



## Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Thursday 19 Nov	Films: <a href="#">FVH Film night</a> <b>Bilingual</b>	Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng St	7:30 PM (1 hrs)	Hang <a href="mailto:nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.com">nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.com</a>
Tuesday 24 Nov	City Walks: <a href="#">Hàng Da Market Area</a> <b>Japanese</b>	In front of Hàng Da market, Đường Thành St	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Reina, Kunio <a href="mailto:herijapan@yahoo.co.jp">herijapan@yahoo.co.jp</a>

Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH) is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries who work voluntarily to promote and preserve Vietnamese cultural and historical heritage. With a cadre of dedicated volunteers and limited financial resources, FVH is proud to offer an array of events like those listed above and detailed on the following pages.

Due to financial obligations incurred by FVH while planning events, please register for events in advance as space is limited. If you must cancel fewer than 24 hours before the event, or if you do not show up, you are kindly requested to pay the event fee.



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## **English Speaking Volunteers**

An opportunity to support the education of Vietnamese children/youth

On the last Sunday of each month FVH will travel to the small village of Phú Thịnh very near Phủ Thành Chương, approximately 30 kilometers north of Hanoi. There, Mr. Hiên, a dedicated philanthropist has built up his "Chúng em yêu sách Library" for the village youth. In this beautiful rural setting, we meet 20 to 25 of his students aged 9 to 16 years. We will help with reading, writing and speaking skills with these enthusiastic students.

### **SCHEDULE**

11:00 AM - Group will travel by public bus and depart Hanoi from the Long Biên bus station.

12:30 PM - Arrive in village; take a short break to have lunch.

02:00 PM - Start meeting with students.

04:00 PM - Take bus back to Hanoi arriving at the Long Biên station around 6PM.

We are in need of 6 to 10 interested individuals (you do not have to be an English teacher), to help with this once a month activity. We are hoping to have a group of volunteers so that we could have a rotating schedule so each person would only need to go every 2 or 3 month.

### **For further information, please contact:**

Laura at: [Isberrish@yahoo.com](mailto:Isberrish@yahoo.com) Or Stella at: [stellaciorra@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaciorra@hotmail.com)

Thank You!

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## Program Details

### **Film:**

### **FVH Film night: "David and Luisa" And "Summer Rain"**

**Thursday, 19 November, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**(Bilingual)**



"David and Luisa" and "Summer Rain" are two love stories: one is Vietnamese and happened in Hanoi, the other is purely American and happened in Los Angeles.

"David and Luisa" is about two acting students in Hollywood California, USA. It describes the psychological development of the characters, the comparison between reality and dream and between daily life and their life on the stage.

This film was shot in Los Angeles, California, when Director Bùi Trung Hải studied filmmaking at the New York Film Academy. This short film was

part of the two-year Master's course in filmmaking art (Master of Fine Arts Filmmaking)

Entirely written and directed by Hải, David and Luisa won the Bronze Remi Award at the 48th Annual WorldFest - Houston International Film Festival in the United States.

This will be the Vietnamese premiere of "David and Luisa"

22-minutes running time. English with Vietnamese subtitles.

"Summer Rain" is a purely Vietnamese film with all Vietnamese cast and it was shot entirely in Hanoi.

A young bride from Hanoi and now living in Ho Chi Minh City, discovers her husband's infidelity and decides to return to the city she came from. There she meets her former lover...

This film was shown in Official Competition Program of the 14th Clermont - Ferrand Short Film Festival in France and selected for Official Competition of the 29th Annual Honorary Foreign Student Academy Awards Competition (Oscars, USA, 2002).

19-minutes running time. Vietnamese with English subtitles.

The two films total running time: 42 minutes.

There will be a Question and Answer session afterwards with Director Hải.

**Place:** Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng St.

**Cost:** 150,000 VND

**Limit:** 90 people

**Registration:** Hang ; [nguyenvu\\_nganhang@yahoo.com](mailto:nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.com)

*Please include your phone number so we may contact you should a change occur.*

*Your reservation is not confirmed until you receive our email.*

*Please pick up and pay for your tickets on the evening of the event at the cinema (6:45 to 7:15 pm). As a courtesy to those on the waiting list - please cancel if you can't come (phone 090 602 0960).*

*Reserved seating tickets are allocated on a first come - first served basis. We don't pre-book seating but if you come early you can pick your favorite seats.*



**Discover Hanoi City Walk:**

**Hàng Da Market Area**

**Tuesday, 24 November, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**(Japanese)**



Join us walking along the small lanes in the old quarter, between the Hoàn Kiếm Lake and the railway. We will take you to the Yên Thái Temple, where the Empress of the 3rd Emperor of Lý Dynasty is enshrined. We will also visit an old mansion and the Protestant Church, located just next to the mark of Hàng Da Market.

