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By Haley Nagasaki

**L**ONGTIME CANNABIS CONSULTANT, and the mysterious founder of CURÓ, has spent over a decade perfecting the art of cured cannabis; the laborious process of slow drying, small-batched, premium quality organic cannabis strains for the consumption by the ultimate *cannasseur*. CURÓ is the world's first cured cannabis brand and is exclusively distributed in Canada by *Compassion in Motion*.

The quality of cured cannabis evolves and increases over time because the plant's cells continue the refinement process biochemically. It's likely that cannabis will undergo a similar evolution as tobacco. Curing tobacco is the essence of the refined smoke, so how come we don't cure cannabis?

Do people smoke green tobacco or buy moonshine from the store? No. Then how come we smoke uncured, *green* cannabis? One word: prohibition.

These were the original questions of the mysterious scientist and visionary technologist, founder of CURÓ that led to over a decade of developing the artisanal craft of curing cannabis to ultimate refinement.

At twenty-five to thirty dollars per gram, the price attests to the quality. These smooth and flavourful delicacies hit the subtle notes of aged wine and cheese, chocolate and coffee, even smoked salmon; the flavour profile is unlike any cannabis I've ever smoked, a luxury item of which the effects are as equally unmatched.

I found that this product delivered on all levels for what I personally seek in a

## CURÓ, The World's First Premium Cured Cannabis Brand

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cannabis experience, including the body buzz of *hashish*, the relaxed mellowness of *indica*, folded in with *sativa*'s mental clarity and concentration.

My initial experience with CURÓ brought my attention to the connection with the plant's spirit, to a place of openness and delight and of spiritual nourishment; fostering an inquisitive mind and deep relaxation.

It's surprising to me that curing cannabis is not more common as it seems a natural progression when dealing with a divine plant with such boundless potential. Yet the company owner expressed to me how most producers are, above all else, interested in profit, and the faster they can produce the more money they will make. Ergo the

concept of carefully opening and rotating jars, daily, for months on end, as well as heavy monitoring moisture and heat levels to negate the chance of mold development, is as demanding as it is rewarding.

The founder of CURÓ, has modeled his curing process after Cuban cigar dry methods, and even fine scotches, which gain in value over time. The quality and price is determined by the length of time the cannabis is cured, from three months, six months, and one year or more; a process that he developed after many years as a Cannabis Consultant.

The final product, delivered in luxurious glass, labeled jars, is a 5A quality cannabis product that requires no more than a few puffs to experience the same fullness that other ganjas require more to achieve. This

means that premium prices deliver premium quality of which the consumer is using less to achieve more; saving money while offsetting adverse health reactions related to smoke inhalation by diminishing overall use.

**Talking with the Founder of CURÓ**

In 2002, the creator of CURÓ began investigating why cannabis would lose its smell, and degrade after processing. He found that 70-80% of the cannabis knowledge in the underground market was actually in error due to the desire to get the product to market as quickly as possible.

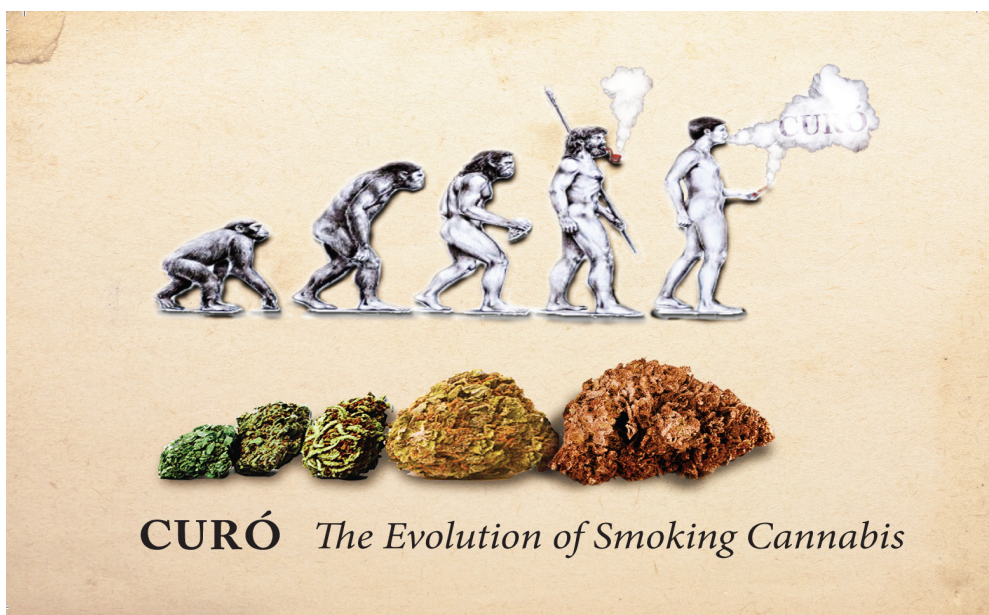
Through his involvement in the industry, he found that the buds should never be touched or trimmed. The outer, protective leaves don't actually contribute much to the weight, and manicured buds, as it turns out, are a product of the illegal market, and of the people who are reluctant to pay for extra plant matter.

