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Around the House (1) - Fobs

If you are expecting visitors who will be signing out your suite keys, please make sure to let us have one of your fobs at the desk. We are no longer permitted to lend out Concierge fobs.

Thank you.



Around the House (2) - Parking on Hotel Levels

We need to remind residents again that this is a nono. The parking attendants will tow the car of anyone who enters the parkade on a One Wall fob and who doesn't go through the second gate on P4. Many warnings have been issued in the last month or so, and last week 2 cars were towed without notice to the Concierge.

Around Town (1) – One Hundred in One Day

In today's quiz, we ask what "happening" Bogotá, Colombia, has had for the last 2 years that's only coming to Vancouver this June? It's 100-in-1 Day, DIY in the public square, a day when a bunch of design nerds, hipsters, parents and other folks will use their own time, money and creativity to do an

intervention. Imagine a day when you turn a corner and there's a juggler, a piece of art, a perfect garden or even a stranger who says hello.

That's what'll be happening on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. One such event will be Speed BFF. For 2 hours, near the corner of Bute and Davie Streets, comfortable chairs, lamps, tables, china plates, old photo frames and an egg timer will be set up for three-minute (hence the egg timer), meet-and-greets with the neighbours.

Outside the Olympic Centre on Clancy Loranger Way, chalk will be available for people to write and draw their dreams on the pavement. There will be volunteer-led walks, origami and picnicking at Trout Lake.



Along the south shore of False Creek, pop-up poets will write and recite verses, while at Olympic Village Square broken umbrellas will be deconstructed and the fabric sewn into a big patchwork canopy that can be used for future community gatherings.

Well, you get the idea. New events are being planned each day. All details are at <a href="https://www.100in1day.ca/Vancouver">www.100in1day.ca/Vancouver</a>.

Around Town (2) – Michael Bublé

Michael Bublé returns to his hometown of Vancouver on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Bublé is currently wrapping up a 40-date tour in support of his sixth studio album *To Be Loved*.

An international superstar, Bublé sold out 10 nights at the 17,000 capacity 02 Arena in London and 5 nights at the 10,000 capacity 02 in Dublin this summer. His previous Crazy Love Tour sold out in 80 US cities and was seen by over two million fans worldwide. *To Be Loved* is Bublé's 4th consecutive

No. 1 album. The multi-Grammy winning artist has had global sales of over 45 million albums in the course of his extraordinary decade-long career.

To Be Loved was recorded in Vancouver and Los Angeles and includes a mix of standards as well as four original songs all co-written by Bublé. "After All" one of the four originals was co-written and performed with fellow Canadian Bryan Adams.



The album also includes hits previously recorded by some of Bublé's musical heroes including the Bee Gees hit "To Love Somebody", Dean Martin's "Nevertheless (I'm In Love With You"), the Jackson 5 early '70's smash "Who's Loving You", Jackie Wilson's "To Be Loved" and the Elvis Presley classic "Have I Told You Lately". Bublé is joined by actress Reese Witherspoon on the classic Frank and Nancy Sinatra duet "Something Stupid". He will be appearing at Rogers Arena.

Around Town (3) - Espresso, at the Pacific Theatre

Three fiery women – Vito's estranged daughter, his pit-bull of a second wife, and the family's wrinkled matriarch – find humour and grace in the aftermath of a violent car crash that threatens to take from them the one man they all love.



"The espresso – she's life. Quick, black, bitter in the mouth. Don't expect sweet." In the 30 years of Pacific Theatre's life, this has been their most acclaimed original production.

"This is one of the best scripts ever produced by a Vancouver playwright. And you know what? The show is really funny too." Colin Thomas, The Georgia Straight



Around Town (4) - Italian Day on the Drive

In one of the biggest displays of all things Italian outside Italy, Commercial Drive will be transformed on Sunday, June 8 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Day 2014. As one of Vancouver's most celebrated cultural festivals, Italian Day is a showcase of classic style, masterful design and superior quality that represents 'Made in Italy.' From inventions to Italian goods to lifestyle products, this year's Italian Day celebrates everything that makes Italy unique – many of which are found in our very own backyard.

Last year, 300,000 attendees took over The Drive with a passion to embrace Italian culture and celebrate the contributions made to this city by Italian immigrants and subsequent generations of Italo-Canadians. Similar numbers are expected for this year's festivities with activities that are fun for the whole family.



Recognized as Vancouver's very own 'Little Italy', The Drive will be transformed into a vibrant street festival, with the goal of sharing the quality and wealth of Italian culture with Vancouver's multicultural community. From food to performing arts, fashion, merchants and activities, Italy's unmatched sense of style will be the centerpiece at this year's event, which gets bigger and better each year.

To embrace the theme for 2014 "Made in Italy", the festival is installing a large, walk-through display featuring various inventions and products created/designed by Italians that are part of our everyday lives. With a brief overview on each item, the museum will highlight inventions such as the radio, telephone, bicycle, eyeglasses, the coffee machine, and the piano. Gorgeous Italian vehicles such as the Ducati, Vespa, and Fiat will also be on display. Expect crowds – this festival is huge!

Around Town (5) – Bobby McFerrin at the Orpheum

"There are essentially two categories of singers in the world: McFerrin and everybody else." — Chicago Tribune

Ten-time Grammy winner Bobby McFerrin blurs the lines between popular music and high art, inspiring a whole new generation of a cappella singers and the beatbox movement.

His latest album, *spirityouall*, is a bluesy, feel-good recording, and an unexpected move from the music-industry rebel who singlehandedly redefined the role of the human voice with his a cappella hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy," his collaborations with Yo-Yo Ma, Chick Corea and the Vienna Philharmonic, his improvising choir Voicestra, and his legendary solo vocal performances.



