancouver Island, BC.

JOIN US ON APRIL 19TH @ 6PM
F BUILDING, UFV ABBOTSFORD CAMPUS
 All are welcome and dinner will be served
 RSVP by April 17th: sasi@ufv.ca

Paldi Heritage Minute – First of its Kind!

April 27, 2023 by SASI

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To celebrate Sikh Heritage Month (2023), Historica Canada released a new Heritage Minute about the historic mill town of **Paldi, BC**. It is the first Heritage Minute to highlight a South Asian Canadian story as well as the first to be released in **Punjabi** (in addition to **English** and **French**).



Dr. Bains with Tarun Keram (Mayo Singh).

Photo credit Anaïsa Visser

SASI Director Dr. Satwinder Bains was on-set during the 2-day shoot as a historical consultant and said: “Mayo and Bishan Kaur’s story evoked in me a poignant indebtedness to the early Sikh settlers who helped build our beautiful province. As an immigrant myself, I am extremely proud of our rich and vibrant history that has been captured in this Heritage Minute.”



On April 19th, the day of the launch, SASI hosted a premiere screening of the Paldi Heritage Minute with many members of the cast and crew present. Dr. Bains moderated a Q&A with directors Anaïsa Visser and Hayley Gray, and actors Mannu Sandhu and Tarun Keram who played Bishan Kaur and Mayo Singh, respectively. The discussion touched on the significance of telling this story through the lens of Bishan Kaur, wife of Paldi founder Mayo Singh, and of highlighting the women of different backgrounds who made up Paldi, especially during a time when racialized immigrants were unwelcome in Canada.

Within 3 days of the launch, the Paldi Heritage Minute received over 1 million views, serving as a hopeful reminder that there is a large audience for South Asian Canadian stories, both at home and abroad.

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Kalwant Singh Nadeem Parmar

APRIL 28, 2023 AT 1:01 AM

It gives me a great pleasure to ‘see my elders (in -law family) being recognise who sacrificed their live to get the rights and the freedom we are enjoying now.
Congratulations and many thanks.
Keep up the good work.

Comments are closed.

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