



Pacific National Exhibition

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2nd Annual PNE Invitational Sand Castle Competition

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Vancouver, B.C.: The brightest talents in the world of sand sculpture will arrive in August in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to compete at the 2nd annual PNE Invitational Sand Sculpture Competition. Now one of the largest invitational events in the world, this popular event returns to the PNE this year with a spectacular international sand castle building demonstration and competition.

Professional Sand Sculptors David Billings, Andrew Briggs, and David Dureault return to the Fair to bring you a two-week Sand Sculpture demonstration, followed by a 5-day intense competition by World-renowned sand sculptors from Spain, the United States, the Netherlands, Mexico, and Canada!

2006 International Sand Sculpture Competitors:

Brett Stocker

Canada

Brett Stocker was born in Kenya & immigrated to Parksville, B.C., Canada in 1978. He began sculpting 1996, and has since gone on to win several major international events. He has also competed in Ice and Snow carving in Russia and the United States.

Damon Langlois

Canada

Damon Langlois is a sculptor and designer on the west coast of Canada in Victoria, British Columbia. With over a decade of experience sculpting sand with "The Sandboxers" sculpture team, he has won numerous awards and accolades. Damon's reputation as a highly skilled sculptor has taken him to events across the US and all over the world from Belgium to South Africa.

Bill Dow

United States

A world renowned sand sculptor, this Montana native has been carving in sand since 1995. Bill carves individually as well as part of several competitive teams. He has carved all over the world, and is the owner of Montana Sand Art, a professional sand art display company.

Remy Geerts

Holland

Known for his inventive style, Remy Geerts is one of the most well known sand sculptors in the world. He has competed across the globe in both sand and ice events.

Calixto Moline Navarrete

Mexico

Born in San Marcos, Mexico, Calixto is a graduate of the National School of Painting, Sculpture and Engraving in Mexico, as well as La Esmeralda, the National Institute of Bellas Artes.

Calixto has competed around the world in major sand sculpture events and competitions.

Event Schedule:

August 16th – 19th

Preparation/Set-up of Competition and
Demonstration Events

August 19th – September 1st

Creation of Demonstration Sculpture

August 29th – September 2nd

2006 PNE International Sand Sculpture
Competition

Judging to take place from September, 2nd from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Prizes to be announced September 2nd at 3:00 pm

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, operations and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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