The founder noticed that most things people had told him were false simply because they wanted to expedite transition into the marketplace.

The creator of CURÓ spent seventeen years of trial and error only to rediscover what humans had already known for centuries. Through his research, he found that *"a great many plants and vegetables are improved when you store them. They continue to process at a cellular level if they're stored in the right conditions, i.e. proper temperature and humidity zone. Gas exchange in the cells signal evidence of this"*.

The curing process makes the plant 2-5% more potent than the levels at harvest. Potency is not the main reason

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CURÓ The Evolution of Smoking Cannabis

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**WE'VE ENTERED A NEW ERA,** the Imagination Age, so why are we still schooling kids like we did in the 19th Century?

Our current compulsory schooling model was created at the dawn of the Industrial Age. As factories replaced farm work and production moved swiftly outside of homes and into the larger marketplace, 19th century American schooling mirrored the factories that most students would ultimately join.

The bells and buzzers signaling when students could come and go, the tedium of the work, the straight lines and emphasis on conformity and compliance, the rows of young people sitting passively at desks while obeying their teachers, the teachers obeying the principal, and so on—all of this was designed for factory-style efficiency and order.

### The Imagination Age

The trouble is that we have left the Industrial Era for the Imagination Age, but our mass education system remains fully entrenched in factory-style schooling. By many accounts, mass schooling has become even more restrictive than it was a century ago, consuming more of childhood and adolescence than at any time in our history. The first compulsory schooling statute, passed in Massachusetts in 1852, required eight to 14-year-olds to attend school a mere 12 weeks a year, six of which were to be consecutive. This seems almost laughable compared to the childhood behemoth that mass schooling has now become.

Enclosing children in increasingly restrictive schooling environments for most of their formative years, and drilling them with a standardized, test-driven curriculum is woefully inadequate for the Imagination Age. In her book, **Now You See It**, Cathy Davidson says that 65 percent of children now entering elementary school will work at jobs in the future that have not yet been invented. She writes: *"In this time of massive change, we're giving our kids the tests and lesson plans designed for their great-great-grandparents."*

While the past belonged to assembly line workers, the future belongs to creative

## Schooling Was For The Industrial Era, Unschooling Is For The Future



thinkers, experimental doers, and inventive makers. The past relied on passivity; the future will be built on passion. In a recent article on the future of work, author and strategist John Hagel III writes about the need to nurture passion to be successful and fulfilled in the jobs to come. He says:

**"One of my key messages to individuals in this changing world is to find your passion and integrate your passion with your work. One of the challenges today is that most people are products of the schools and society we've had, which encourage you to go to work to get a paycheck, and if it pays well, that's a good job, versus encouraging you to find your passion and find a way to make a living from it."**

### Passion-Driven Learning

Cultivating passion is nearly impossible within a coercive schooling structure that values conformity over creativity, compliance over exuberance. This could help explain why the unschooling, or Self-Directed Education (<https://www.self-directed.org>), movement is taking off, with more parents migrating from a schooling model of education for their children to a learning one. With Self-Directed Education, passion is at the center of all learning. Young people follow their interests and pursue their passions, while adults act as facilitators, connecting children and teens to the vast resources of both real and digital communities. In this model, learning is natural, non-coercive, and designed to be directed by

the individual herself, rather than by someone else.

