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Around the House (1) - Strata AGM

As owners should know by now, the Strata AGM will take place on Saturday January 11 2014, starting at 9:30 am. It will be held in the Granville Room, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the South Tower. There will be a reception afterwards in the Galiano Room. Owners who were away during the window replacement project will be interested to see photos of the work in progress and some Before and After shots.



Around the House (2) – Bike Storage Room

Our bike room is now fully functional once more, although we don't expect too many customers before the spring. The bike racks have been cleaned and tagged, and put back into place.

If you have a bike in our storage room, please let us know its make and colour, and the number of the rack it is attached to. In due course we will remove any unclaimed bikes and donate them to charity. Thank you.

**Around Town (1) – The Vancouver Spring Show** 

The annual Spring Show, now in its fifth year, is a multi-cultural celebration featuring artists from around the globe. This year, participants will include Yangji Ciren, Joel Hanna and the D'Amby Project dancers, Inner Ring, Yi Long and the local band Sons of Granville.



Tickets can be purchased by calling 604-518-5581. The show is at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, and starts at 7:30pm. For more information please see www.springshow.ca.



Around Town (2) – Chor Leoni in Cadillac Cathedral

Vancouver's own pride of singing lions is back, on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Here's a recipe for a rollicking good show.

Take renowned Canadian author Jack Hodgins, put him on stage reading a story he's written especially for this occasion, back him up with the men of Chor Leoni, together with fiddler Cam Wilson and his band, mix well with some favourites from the choir's repertoire, plus new tunes written by Cam and, voilà, Cadillac

Cathedral, a deliciously funny and moving tale about an old hearse rescued from oblivion and an old man given new lease on life along the backroads of Vancouver Island.



There will only one performance in Vancouver, at Ryerson United Church, and then the Lions take the show on the road. The church is at 2195 West 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For tickets please contact ticketstonight.ca or call 1-877-840-0457.

## Around Town (3) - Al Porto Restaurant

An out-of-town resident was recently raving about this restaurant. They specialize in seafood and in traditional Italian cuisine, including wood-cooked pizza, all in a traditional Tuscan ambiance. The food is tasty, the wine selection extensive, and the service friendly and efficient, we are told.



If you are hosting a large group, Al Porto has 4 private dining rooms. They are located at 321 Water Street, in historic Gastown, and their phone number for reservations is 604-683-8376. Their web site is at <a href="www.alporto.ca">www.alporto.ca</a>.

Around Town (4) – Shen Yun Dance Extravaganza

That isn't the official name of this event, but it should be, as Extravaganza describes it perfectly.

The show's own blurb puts it best: "Through the universal language of music and dance, Shen Yun weaves a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends and modern heroic tales, taking

you on a journey through 5,000 years of Chinese culture. Its stunning beauty and tremendous energy leave audiences uplifted and inspired.

A Shen Yun performance features the world's foremost classically trained dancers, a unique orchestra blending East and West, and dazzling animated backdrops – together creating one spectacular performance."



The show is on at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre from January 23<sup>rd</sup> until the 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at <a href="https://www.ShenYub.com/Van">www.ShenYub.com/Van</a>, or by calling 1-888-974-3698.

## Around Town (5) - Mary Poppins

If you missed the show before Christmas, there are a few days early in January, until the 5<sup>th</sup>, when it will still be playing on the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage. This new adaptation by Julian Fellowes (creator of Downton Abbey) features a mix of the original music and lyrics from the beloved musical classic with all-new music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe.

Comments the Vancouver Sun reviewer, "The new version is deeper and richer than the Disney classic, but a spoonful of sugar shouldn't be required to help this show to go down easily."



Tickets are available from <a href="www.artsclub.com">www.artsclub.com</a>, or you can call 604-687-1644.

**Around Town (6) – Play House: The Architecture** of Daniel Evan White

Daniel Evan White knew exactly how to play with houses. The modest Vancouver architect drove innovation along the west coast from 1960 to 2012, creating homes that his clients claim were life changing. Discover his remarkable work in this first retrospective of his career.

Play House ventures through Daniel Evan White's mind, hands, and eyes to explore the creative process that transforms the dream home from desire into reality. The exhibition includes stories from clients and contractors, a replica of the Máté House built to 1:4 scale, projections, smaller models, 3D computer models, and an area where visitors can get hands on with some of Dan's favourite geometric shapes.



The exhibition refreshes our ideas of the typical house and its functions, with each featured project becoming a commentary on contemporary culture, innovation, risk, and the idea of play. It's on at the Vancouver Museum until the end of March next year. The museum is at1100 Chestnut Street, close to Vanier Park and not far from the South end of the Burrard Street Bridge.

"I had the impression of being in the presence of a private man, a man who had a Buddha-like quality and who made a house speak the way a Dylan Thomas poem makes a grown man weep or a Lawren Harris clean line painting evokes the grandeur of Canada."

Bruce Fraser, in his 2012 eulogy to Daniel Evan White

Around Town (7) - Cavalia

You've probably seen the huge tent to the east side of the Cambie Street Bridge, and wondered if Barnum and Bailey were in town. Well, the tent isn't for them, but for the above-mentioned show, which stars horses.

Cavalia is a fresh mix of equestrian and performing arts, multimedia and special effects. Conceived by Normand Latourelle and often labelled an equestrian ballet, Cavalia is a spectacular and moving tribute to the relationship between humans and horses throughout history, a dream of freedom, co-operation and harmony.



In a fairy tale setting filled with poetry and emotion, the show innovatively integrates acrobatics, dance, aerial stunts, live music and equestrian arts. Under the White Big Top, a 50-metre stage permits the horses to express themselves in all their splendour, nobility and strength, often running completely free.

For tickets please call 1-866-999-8111.



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