

One WALL CENTRE

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Around Town (1) - The Tenors at Queen Elizabeth Theatre

In their short career, this Canadian quartet have performed on The Oprah Winfrey Show, for Her Majesty The Queen during her Diamond Jubilee at Windsor Castle, on the live broadcast of the 2011 Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, at the opening ceremonies of Vancouver's 2010 Olympics and for the NBA, MLB, and NHL All-Star Games.



They have rubbed shoulders with presidents and prime ministers, princesses and even shared a private tea with HM The Queen. They have been hailed as musical ambassadors and Canada's national treasure. They'll be here for one night only, on December 2nd.

Around Town (2) – A Dylan Thomas Christmas

The Vancouver Chamber Choir brings back this favourite on the occasion of the centenary of Dylan Thomas's birth. By popular demand, the concert features the poet's famous story "A Child's

Christmas in Wales" read by Bard on the Beach's favourite Welshman, Russell Roberts.

The familiar story is illustrated with an all new set of Christmas carols and songs. Also, carols from English, Spanish and Orthodox traditions and the premiere of Jon Washburn's "Three Garden Carols" and other seasonal songs will be performed.



Jon Washburn conducts. The concert is at Ryerson United Church, on Friday December 19th.

Around Town (3) – Christmas with the Bach Choir

Celebrate the warmth of the holidays with this beloved annual tradition, showcasing the glorious voices of the entire Bach Choir family – from the tiny Piccolos to the internationally renowned symphonic adult choir.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the esteemed Vancouver Bach Children's Chorus and Youth Choirs program, which will be celebrated with a special guest appearance by founding Music Director, Bruce Pullan, and a world premiere performance of a newly commissioned work.



The concert also includes cherished classic carols and a heartfelt audience sing-along to illuminate

the true spirit of the season. The concert is on Sunday December 7th at 2pm, in the Orpheum.

Around Town (4) – Things Near and Far – World Premiere

This will be an evening of new dance that engages the collaboration of nine remarkable Canadian artists. Spanning three generations of creative experimentation in movement, sound and light, Things Near and Far features choreography by Tedd Robinson and Josh Martin, and is performed by three of Vancouver's most versatile dancers: Anne Cooper, Ziyian Kwan and Ron Stewart.

Composers Charles Quevillon and Stefan Smulovitz, and lighting designer James Proudfoot add elements of sound and light to the mix, in what promises to be an evening of bold and unusual work.



This takes place at the Firehall Dance Centre, and runs from December 3rd until the 6th.



Around Town (5) – Festival of Trees

For the past 27 years, the lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver has been transformed into a forest of beautifully decorated trees, all in support of BC

Children's Hospital. In 2008, the festival expanded to include the main area of Pacific Centre Mall. The trees are generously sponsored and decorated by individuals and corporations who are committed to supporting child health in BC.



The trees will be on display until January 5th, and are well worth a look.

Last year alone this fun and creative winter event raised nearly \$150,000 in support of the most urgent needs at BC Children's Hospital. More than 1,000 votes were cast for 41 beautifully decorated trees during the six weeks of the displays at the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver and in Pacific Centre Mall.

Around Town (6) – Vancouver Christmas Market

You don't have all of your gifts yet? Well, the place to head to is the Christmas Market on the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza, 650 Hamilton Street.



Open daily from 11am until 6pm until Christmas Eve, on offer are Gifts, food and drink, live music, children's activities, and much more. Dress warm, though, as the whole shebang takes place out of doors. Mulled wine and hot cider should be on sale to warm your bones.



Stroll with friends and family through themed areas and enjoy the Dancing Lights show on Livingstone Lake, the gnome performance, and the shadow puppet show. Have photos taken with Santa, savour holiday treats, and delight in much more!

Lights are lit on December 10th, and are turned off on January 4th, 2014.

Around Town (7) – A Twisted Christmas Carol

Described as “The Holiday Anti-Classic”, Twisted Christmas Carol is an hilarious take on the Christmas favourite. Using your suggestions and Dickens’s holiday classic, a group of talented, nutty, and inspired actors will improvise their hearts out and create a new comedy every night. You’ll never look at Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the rest of the characters in the same way again.



“You haven't really lived until you've seen Helen Keller as the Ghost of Christmas Past” —*The Georgia Straight*

The show is on at the Arts Club Revue Stage until December 27th.

Around Town (8) – Festival of Lights

Experience the Festival of Lights, a frozen winter wonderland with over one million lights decorating VanDusen Botanical Garden.



Around Town (9) – Cinderella - *An East Van Panto*

The top team of Amiel Gladstone, Veda Hille, and Charles Demers return with a way beyond Disney retelling of sweet little *Cinderella*. Have you ever read the original version? It's messed up! Bring the family back to the York for some upside-down holiday cheer and watch as they dress up some of Vancouver's favourite performers in fairy tale finery and set them loose on this fantastic East Vancouver tradition.



Be prepared to cheer the heroes, boo the villains and join in the singing. It's fun for all ages. Laughing will take place at the York Theatre, 639 Commercial Drive, throughout almost the whole month.



Around Town (10) – Crazy for You

Gateway Theatre in Richmond presents the Gershwin musical, opening December 4th.

It's a toe tapping good time. Who could ask for anything more? 1930s New York swings to life in this high-octane, tap dancing musical! Bachelor Bobby Child begrudgingly works at the family bank while he plugs away at his theatre career, but after he's forced to foreclose on a property in the middle of nowhere, Bobby finds that his love of theatre and the love of his life are waiting for him in the most unlikely of places.



In order to get both, he'll have to pull a few tricks (and fake moustaches) from his theatrical back pocket! Between the hijinks and hilarity, you'll be humming along to famous songs like I Got Rhythm and Nice Work If You Can Get It.

Further Afield – Whistler Film Festival

If you are planning some skiing in Whistler early in December, be sure to book your accommodation in advance. From December 3rd until the 7th the Film Festival is in town.

This December 'Whistler's Best Arts & Cultural Event of 2013' will celebrate its 14th edition as one of Canada's leading film festivals. The Whistler Film Festival is renowned by filmmakers and film lovers alike, and is a place where artists are celebrated, audiences are inspired, and new ideas enter the cultural dialogue.

Featuring innovative and original films from around the world and opportunities to connect with the people who created them, this year's five day Festival will be filled with more premieres, star-studded guests, lively celebrations and unique industry initiatives.



Other Happenings this Month Worthy of a Mention:

- Aspen Magazine 1965-1971 Exhibition at the Charles H. Scott Gallery
- Catherine Pulkinghorn: Home Dream Home, at the Access Gallery
- Vikky Alexander: The Temptation of St. Anthony, at The Apartment
- Chor Leoni: All is Calm – The Christmas Truce of 1914, at the Playhouse
- Mary Poppins, at the Arts Club Theatre
- It's a Wonderful Life, at Pacific Theatre
- Dylan Thomas, Return Journey, at the Cultch
- And many more seasonal entertainments

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