**Place:** In front of Hàng Da Market, Đường Thành St.

**Cost:** 70,000 VND

**Limit:** 8 people

**Registration:** Reina Kunio, [herijapan@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:herijapan@yahoo.co.jp)

*Registration will start at 10:00 AM on 03 November.*

*Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.*

## Get Involved, Volunteer!

### Walking Guide

Have you ever been on one of FVH's fabulous walks and thought to yourself: "Wow! I want to be a guide just like that!"? Well, now you too have the chance – we have a very limited number of walks that need guiding, and you could be the lucky person to guide one of these walks!

#### Main duties once every 3-6 months:

- Schedule the walk by sending in a pre-written template to the FVH newsletter publisher
- Register and keep track of attendees
- Send out a reminder e-mail before the walk
- Guide the walk, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee
- Submit a follow-up report

**Expected output:** One activity every 3-6 months (except during summer months)

**Estimated time:** 3 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email [fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com](mailto:fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com)



## Museum Spotlight

### **Vietnam Museum of Ethnology**

#### **Bảo Tàng Dân Tộc Học Việt Nam**

Nguyễn Văn Huyền Road, Cầu Giấy, Hà Nội

Tel: (84-4) 3756-2193

Email: [vme18@vme.org.vn](mailto:vme18@vme.org.vn)

[www.vme.org.vn](http://www.vme.org.vn)

**Bus Routes:** 7, 14, 27, 28, 30, 38, 45

**Hours:** 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM daily except Mondays

**Ticket Price:** 25,000 VND for regular admission  
5,000 VND for children and students  
Free for children under 6 years of age and people of Việt Nam ethnic minorities

**Tour Prices:** 30,000 VND for tours in Vietnamese, 50,000 VND in French and English

**Water Puppets:** Performances every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM. Show tickets are 40,000 VND for adults, 10,000 VND for children, children under six are free, 15,000 VND for student. This fee is in addition to the regular museum entrance fee and goes directly to the puppet troupe. After the performances there are opportunities to talk to the artisans about traditional puppetry in Việt Nam. The performance is held in the outdoor exhibition space. Special performance for private parties and events can be arranged.



### **The Vietnamese Women's Museum**

#### **Bảo Tàng Phụ Nữ**

36 Lý Thường Kiệt, Tel: (84-4) 3825-9936

[www.baotangphunu.org.vn](http://www.baotangphunu.org.vn)

**Bus Routes:** Any bus that runs on Lê Duẩn, Hai Bà Trưng, or Trần Hưng Đạo

**Hours:** Daily from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Ticket Price:** 30,000 VND for Expats





## **Hanoi Museum**

### **Bảo Tàng Hà Nội**

Phạm Hùng Street, Từ Liêm

The first two floors of the Vietnam National Museum of History house a permanent collection of bronzes, photos, plants, pottery and miscellaneous artifacts, along with a small cafe and shop. At the entrance to the second floor exhibits there is magnificent silk embroidery. The third and fourth floors are still under development but currently display an extensive temporary collection of ceramic pieces from 1000BC to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Đông Sơn drums and both metal and stone tools.

This new museum is completely wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the left of the stairs leading to the front door and a circular ramp spirals to each of the four floors. There is also an elevator.



Items are labeled in both Vietnamese and English and are well lit and displayed. Groups are welcome.

**Location:** Next to the Conference Center near the Mỹ Đình National Stadium  
**Hours:** 8:30-11:30 AM, 2:00-4:30 PM. Closed on Mondays.  
**Admission:** Free until further notice. English Translator available, donation requested  
**Bus Routes:** 5, 29, 33, 39, 44, 50

### **"Antique Market"**

**Date:** 01 February  
**Location:** Hanoi Museum, Phạm Hùng St., Hanoi  
**Time:** 9:00am-4:30pm

Glimpse of the Past Antique Market, sponsored by the Hanoi Museum, has strict guidelines for vendor selection and monitoring of merchandise. The market is organized with the support and advice from members of the Thang Long Antiques Society. More than 70 booths display various objects from the recent and more distant past, as well as from famous craft villages. Booth owners come from Hanoi and its surrounds.