Self-Directed Education and unschooling often take place in homes and throughout communities, but increasingly individuals and organizations are launching self-directed learning centers geared toward homeschoolers with both full- and part-time options. These centers make Self-Directed Education more accessible to more families in more places, and each has a unique philosophy or focus. Some are geared toward teens and value real-world apprenticeships and immersion; others are makerspaces that emphasize tinkering and technology, and so on. In Boston, for instance, the JP Green School in the city's Jamaica Plain neighborhood serves as a part-time self-directed learning space for homeschoolers and unschoolers with a focus on sustainability and nature connection. Co-founder Andrée Zaleska says:

**"People educated in coercive models will be damaged for life (most of us are). The lack of respect shown to their autonomous selves as children translates into a lifelong tendency to "get what they need" by any means necessary... We are part of a growing counterculture which finds traditional schooling damaging in ways that are intertwined with the general brokenness of our culture."**

Instead of complaining about the education status quo, entrepreneurial individuals are building alternatives to school that challenge it. Centered around passion and an overarching belief in individual self-determination, these entrepreneurs — who are often parents, former school teachers, and others who have become disillusioned by coercive schooling — are freeing young people from an outdated and harmful mass schooling system. Enlightened parents and innovative entrepreneurs may be the key players in constructing a new education model focused on freedom and designed for the Imagination Age.

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for curing however; *"you're curing for the refinement of taste and texture. The same reason you take moonshine and put it in a scotch barrel for years. Cabbages and pumpkins are improved when stored in a root cellar; tobacco leaves turn brown when cured. The best Cuban cigars are cured two years"*.

At CURÓ, the slow drying process is the first step to a proper cure. They do not sweat the plant (with plastic bags to pull out moisture) as this is essentially composting your cannabis. *"Compost entails the actions of bacteria on plant matter, thus molds and bacteria are ever-*

*present. When you increase temperature and humidity, you can grow mold and propagate bacterial overgrowth, which destroys the volatile terpenes of the plant"*.

When you successfully slow dry, via slow cold drying and cure, the carbohydrates in the plant turn into sugars, and the taste and aromas are refined to the highest level; much like Cuban tobacco.

The plant is now set up for proper cellular processing over time. *"That's where the cure comes in"*. The buds are loosely packed in glass jars that must be burped (gases exchanged), and rotated every day. *"When it is kept in the ideal temperature and humidity conditions, mold does not grow, bacteria do not grow, and yet the plant continues to process. If it's too dry, the plant goes into stasis, if it's too moist you run the danger of*

*creating mold-growing conditions"*.

A tremendous amount of care and attention goes into this meticulous curing process, which is done only in small, quarter pound batches. CURÓ is the unique purveyor of this unforgettable cannabis experience. Available now, exclusively in Vancouver and Victoria via *Compassion in Motion*.

Practical activist, visionary technologist, and inventor of CURÓ remains passionate about his work, and brings with him a lengthy history of sterling ingenuity and advances in the marketplace. Follow us as we continue to showcase his knowledgeable insights while together we approach the legalization of cannabis for nation-wide medicinal and recreational usage. For More Information Please Visit - [www.compassioninmotion.ca](http://www.compassioninmotion.ca)

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initiation because only when you heal yourself can you heal others. Being parents gives us the opportunity to heal ourselves. Children have this uncanny ability to bring those repressed emotions or hidden wounds to the surface (yes, they do if you pay close attention). Better than any zen master or therapist, our children draw out our fears and anger. Only when we address those unhealed aspects of us that are buried deep

within and transform them into something more meaningful can we be better parents. Each day is an opportunity for learning, growing, and loving more deeply. Don't shy away from that intense inner work to become better individuals and also more mindful parents.

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