

## Raj Sen Appointed Executive Director of Open Space Arts Society

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Victoria — The Board of Directors of Open Space Arts Society are pleased to announce the appointment of Raj Sen as Executive Director of the Victoria-based artist-run centre, effective immediately.

Raj has been serving as Acting Executive Director since June 1, 2018 and has led the organization through an exciting transitional period. During this time, Open Space has recommitted to presenting vital interdisciplinary programming from diverse perspectives and to spurring discussion and action on decolonizing the arts in Victoria. As Acting Executive Director, Raj has stabilized and increased Open Space's core funding, brought the organization back to its full staff complement, and made way for new communities to engage with the organization.

Before his arrival at Open Space, Raj worked in the international contemporary art world as director of the Singapore branch of Sundaram Tagore Gallery and as a project manager for exhibitions at the Bangkok Arts & Culture Centre and the Ayala Museum in Manila. In 2015 he was the Managing Director of Frontiers Reimagined, a successful Collateral Event at the 56th Venice Biennale. Raj spent the majority of his youth in B.C. on Coast Salish and Kwakwaka'wakw territories and studied History in Art at the University of Victoria.

"The Open Space Board has been impressed by all Raj has accomplished during his first year, as well as his vision to connect the work Open Space is doing in Victoria to the global art community. We're confident in a bright future for the organization with him at the helm," said Charles Campbell, President of the Board of Directors.

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