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## VGH and UBC Hospital Foundation fundraiser featured Hong Kong stars

Good cause: Fairchild Group chairman Thomas Fung and wife Amy also hosted a garden party for 80 guests



HORT TIME PASSING: Fans crowded Fairch-ild Group chairman-CEO Thomas Fung's Aberdeen Centre to see Hong Kong actor-singer Raymond Lam and 11 other stars who would later perform at Fairchild's banquet-benefit for VGH and UBC Hospital Founda-tion. Between those appearances, they dined in the garden of Fung and wife **Amy**'s estate-like home. What the entertainers and 80 or what the entertainers and 80 or so other guests hardly expected, though, was to see Fung front a trio and sing a medley that, with water restrictions tightening, included the possibly prophetic Where Have All The Flowers Gone?

HOPE SPRINGS: The refrain four Fung guests doubtless hope to hear is: Where has all the lung cancer gone? Two of them are BC Cancer Agency lung-tumour BC Cancer Agency lung-tumour chairman **Dr. Stephen Lam**, and VGH thoracic-surgery head and B.C. lung transplant program director **Dr. John Yee**. The others, Viva Pharmaceutical Inc. president-CEO **Jason Ko** and wife **Emily**, recently volunteered \$1 a million to find volunteered \$1.2 million to fund a first-in-Canada demonstration project for the early detection and treatment of lung can-cer using innovative screening strategy and advanced computer imaging.

Lung cancer may kill 2,500 in B.C. this year. Half of patients have never smoked and a growing number are women, Yee

Lam and Yee believe their program's five years of observ-ing 2,000 high-risk persons will show ways to identify early-stage tumours long before patients experience what are often fatal symptoms. Such early warnings would make early warnings would make remedial surgery feasible while reducing costly late-stage diag-noses and debilitating chemo-therapy and radiation therapy. As well as driving down lung cancer's financial cost soci-ety-wide, successful screen-ing should spare many from the physical and psychological burden of enduring an incurable disease

According to Lam and Yee VGH has the expertise and facilities to guide public policy toward apprehending the most common cause of cancer-related death worldwide. Not with public money, either, but by the generosity of a philanthropic,

faith-observant couple.

FINGERS CROSSED: Deighton Cup organizers likely pray that the weekend's predicted and otherwise-welcome rain holds off for their traditionally sunny dress-up party at Hastings Racetrack today. Likewise that there won't be a repeat of last year's first-race tragedy when three-year-old Skimming The Sky fell at the finish line and was euthanized. AND AT 'EM: The announce-

ment of a record \$540,000 fundraising cheered Ballet BC dancers, artistic director **Emily Molnar**, Founders' Council members and guests at an al fresco reception on the Scotiahank Dance Centre's rooftop patio. Fitting location, too, for an outfit that has reached for the sky since digging itself out of a fiscal grave in 2009.

After a 2014/15 season that included being the first Canadian company to open the Jacob's Pillow Festival in Massachusetts, Ballet BC will tour Britain where executive director **Branislav Henselmann** was executive producer of the



Actor-singer Raymond Lam and 11 other Hong Kong-based stars entertained at Fairchild's All-Star Charity Gala in the Convention



Physicians John Yee and Stephen Lam will administer a \$1.2-million funded by, standing in front, Jason and Emily Ko.



City-raised Sauder School Vancouver Gloria Tang co-hosted the Fairchild charity gala.

Michael Clark company.

KIT AND ACE ACES KITS: It was déjà lu as well as vu for **Chip Wilson** when wife **Shan**non and son J.J. (John James) opened a branch of their Gas-town-based Kit and Ace garment firm on Fourth Avenue recently. One block away in 1998, Wilson debuted the first and still-flourishing outlet for the Lululemon Athletica concern he'd founded He quit that now-international enterprise in 2014 and, with some \$2 billion in his billfold, seems keen to see fashion-biz lightning strike again.
It's certainly flashing. Dallas

and Honolulu Kit and Ace stores opened the same day as Kitsila-no's, Melbourne, New Orleans and Sydney are due in September. A London pop-up will soon locate permanently and, with expansion to Asia, year-end 2015's 30 stores should become 50 in 2016. "We look at the last year as

beta," J.J. said. "Seeing what



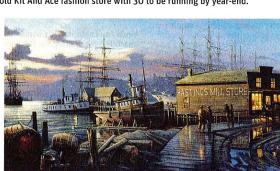
Ballet BC's, standing, Christof von Riedman, Scott Fowler, Livona Ellis, Peter Smida, Emily Chessa, Alexis Fletcher and, front, Kirsten Wicklund, Rachel Meyer, Andrew Bartee, Gilbert Small and Emily Molnar celebrated a completed \$540,000 fundraising and a British tour ahead.



Shannon, J.J. and Chip Wilson opened a Kitsilano branch of their yearold Kit And Ace fashion store with 30 to be running by year-end



Thomas and Amy Fung hosted an at-home garden party before his Fairchild firm's banquetbenefit for VGH and UBC Hospital Foundation.



Local marine artist John Horton's rainy-sunset painting of Hastings Mill Store evokes an atmosphere that no photograph from 1908 could

colours, etc. people want," said Shannon, who added that Kit and Ace will add several styles

and accessories this fall. **AS WE WERE:** "From today, painting is finished," Romantic painter **Paul Delaroche** said on seeing Louis Daguerre's camera images in 1839. Painters are still setting him straight, with some evoking distant times better than many photos do. Take local marine artist John Horton's canvas of Hastings Mill that makes 1908 Vancouver's rainy-sunset harbourfront all but come alive. Magic.

TEN YEARS AGO: City

writer-director Richard **Bell** had just completed the \$800,000 feature film Eighteen, narrated by present-day Mr. Holmes star **Sir Ian McKel**len. Its soundtrack song Heart-beat later won a Genie award for Bell and Vancouver Symphony Orchestra maestro Bramwell Tovey. Bell's own heart skipped beats in 2005 when he got into a fender-bender while chauffeurrender-bender while chautreur-ing Eighteen star Alan Cum-ming in a BMW borrowed from dealer Brian Jessel. "Relax," Jessel said, shrugging. "It's only

Bell's next picture, Brother-



Moviemaker Richard Bell prepared to tell unconcerned dealer Brian Jessel, left, of once crashing a BMW he'd borrowed to chauffeur a visiting star.

hood, is based on a tragic 1926 event that saw several of 13 teenage boys drown overnight after a storm capsized their Indian war

**DOWN PARRYSCOPE:** That non-surgical circumcision device in Wednesday's Sun looked mighty like one with which **Dr.** Alexander Ross surprised cocktail-party guests here a generation ago.

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