



TORONTO

*David Bowie exhibit at Ontario gallery next*

THE next stop of an exhibition on the career of singer David Bowie will be the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto.

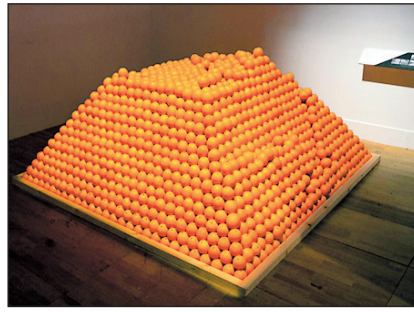
"David Bowie is" is at London's V&A Museum until today. The V&A Museum curated the exhibit and says it has been staying open until 10pm to meet demand. Attendance has been about 300,000.

This exhibition is the first international retrospective of the

musician's five-decade career.

It includes more than 300 items, including handwritten lyrics, original costumes, album artwork, set designs and performance materials.

After Toronto, the exhibition will move to the Museum of Image and Sound in São Paulo before coming to Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art in US from September 2014 to January 2015. Later exhibitions will be in Paris and the Netherlands.



HONG KONG

*Photo contest for Animals Asia*

HONG Kong-based Animals Asia Foundation announced that it will start its annual photo contest this month to celebrate this year's World Animal Day that falls on October 4.

With the theme "Sharing love with them," the one-month event aims to share the lovable relationship between humans and furry friends, to raise people's awareness of strays, promote the idea of not eating companion animals, and pass along thoughts of how to become a responsible owner.

People from around the world are invited to upload the original photos of animals. This year's photo contest has the award categories "We are family," "The most touching eyes," and "Stray angels." Photos must be submitted at the end of August. Award winners will be announced on September 26.

Karen Mok, the famous Hong Kong actress and singer, who is keen to promote the benefits and welfare of animals, is the spokesperson of Animal Asia as well as the face of a series of events during World Animal Day. She said, "I believe that many people like to record their memories with their pets with cameras, and I am really looking forward to enjoying all the touching stories. Let's work together to show our love and care to our animal friends."

There will be awards for winners, whose works will join a nationwide exhibition.



SINGAPORE

*Giant flowers part of Croatian's dream*

A MAGNIFICENT 15-foot fiberglass amethyst flower bloomed outside the ArtScience Museum on Marine Bay Sands in Singapore on Tuesday.

Titled "Love," the sculpture is one of the 15 art installations of the "Love & Peace" collection by Croatian artist Ana Tzarev. All 15 feet in size, these flowers are hailed as the world's largest collection of art installation.

The art is inspired by a childhood habit of the 76-year-old artist, a child of war in Croatia, of picking flowers from the graves surrounding her and planting them at home. She believed

the power and beauty of flowers can connect different nations.

"I want these striking and vibrant sculptures to attract people and encourage them to tell their stories and share their experiences. My dream is for my flowers to act as beacons and rallying points across the planet — bringing people together on a global scale," said Tzarev.

The flowers have traveled many places across the world, including London, Venice, New York, Prague and Rome. The next appearance is in Beijing in January.

PITTSBURGH

*Live video from Warhol gravesite for birthday*

THE Andy Warhol Museum is launching a live video feed from the pop artist's gravesite to honor his 85th birthday.

The project, a partnership with the EarthCam webcam network, was going live Monday at midnight, the museum said.

Warhol museum Director Eric Shiner said the project is titled "Figment"

because of a Warhol quote in which the artist said, "I always thought I'd like my own tombstone to be blank. No epitaph and no name. Well, actually, I'd like it to say, 'Figment'."

The suburban Pittsburgh gravestone has Warhol's original surname, Warhola, the dates of his birth and death and a cross. Warhol's 85th birthday would have been Tuesday. He died in 1987.



LONDON

*Dylan portraits going on display*

PORTRAITS by Bob Dylan are going on display at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

The 72-year-old singer-songwriter has been exhibiting his artwork for six years, but these 12 new pastel sketches have not been shown. The display is a departure for the gallery, which showcases portraits of prominent Britons. The gallery says Dylan's images are "an amalgamation of features the musician has collected from life, memory and his imagination and fashioned into people, some real and some fictitious."

Art historian John Elderfield, who helped bring the works to London, this week called the paintings "products of the same extraordinary, inventive imagination" that produced Dylan's songs. "Bob Dylan: Face Value" runs August 24 to January 5.