Spirityouall embraces Bobby's folk, rock, and blues influences without abandoning his never-ending exploration of the human voice.

He appears at the Orpheum on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are available from www.Coastaljazz.ca.



Around Town (6) – Vancouver Collector Car Show and Auction

This event was held for the first time in 2013 and was a great success, so it's back again. This year's show will feature over 700 stunning vehicles across 12 acres of both indoor and outdoor space. There will be a live auction, show cars, exhibit booths, sponsor displays, beer gardens, outdoor entertainment, bands and more.



The whole shebang takes place at the PNE Fairgrounds on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Around Town (7) - International Jazz Festival

The Jazz Festival is back again. Venues around town will be humming from June 20<sup>th</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are far too many acts to list, but some highlights are the Hard Rubber Orchestra, Cassandra Wilson, Charles Lloyd Quartet and Hiromi: The Trio Project.

Around Town (8) - Red Rock Diner

Five teens come of age in 1957 while DJ Red Robinson plays the biggest hits of the time—from the raucous "Great Balls of Fire" and "Jailhouse Rock" to ballads like "Diana" and "Crying."



This infectious musical captures the excitement and innocence of the city's burgeoning rock 'n' roll scene. Described as Vancouver's Rock 'n' Roll Musical, the show opens on June 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Arts Club Theatre on Granville Island.



Around Town (9) - Bard on the Beach/Chor Leoni

Vancouver's internationally renowned and locally loved Chor Leoni takes to the MainStage Tent at Bard on the Beach for the closing production of their season. It's a tradition that "the singing lions" let their hair down at this concert at one of Vancouver's most spectacular summer venues.

Audience members know to expect not only great singing, but also soaring soloists, choreography, costuming, great humour, and a full band. This year's production, cheekily called Manely #1's (did you catch the lion reference?) is a musical exploration of all things "one."



Think of number one hits, counting songs, chart toppers, and showstoppers – they're all part of the mix that is Manely #1's. Casting a wide net in search of "one," the program ranges from opera to Abba, and barbershop to the Beatles, with visits to classics and current hits along the way. Within that broad definition you can definitely expect surprises, be it a "new to Chor Leoni audiences" guest soloist, unique staging, or comedic turn.

Join Chor Leoni and Artistic Director Erick Lichte as they present Manely #1's at Bard on the Beach. Choose a matinée performance and go for dinner afterwards, or pack a picnic to enjoy before the show in the Bard's Village. Either way, this is one show you don't want to miss!

All this takes place on the Mainstage Tent at Bard on the Beach, on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> (2 shows) with a reprise on the 30<sup>th</sup> (ditto).

Around Town (10) - Bard on the Beach

Our city's annual celebration of all things Shakespearian kicks off its latest season on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and productions don't wrap until late in September. The setting is magical, and the plays are of course magnificent. This year's rotation consists of A Midsummer's Night's Dream, The Tempest, Cymbeline, plus Equivocation by Bill Cain.



Full details are available at <a href="https://www.bardonthebeach.org">www.bardonthebeach.org</a>. Be warned that most plays sell out quickly on the popular nights, so don't delay in making your booking.

Around Town (11) - Cirque du Soleil - Totem

The Circus is back in town! Yep, the Cirque du Soleil will be performing here until the first week of July. This time the show is Totem, described as a "fascinating journey into the evolution of mankind." TOTEM traces the fascinating journey of the human species from its original amphibian state to its ultimate desire to fly. The characters evolve on a stage evoking a giant turtle, the symbol of origin for many ancient civilizations.



Inspired by many founding myths, TOTEM illustrates, through visual and acrobatic language, the evolutionary progress of species. Somewhere between science and legend TOTEM explores the ties that bind Man to other species, his dreams and his infinite potential.

The Toronto Star recently described the show as "Spectacular, artful, breathtaking and deliciously ironic.

Around Town (12) - CBC Music Festival

A host of super cool musicians are coming to Deer Lake Park in Burnaby this month. They'll be here for the CBC Music Festival, which takes place on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Acts already announced include Spoon, Tegan and Sara, and Dan Mangan. Others will be added closer to the day. Jian Ghomeshi will host the whole thing.



Pack your sunscreen, bring your hat and picnic, and aim to arrive early. In previous years the festival has been very well attended, and parking has been at a premium. Children under 10 can enter without charge. More details are available at <a href="Mailto:CBCMusic.ca">CBCMusic.ca</a> Festival.

Around Town (13) - David Burdeny: Saudade Series

If viewing art is more to your taste this month, you may want to check out this exhibit at the Jennifer Kostuik Gallery. After delving into architectural imagery, local artist David Burdeny has returned to landscape photography. The new series, while giving a nod to the elegant minimalism of his past water and land photos, furthers his interest in abstraction.



The show has already opened, and will run until early July. The gallery is close by, at 1070 Homer Street.

Further Afield - BC Shellfish & Seafood Festival

The Comox Valley produces more oysters than anywhere else in Canada and boasts nutrient-rich waters, spectacular coastal scenery and friendly hospitality. Experience this growing aquaculture industry at the BC Shellfish and Seafood Festival, a unique event that offers 10 days of fabulous seafood tastings, informative aquaculture producer tours, signature dinner events, competitions, and family fun!



Join the celebration of this delicious and sustainable resource and experience the Comox Valley while you savour incredible seafood creations prepared by some of BC's finest Chefs.

The festival runs from June 13<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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