## **Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts**

### **Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật**

66 Nguyễn Thái Học, Tel: (84-4) 3823-3084

[www.baotangmythuat.vn](http://www.baotangmythuat.vn)

**Bus Routes:** 2, 18, 23, 25, 27, 32, 34, 38, 39, 41, 45, 50

**Hours:** 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM daily

**Ticket Price:** 20,000 VND for adults  
7,000 VND for students and children under 12

**FVH Liaison:** John Reilly, [left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com](mailto:left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com)

The Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts has an excellent collection of the following:

- Fine arts in the early historic times, pre-11<sup>th</sup> century
- Religious art
- Fine arts from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Paintings and sculptures from the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Lacquer paintings
- Paintings on silk
- Applied decorative arts
- Vietnamese ceramics from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century



## **The National Museum of Vietnamese History**

### **Bảo Tàng Lịch Sử**

1 Tràng Tiền Street,

Tel: (84-4) 3824-1384 / 3825-7753

Email: [banbientap@nmvnh.org.vn](mailto:banbientap@nmvnh.org.vn)

[www.baotanglichsu.vn](http://www.baotanglichsu.vn)

**Bus Routes:** 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 23, 34, 36, 40, 45

**Hours:** 8:30 AM – 11.30 AM & 1.30 PM - 4:30 PM  
(daily except Monday)

**Guided tours:** Available on request

**Guide Contact:** Mrs Nguyen Thu Hoan, Deputy of Exhibition and Education Department, office: (84-4) 824-1384,  
mobile: (84) 094-536-8086  
[tuyentruyenbt@baotanglichsu.vn](mailto:tuyentruyenbt@baotanglichsu.vn)

**Ticket Price:** 20,000 VND for adults  
10,000 VND for students  
2,000 VND for children

**Photo/Video Charges:**

Video: 800,000 VND per day if showcases are opened; 400,000 VND per day if showcases are not opened

Research photographs: 20,000-600,000 VND per day (depending on needs)

Personal video: 30,000 VND

Personal camera: 15,000 VND







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## Publications

Friends of Vietnam Heritage produce a number of publications. All publications are **60,000 VND**. If you would like to purchase any of these books just contact FVH at [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com). Books are also sold at all FVH events or at Bookworm.

### 1. Bạch Mã Temple Guidebook (White Horse Temple)

Learn about King Lý Thái Tổ's dream and why the temple honors the White Horse Deity. This guidebook offers detailed information on the history of Bạch Mã Temple on Hàng Buồm Street, including temple layout, translation of panels written in Chinese characters, as well as information about the symbolism used in the temple. The guided walk contained at the end of this guidebook provides an opportunity to explore and experience some of the same streets where the craft guilds and merchants set-up within the third enclosure of the citadel.

***Published 2001***

### 2. Quán Thánh Temple Guidebook

This publication details the legends of Huyền Thiên Trấn Vũ, also known as the 'genie who guards the Dark Heaven.' This guidebook contains detailed information on the history of Quán Thánh Temple, as well as translations of the many parallel sentences and poems on the walls and columns of this magnificent Taoist Temple. A walking tour of the bronze-casting village of Ngũ Xã, with its Chùa and Đình and the enjoyable atmosphere around Trúc Bạch Lake is included.

***Published 2002, reprinted 2008***

### 3. Trấn Quốc Pagoda Guidebook

The Trấn Quốc Pagoda on Thanh Niên Road was founded some 1400 years ago, and it is one of the most ancient Buddhist pagodas in Hà Nội. Nestled between West Lake and Trúc Bạch Lake, the pagoda is considered a magnificent symbol of Buddhism in Việt Nam, and is one of the most visited sites in the capital. This guidebook covers the history of Buddhism, the temple layout, and describes in detail the different areas of the pagoda. A fascinating publication, which includes especially commissioned drawings and photographs.

***Published 2003, reprinted 2006***

### 4. Phủ Tây Hồ Guidebook (West Lake Palace)

Have you ever wondered who these doll-like statues in glass cabinets, in blue, white, red or green attire may be? Phủ Tây Hồ at the far end of the Tây Hồ peninsula is the most impressive pagoda dedicated to the cult of the Mother goddesses in Hà Nội, an indigenous cult that seems to permeate the lives of all Vietnamese women in varying degrees. The guidebook describes in detail the complex itself, then discusses the religion of the Mother goddesses, including its philosophy, pantheon and rituals.

***Published 2004***

### 5. Lãn Ông Street Guidebook (Traditional Medicine Street)

Traditional medicine is very much alive on this particular street of the Old Quarter. This guidebook not only describes the area in its historical context and current set-up, but also offers information on a variety of Vietnamese herbal teas for the health conscious as well as a comprehensive pictorial of Lãn Ông Street.

***Published 2005, reprinted 2005***



**6. Bát Tràng Traditional Pottery Village: A Self-Guided Walk**

This guidebook focuses on the old section of the pottery commune of Bát Tràng, a village with a long history hitherto unknown to many outsiders. The guidebook is based on a self-guided walk. There are three different circuits lasting from 45 minutes to two hours, all shown on a map.

