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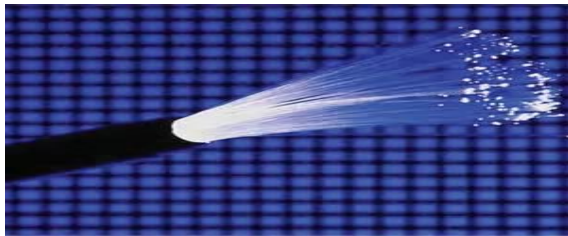
WALL CENTRE

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Around the House (1) – Novus Internet, Television and Telephone

Most residents will already be aware that Novus Corporation has been running cable up to all of the residential floors over the last month or so. This will give residents an additional choice of Internet Service Provider. Novus runs their web services on optical cables, and we are advised that upload and download speeds will be blazing. They also offer cable television and phone services, although their speed is more academic.



On Wednesday December 11th, Novus representatives will be in our lobby from 4:30 until 7pm to introduce the new services, and to answer any questions you may have. Their web site is www.novusnow.ca, if you want to do some advance research. They have also promised to mail information on the new service to all residents.



Around the House (2) – Public Area Enhancements

As the Strata AGM will be coming up soon, we are taking the liberty of repeating a request from last month's newsletter below.

Now that the Window Replacement Project is wrapping up, residents have been noting other aspects of the public areas of the building where they feel improvements need to be made.

Please feel free to pass on suggestions to the Concierge on duty. We will consolidate them and pass them on to the members of the Strata Council in time for the meeting.

Around the House (3) – Elevator Interiors

Council members are looking at options to have the interiors of our elevators modernized. There will be more information presented at the forthcoming Strata AGM in January. Please let us know at the desk if there are any particular changes you would like to see.



Around Town (1) – No, It's Not a Sing-along

On Saturday December 14th, after a hiatus of some years, the Vancouver Bach Choir is once again presenting Handel's Messiah.

The performance is at the Orpheum, and scores will be opened (in unison) at 8:00pm. Superb music and ancient text combine in this treasured oratorio performed by the magnificent voices of the Vancouver Bach Choir, accompanied by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Music Director Leslie Dala.



The soloists will be Soprano Rachel Fenlon, Mezzo-Soprano Sylvia Szadowszki, Tenor Martin Sadd and Baritone Aaron Durand. Please call 604-696-4290 for tickets.



Around Town (2) – Pearl Jam

There's good news for all of you fans of good old fashioned live rock. The veteran band Pearl Jam are on a North American tour, and on December 4th they will be rocking Rogers' arena.

Pearl Jam fans are one of a kind and they love the unique sound, incredible vocals, and the unbelievable energy that make Pearl Jam's live music one of a kind. The band promise to showcase both new hits and old favorites.



But hurry, you don't want to miss seeing one of the most exciting shows of the year, Pearl Jam live in concert! Tickets will be available on-line and by phone from the usual outlets.

Around Town (3) – The Santaland Diaries

December is the busiest month of the year for shows, it seems. The one-man show Santaland Diaries returns to the Arts Club Revue Stage for a second year, this time with actor Toby Berner. The show is humorist David Sedaris's sardonic account of a season spent on the front lines as an elf at Macy's department store.



The show runs until December 21st. Tickets are available at www.artsclub.com, or by calling 604-687-1644.

Around Town (4) – The Nutcracker

Well if wouldn't be Christmas without the Nutcracker. This year brings a production new to Vancouver, from Alberta Ballet. We're told it's lavish, but then most performances are, aren't they. Performances take place at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, and the VSO is the accompanying band.



They run from December 28th until the 31st, and be warned, tickets for this seasonal classic always sell out, so don't delay.

Around Town (5) – Winter Harp

This is a traditional Christmas show that plays in 3 Lower Mainland venues this year. On stage, Winter Harp's eight musicians, clad in medieval attire, perform a collection of music ranging from heartwarming carols and songs to Celtic, medieval and world tunes.



They have an assortment of Celtic and classical harps, drums, tambourines, temple bells, flutes, plus various ancient and rare instruments. All concert details can be seen at www.winterharp.com.

Around Town (6) – Traditional Christmas

If you are seeking a traditional Christmas concert, the Vancouver Symphony has just what you're looking for. Their Traditional Christmas concerts present beautiful, heartwarming Christmas music and carols in seven different venues around the Lower Mainland.



Christopher Gaze has the presenting honours, and Gordon Gerrard conducts the UBC Opera Ensemble and EnChor. Please see www.vancouversymphony.ca for more details.

Further Afield – Films and Mountains

The Whistler Film Festival is shooting for dark and edgy this year.

The opening night gala will feature Canadian director/actor Jason Priestley's *Cas & Dylan* in its western Canadian premiere, while closing night will feature two-time Oscar-nominated director Lucy Walker's *The Crash Reel*, showing snowboard legend Kevin Pearce's rehabilitation process after a devastating brain injury.

Other highlights include George Sluizer's *Dark Blood*, the last film shot with actor River Phoenix, who died of a drug overdose in 1993, as well as special presentations of Canadian directors Don McKellar's *The Grand Seduction* and Jeremy Lalonde's *Sex After Kids*. Nature documentary film *Amazonia* will be the first 3-D presentation at the Festival.

And indie films such as *Meth Head*, featuring an unrecognizable Lukas Haas, and *Cheap Thrills*, with David Koechner, are also proof of the "cutting edge" approach espoused by WFF director of programming Paul Gratton.



This is the 13th iteration of the festival. It runs from December 4th until the 8th. And with snow already on many of the Whistler slopes, you might want to take your skis or board when you go up there. For all the latest details, please see www.whistlerfilmfestival.com.

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team:
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