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Artist talk with Photographer Kayla Isomura at the Sidney Museum

Sidney, British Columbia, 16 May, 2022 - Kayla Isomura, the artist behind *The Suitcase Project*, will be joining staff and volunteers at the Sidney Museum on May 29th, 2022 for a talk and tour of the exhibition. Isomura is a documentary photographer and journalist who is based in Vancouver BC.

In *The Suitcase Project*, a travelling exhibition from the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, Isomura utilizes photography and short film to explore and to reflect on the treatment of Japanese Canadians and Japanese Americans during the Second World War.

Subjects for *The Suitcase Project*, fourth and fifth generation Japanese Canadians and Americans, were asked to pack a bag as if they were being uprooted from their homes, and participants were only given 24 to 48 hours notice to assemble their things, similar to what many Japanese Canadians and Japanese Americans faced in 1942.

The Sidney Museum is excited to offer visitors the opportunity to hear Isomura speak about their work and learn about the history of the project. After the talk, there will be time for a question and answer period as well as a tour of the exhibition led by the artist.

This event will take place in-person at the Sidney Museum from 3:00pm - 4:00pm on Sunday, May 29th. Admission is by donation and registration is required. To register please email the Education & Outreach Coordinator at: outreach@sidneymuseum.ca

The Suitcase Project is being presented at The Sidney Museum, 2423 Beacon Avenue L3, Sidney, BC from 4 April until 4 July, 2022.

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