***Published 2006, reprinted 2009***

**7. Hoàn Kiếm Lake, its Legends and Temples: A Self-Guided Walk**

The area around Hồ Hoàn Kiếm represents the physical heart and spiritual soul of Hà Nội. Continuing the tradition of FVH to promote the understanding of Việt Nam's history and culture, this guidebook focuses on the history and legends, the temples and pagodas surrounding the lake. Also included is information on the large Báo Ân Pagoda complex, which was razed between 1886-1889 and left only the Hòa Phong tower still standing today.

***Published 2007***

**8. Vignettes of French Culture in Hà Nội**

This guidebook provides an insight and appreciation of the influence on Hà Nội of the French colonial period from 1873 until 1954. The three guided walks contained in this guidebook provide an opportunity for the reader to explore and experience aspects of what the people of Hà Nội have absorbed and made their own as a result of eighty years of French presence in their city.

***Published 2008***

**9. Hồ Tây – Walks Around West Lake**

Hồ Tây continues to inspired writers, artists and photographers with its beauty, history, culture and religious aspects, but it also provides for its local residents a source of fish, water and a rich soil to cultivate a variety of plants and vegetables. This guidebook covers the legends of the lake, as well as its history and future plans for this rapidly expanding part of Hà Nội. Included are five self-guided walks identifying those places of interest both old and new around the entire West Lake shore.

***Published 2009***

**10. Văn Miếu Walking Tour (Temple of Literature)**

This guidebook introduces visitors to the Văn Miếu, or the Temple of Literature, one of the foremost architectural treasures of Việt Nam and its capital city Hà Nội. The Văn Miếu - Quốc Tử Giám ranks third in Việt Nam's register of national historic sites. A leafy oasis in the centre of the bustling city, it is a magnet for the citizens of Hà Nội and for visitors to the city who wish to spend a quiet moment contemplating its rich past. This guidebook contains a history of the school and the temple, a description of each courtyard and its meaning as expressed through its architecture, translations of all the plaques, as well as quick guides to Confucianism and the Royal Examinations

***Published 2010***

## Resource Center

### Hanoi City Library Thư Viện Hà Nội 47 Bà Triệu, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Hà Nội, Việt Nam

The Friends of Vietnam Heritage's Resource Center is on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hanoi City Library (Thư Viện Hà Nội), located on the corner of Trần Hưng Đạo and Bà Triệu streets. The FVH collection includes books and journals that focus on Vietnamese art, history and culture.

In order to access the collection you need to get a Reader's Card. Go to the office (just inside the main entrance of the library), fill out a simple form, and attach one photograph. You'll also need to show your passport and pay an annual fee of 22,000 VND. After becoming a member, show your card whenever you go in.



The FVH collection is for reference only. You cannot remove the books from the library. Please note that the Reader's Card does not authorize the holder to borrow other books from the main library. If you want a Borrower's Card for checking out non-FVH books, you will need to fill out another form to receive one.

**Library Opening Times:** Every day Monday to Friday except Thursday morning of the first and third week of the month. Daily times: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:30 – 5:00 PM. Closed on weekends and national holidays.

### Moving?

Say goodbye to FVH by leaving us your gently-used books about Việt Nam. Your donation will be added to our reference collection, housed inside the FVH Resource Centre, Hanoi City Library. Contact John Reilly (lefthanded2hanoi@yahoo.com) to arrange donation. Your books will be enjoyed by many people for years to come—thank you!



## The Last Page

**Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH)** is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries, including Việt Nam. FVH's purpose is to enjoy, enhance and deepen the understanding of Việt Nam's cultural and historical heritage and thereby help with its preservation. There is no membership fee to join.

- Website:** [www.fvheritage.org](http://www.fvheritage.org)  
Bookmark the Friends of Vietnam Heritage website where you will find the monthly program and further information about FVH, including a photo page and links.
- Email:** [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com)  
Address all correspondence to the Friends of Vietnam Heritage email address.
- Program:** To receive our free monthly program, please send an email to [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com).
- Participation:** Our programs are open to all people. FVH programs and events are in English or translated into English, unless noted otherwise.
- Volunteering:** If you are interested in serving on the FVH Governing Council or in volunteering for a specific section, please send an email to [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com). Also visit the "Get Involved" section of our website for current volunteer openings. FVH does not have an office, so all volunteers work from home.
- Council Meetings:** The FVH Council usually meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Fine Arts Museum. However, times and dates may change. Everyone who receives this program is welcome to attend the meetings as an observer. If you are interested in attending, please email [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com) to verify date and time.
- Executive Committee:** John Reilly - Chair; Yuko - Treasurer  
Helen Huntley - Vice Chair;

### Student Invitation

FVH would like to invite Vietnamese students to join our events for half of the activity cost. Please contact the event coordinator to reserve a place (subject to availability, as determined by the coordinator). Students are required to present their current student identification card.

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