



Newsletter #166

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Around the House (1) – Climb the Wall

The Wall Climb went well again this year. As of press time, the BC Lung Association had raised \$60,000 towards their Campaign for Clean Air. Fund-raising continues until April 1st. Almost 300 climbers took part, including a very large contingent of 100 firefighters, who of course made the ascent in all of their gear.

Some Climb Stats:

- Faster male climber: 5:24
- Faster female climber: 6:22
- Faster male firefighter: 7:02
- Faster female firefighter: 10:31
- The number of bananas, oranges and bagels consumed at the continental breakfast doesn't seem to have been recorded.

The Lung Association staff and volunteers thank One Wall residents for their hospitality in making the Climb possible again this year.

Around the House (2) – Heat Pump Maintenance

The annual inspection and maintenance of all suite heat pumps will take place from April 6th until April 9th, from 8am until 4pm each day. Please call the desk to set up an appointment time, if you haven't done so already.

Around the House (3) – Moves

We have to book the Loading Dock 2 days before a move in or out. If you have a delivery or move-out that hasn't been booked and confirmed with the Concierge staff, be warned that you may be turned away. The Dock belongs to the Hotel, and we have to work within their constraints.

Thank you.

Around Town (1) – Jane Coop at the Ironworks

The first of The Ironworks Sessions features an exciting pairing of internationally renowned artists: flautist Lorna McGhee and pianist Jane Coop. The performance includes the young Iranian-American composer Reza Vali's evocative work for solo flute Folksong, along with a specially created video by Víctor Ballesteros. The rest of the program consists of music from Hungary (Bartok and Dohnanyi) and the Czech Republic (Martinů), and of course JS Bach.



Vancouver's Ironworks is the perfect location for this adventurous program. Located on the eastern edge of Gastown, the Ironworks still retains many of its original industrial elements, but with atmospheric lighting, stage, cabaret seating and a bar. The concert is on April 2nd.

Around Town (2) – Start your Month With a Fight!

Yes, by popular request, it's back – International Pillow Fight Day. Head on down to the Art Gallery at 3pm on Saturday April 4th to join in the hilarity. Or, you can just have fun taking pictures.



Bring your own pillow or pillows – connoisseurs of the art recommend feather-filled, and with a few loose stitches at the seams for maximum feathery effect.

Around Town (3) – Plein-Air Blossom Painting

Between April 7th and April 28th, if looking at all of the spring blossoms isn't enough for you, you can kick things up a notch by painting them on canvas. As part of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival this is a unique opportunity to paint en plein air under a canopy of cherry blossoms with other artists.



The courses will be led by professional teaching artists. Please see the Van Dusen Gardens web site for more details. The cost is \$50 per session, and you will need to book ahead.



Around Town (4) – Time for a Long Drive?

The Hagerty Spring Thaw is a budget-minded driving adventure through British Columbia for pre-

1979 touring and sports cars. This un-scored, non-competitive event takes place entirely within the province of British Columbia and consists of approximately 1200km of driving over three days. The Spring Thaw is organized by Squamish Classic Car Adventures using straight-forward route instructions.

The Hagerty Spring Thaw will start on Friday, April 24th, in Hope, and finish back again in Hope on Sunday, April 26th. To ensure an "adventure", the planned route will remain a secret until competitors receive their entry packages at registration.



Way-finding instructions will be detailed and clear, and will not require any calculations or rally knowledge. The event consists of 100% paved roads, with some mountainous terrain, and driving is scheduled during daylight hours. Car wash facilities are available at each overnight stop. All details are at www.classiccaradventures.com.

Around Town (5) – Veuve Clicquot Easter Brunch

The Parlour Restaurant in Yaletown proudly presents their Easter brunch, in which French Bubbly plays a prominent part. It runs from 1pm-6pm on Sunday, April 5th. Tickets are only \$40 and include a Welcome Champagne tipple, a Brunch Buffet and Exclusive Veuve Shades. There will be live music by SKL and Live Sax.



