One
WALL CENTRE

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Around the House (1) – Visitor Parking/Fobs

We are no longer allowed to lend out Concierge fobs so that visitors can park in our Parkade. If you are expecting visitors, please be sure that you have spare fobs to give them.

Thank you.

Around the House (2) – Climb the Wall, 2014

This year's Climb went off without a hitch. The number of climbers was over 200, and the dollars raised and counted so far amount to almost $75,000. Almost 100 firefighters took part, lugging all of their gear to the top. The youngest climber was 3, and the oldest was 81. All net proceeds will go to the BC Lung Association Campaign for Clean Air.

This year marks the 12th Climb. The fastest male climber made it all the way to the top of the 739 steps in 4:24 minutes, the fastest female made it in 7:24.

Around the House (3) – Filters

The arrival of spring is often a good time to check the condition of your heat pump air filter/s. If you need one or more replacements, we have all sizes in stock. Please just ask at the desk.

Around Town (1) – Soweto Gospel Choir

When this choir performed in Montreal last year, one reviewer wrote "It was easy to imagine that God himself was snapping his fingers."

Since their foundation in 2002, the choir has performed for Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Sydney Poitier, Quincy Jones, and many other notables. They've also won 2 Grammy awards, and many other accolades.

They are bringing their uniquely uplifting sound to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Sunday April 13th, at 7:30pm. If you would like to see them, be sure to book early, as their concerts always sell out. Tickets are available from www.sowetogospelchoir.com.

Around Town (2) – Chamber Music Lovers Awake!

There's a rare treat coming up for lovers of chamber music this month, a concert by two masters of the genre.

Pinchas Zukerman has remained a phenomenon in the world of music for over four decades. His musical genius, prodigious technique and unwavering artistic standards are a marvel. With an utterly inimitable tonal quality and a prolific history of glorious music-making, Pinchas Zukerman is equally respected as violinist, violist, conductor, pedagogue and chamber musician.

Pianist Yefim Bronfman has a long and celebrated history with the Vancouver Recital Society, having performed in their very first season and numerous times since. Today, Bronfman returns as a seasoned keyboard virtuoso whose commanding technique and exceptional lyrical gifts have distinguished him as "one of the greatest pianists alive today" (The New York Times).

"The balance between instruments was meticulously shaded from the first moments… Bronfman's piano was an attentive but never pushy partner, providing a genial, dappled undercurrent for Zukerman's insouciant flights." – Chicago Classical Review

The program for this afternoon concert consists of Schubert's Sonatina in A minor, D. 385, Brahms' Viola Sonata in F minor, Op. 120, No. 1 and Beethoven's Sonata no. 7 in C minor, Op. 30, No. 2.

The concert is at the Chan Centre at UBC, on Sunday April 6th at 4:00pm. Don't miss it!

Around Town (3) – Ghosts in Baghdad

This is not your average theatre fare. Vancouver playwright Michelle Deines takes an unflinching look at lost love and the clash between culture and war. Her play was inspired by true events, including the American invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the catastrophic looting of the Iraq Museum that followed.

Deines was a winner in Theatre BC's 2013 Playwriting Contest. Her play runs until April 6th at Little Mountain Gallery, which is located at 195 East 26th Avenue, at Main Street.

Around Town (4) – Passion and Resurrection

Two of Canada's top choirs, Chor Leoni and Elektra Women's Choir, come together to present a program of powerful choral masterpieces from the past decade that view the traditional Passion story through a modern lens.

David Lang's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Little Match Girl Passion* draws its text and inspiration from the unlikely pairing of Hans Christian Andersen's tale of *The Little Match Girl* and J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*. In this emotionally charged work, the pain and longing of a homeless girl is transfigured into a human Passion story for our own time and place.

Rising young choral star Ēriks Ešenvalds' *Passion and Resurrection* is a fiery, sumptuous, and ecstatic

setting of the Passion for choir and string orchestra with soprano soloist. In this work, Ešenvalds has combined texts from Byzantine traditions as well as the Old and New Testament and has created one of the most powerful and immediate choral works ever written.

