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Tuesday, June 4, 2019

**7th ANNUAL RED UMBRELLA MARCH FOR SEX WORK SOLIDARITY**  
**Sex Workers, Allies, Family and Friends Stand Together**

**RED UMBRELLA MARCH**

New start time and place!

Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m.

West End Sex Workers Memorial, 1130 Jervis St. at Pendrell

This year the Red Umbrella March celebrates the 35th anniversary of one of Canada's first modern-day sex workers' protests with a parade down Davie Street. People are invited to dress up 1980s style and bring noisemakers for a re-enactment of a "peaceful parade" that tied up West End traffic on June 8, 1984.

Participants in costume will be eligible for souvenirs including whistles, cowbells, cheer horns and a 36-page, full colour RUM2019 program brochure that documents sex workers' courageous fight against arrests and displacement in the 1980s.

The Red Umbrella March will end on Howe Street, with a screening of an imported, rare 35mm print of the 1986 award-winning classic film, *Working Girls* by Lizzie Borden. *Working Girls* is a view into a full day at a Manhattan bordello, as seen through the eyes of Molly, one of the workers there. The event is free and all are welcome.

The march is a family-friendly event, however the screening is subject to the film's original rating of "Restricted" to persons 18 years of age and older.

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**RED UMBRELLA FILM NIGHT**

Saturday, June 8, 6-8 p.m.

Carnegie Centre Theatre, Main St and Hastings

Red Umbrella March organizers are proud to present the 2018 documentary, *Candice*, about Candice Vadala also known as Candida Royale. Candida Royale started her career as an adult film

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star in the 1970s, before creating her company Femme Productions to produce adult films from women's perspectives. Canadian filmmaker, Sheona McDonald, gives us a touching portrayal of this feminist pioneer as she looks back over her life. Candice Vadala died from ovarian cancer in 2015.

This event is presented in partnership with UBC Arts & Humanities 101, Documentaries for Thinkers program. The event is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments are provided.

The Red Umbrella March for Sex Work Solidarity is co-organized by the following groups: Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C., Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence (SWUAV), Pivot Legal Society, PACE Society, B.C. Coalition of Experiential Communities, FIRST: Feminists Advocating for the Decriminalization of Sex Work, SWAN Society Vancouver.

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For more information visit [www.triple-x.org](http://www.triple-x.org), or contact [info@triple-x.org](mailto:info@triple-x.org).

Event hashtag: #RUM2019

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