The restaurant is located at 1011 Hamilton Street, and the proprietors comment that the wearing of Easter bunny outfits is encouraged. Please call 604-568-3322 for more information.

Around Town (6) - Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Christopher Durang's witty mash-up of Chekhov characters and smartphones is a delightful new farce for our hyper-connected era. Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia live an angst-ridden, melancholic existence on their family farm.

Housecleaner-cum-soothsayer Cassandra, whose hilariously ambiguous prophecies keep them befuddled, provides the only break from monotony. That is, until their glamorous movie-star sister, Masha, swans in for a surprise visit—along with her hunky 20-something boy toy, Spike.



"Durang shows us just how funny unhappiness can be" —*The San Francisco Examiner*

This work won the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play, and runs at the Arts Club Theatre until April 19th.

Around Town (7) – There's still time to register...

Why not join 50,000+ of your closest friends in the 31st Annual Sun Run, which takes over most of the downtown area on Sunday, April 19th. And don't be discouraged if the early runners are already in the showers while you're still waiting to cross the Start Line! All details are online, including street closures for the day.



Around Town (8) - Proud

As a new federal election nears, the Firehall Arts Centre are delighted to bring last season's runaway hit, **PROUD**, back for another term due to popular demand. This witty and intelligent satire had audiences rolling in the aisles and critics chuckling over their notebooks at Andrew Wheeler's hilariously deadpan Prime Minister and Emmelia Gordon's sassy MP. It was even featured on the cover of the Georgia Straight!



The show runs from April 7th until the 25th.

"Stephen Harper = Comedy magic? Who knew!?" –
Fun Fun Vancouver



Around Town (9) – Obaaberima at the Cultch

It's a derogatory African reference similar to "girly boy." In this instance, it's the title of piece that combines theatre, spoken word, music and dance to chronicle a young African-Canadian's journey across continents, genders, races and sexuality.



Tawiah M'Carthy stars, and the music is by Kobena Aduaa-Harrison. Check it out. It runs until April 4th.



Further Afield – Out of a Dream

Gateway Theatre in Richmond presents, believe it or not, a new Rodgers and Hammerstein musical revue.

Creatively curating the classics are musical theatre prodigies, Patrick Street Productions – delivering the best singing from Vancouver's brightest stars.

These fresh faces and refreshing arrangements are tickling audiences with their exciting perspective on the Rodgers and Hammerstein hits we all know and love.



The show runs from April 9th until the 25th. The theatre is on Gilbert Road in Richmond. The box office number is 604-270-1812.

Derek Edwards – Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver

Described by Rick Mercer as "the funniest man in Canada," Derek Edwards brings his one-man show to town on Sunday April 19th.

Baloney and Wine is an uproarious romp through the increasingly strange quirks of our daily routines. It's relentless and brazen, a tightly woven running commentary about human nature ... "the thinking man's coffee break." In an ever more chaotic world, Edwards remains an inimitable constant, the hilarious voice of reason.

Other items of interest:

- Gilberto Gil at the Chan Shun Concert Hall, April 12th
- Patryk Stasieczek: Asking for It, at the Field Contemporary Gallery, part of the Capture Photography Festival, until April 25th
- Arts Club Wine Festival, April 27th
- Sweeney Todd, performed by Vancouver Opera, starting April 25th
- Famous Puppet Death Scenes, at the Cultch until April 19th
- Farewell My Lovely, at the Arts Club Theatre until May 2nd
- Lila Downs at the Chan, April 26th

- Vancouver Symphony Spring Festival, based on the life of Mozart – April 10th-18th
- Heritage Foundation Vancouver Special House Tour, April 18th
- Eat Vancouver, from April 27th until May 3rd
- Dance All-Sorts, at the Roundhouse, April 18th
- Discover Dance Series, as the Scotia Bank Dance Centre (only a few blocks away), April 23rd
- Stationary, A Recession-Era Musical, at the Cultch April 21st until May 2nd
- Green Porno, Live on Stage (Note: it's not what you think!), Italian Cultural Centre, April 25th

Compliments from your One Wall Concierge Team:
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