The concert is on Saturday April 12th at 7:30pm, at the Chan Shun Concert Hall on the UBC Campus.

Around Town (5) – Hagerty Spring Thaw Adventure

If you appreciate classic cars (we're talking pre-1979 touring and sports cars), the annual Spring Thaw is an event not to be missed. It's consists of a three-day 750 mile trip (km available by request!) that promotes and celebrates the joy of owning classic vehicles.

Participants are only given the time and location of the starting point, which this year will be in Hope, on April 25th. A detailed route book is given to drivers just 15 minutes before the start.

Amongst the classic cars that were driven in the event last year were a 1953 Aston Martin DB2, a 1956 Porsche 356, 2 1959 Alfa Romeos, and so on.

Please see www.classiccaradventures.com for more details. If you have a classic car, there's still time to buff it up for the big day and sign yourself up.

Around Town (6) – Sculptures in North Vancouver

The works of Majid Sheikh Akbari are curvy, abstract sculptures that suggest relaxed bodies and balanced nature. Created from recycled materials salvaged from building sites, the statues also allude to alchemy and spirituality. Akbari is also an architect, whose buildings in Iran recall both Gaudi and ultra-modern piles of tottering boxes.

His works are on display until mid-month at the District Foyer Gallery, in North Vancouver District Hall.

Around Town (7) – Helen Lawrence – World Premiere

Acclaimed visual artist Stan Douglas and screenwriter Chris Haddock (*Da Vinci's Inquest*, *Boardwalk Empire*) bring you an intoxicating mixed-media spectacle set in the Vancouver of 1948.

Visit the vanished worlds of the old Hotel Vancouver and Hogan's Alley—the city's hot spot for gambling and vice. *Helen Lawrence* is an intriguing, hard-boiled tale of loyalty and money that illuminates our city's politics during a time of historic upheaval.
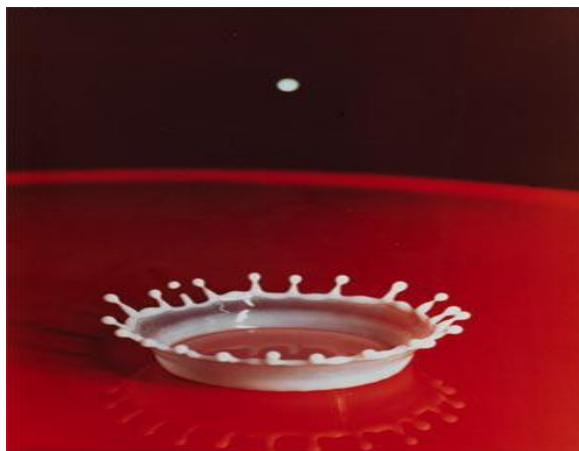
The show is at the Arts Club Theatre, Stanley Industrial Alliance Division, and runs until April 13th.

Around Town (8) – Out of Sight

Before Harold Egerton, there was little visual clarity to events that occurred too quickly or too slowly for the human eye to perceive them. It was only after Egerton invented ultra-high-speed and stop-action photography that people could comprehend events like a drop of water colliding with a solid surface, or a bullet ripping a hole through an apple.

Eadweard Muybridge, for his part, applied slow-motion photography to human and animal subjects to unravel the process of movement across a series of still frames. His earliest images of a running horse were devised to prove that all four hooves of the animal left the ground at the same time in a gallop.

Photographs created by both artists are currently on display at the Vancouver Art Gallery for the next few months. The show has just opened.

Further Afield – Nevada, from Bellingham

If Wendover, Nevada is in your travel plans for April, there are good deals to be had from Bellingham. There are 3-night flight and lodging packages available during April and early in May.

Prices range from US$149 to UD$169, and include airfare, 3 nights lodging, plus all fees and taxes. Please see www.wendoverfun.com for details.

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry & Sunny,