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Around the House (1) – Filter Changes (Floors 31-33)

For those owners/residents who have opted for the filter replacement service, this will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 1st.

Around the House (2) – After Hours Access

If a taxi drops you off at the hotel lower lobby doors after hours, you don't need to walk around the corner to the One Wall lobby if you don't want to. There is now a buzzer affixed to the door. You press that, and someone at the front desk will buzz you in. The buzzer is in the photo below.



Around Town (1) – Chrysanthemums and Maple Leaves Festival 2014

Described as A Joyous Synthesis of Sound & Creativity, The Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra is a professional concert orchestra devoted specifically to performing new intercultural music on a grand scale. Founded in 2001, it was one of the first such ensembles in the world, and is currently

the only one of its kind in Canada. The VICO's core roster consists of 24 musicians, some of whom are trained in the Western (European) classical tradition, while others are performers in the musical traditions of cultures from all over the world (Asian, African, East Indian and Middle Eastern, among others).



The VICO's composers and musicians are on the cutting edge, writing and performing the Canadian music of the future. VICO's mission is to be a fresh and relevant voice in the contemporary music of our country...a creative force for innovation, diversity and understanding.

Their last concert of this series is on November 1st, at the Frederic Wood Theatre at UBC.

Around Town (2) – *The Forbidden City: Inside the Court of China's Emperors* offers a glimpse of an iconic and long-hidden era of Chinese cultural history. For five centuries Chinese emperors called the Forbidden City (1416–1911), located in the heart of Beijing, their home.

With only the emperor, his imperial household and special visitors allowed inside its walls, this immense palace captured the world's attention for its power, wealth and mystery. Selected from the vast collections of Beijing's Palace Museum, the exhibition showcases nearly 200 precious works from the Forbidden City that have rarely been seen outside of China.



These exquisite examples from Chinese cultural history date from as early as 500 CE to the early-twentieth century and include such treasures as paintings, ceramics, gold and silver wares, jade, cloisonné, bronzes and textiles.

This exhibition runs at the Vancouver Art Gallery until early in the New Year.

Around Town (3) – Vancouver Opera: Stickboy

The inner life of a young boy is at the heart of this moving and meaningful new opera by world-renowned spoken-word artist Shane Koyczan and composer Neil Weisensel. Bravely autobiographical, beautifully poetic, visually innovative and musically memorable, *Stickboy* confronts the uncomfortable reality of a society struggling with its own fear and insecurity, a society that seeks conformity and uniformity at the expense of those who are different.

STICKBOY



This visually stunning world premiere will feature animation by Giant Ant, the producers of Mr. Koyczan's monumentally popular video "To This Day", with set design by Drew Facey. Performances run until November 7th.



Around Town (4) – Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Ghost Light Projects presents a local version of the rock musical that has broken Broadway box office records. Jessie Awards nominated Ryan Alexander McDonald stars as a transgender musician on a journey of self-discovery, while the Cobalt stars as the site of the rock world's grotty underbelly.



Tickets are available at brownpapertickets.com, and be warned, the show closes soon.

Around Town (5) – The Best of Lerner and Loewe

On November 21st and 22nd, the Vancouver Symphony moves away from the classical realm and onto Broadway. Hark back to the classic days of theatre, with music by the great Lerner and Loewe.



This remarkable musical duo created some of the best-loved music for theatre, including classics such as *Camelot*, *My Fair Lady*, *Brigadoon*, *Paint Your Wagon*, and *Gigi*. Conductor Steven Reineke and the orchestra celebrate this wonderful music in a concert that makes you feel like dancing all night long!

Various soloists and the UBC Opera Ensemble will all be under the baton of Steven Reineke.



Around Town (6) – Festival of Chocolate

“Celebrating all things chocolate. And all things that pair with chocolate, cooking with chocolate, thinking outside the chocolate box... and more.” So the festival describes itself.

The Festival of Chocolate created a Savour Chocolate Program... where they invite any business to create a chocolate themed event between October 15 to November 10 – (chocolate high tea...coffee and a chocolate influenced dessert, maybe a wine and chocolate pairing party, whiskey and chocolate sampling event, a 3 course (20 course?) lunch or Dinner, where each course has a chocolate influence... paired with beers, wines, whatever).



Chocolatiers and Chocolate Shops are asked to create a signature Festival of Chocolate item, and then festival goers can try out the new creation. The goal is to celebrate chocolate, and all things

that pair with chocolate! Please see their website for a list of participating businesses.

Around Town (7) – Three Tall Women, by Edward Albee

Western Gold was formed by former Playhouse artistic director Joy Coghill to provide work for senior actors and allow senior actors to mentor younger performers. The company is based in the Performing Arts Lodge in downtown Vancouver.

Late in October and running into next month, they are presenting the play often considered Albee's masterpiece.



"When he wrote the play he said it was 'somewhat autobiographical' and I guess he exorcised the mother who just couldn't deal with a gay son." The play features three (tall) women — or three aspects of one woman, identified as A, B and C. "There's an old woman and a middle-aged woman and a young woman. I'm playing the old woman," says Hagan, 75, who is aging up for the part.

Her character is 91. Beatrice Zeilinger takes the part of the middle-aged woman and recent Jessie winner Meaghan Chenosky plays the young woman. Matt Reznick takes on a non-speaking male role.

The show is on until November 9th, at PAL Studio Theatre, 581 Cardero Street.

Around Town (8) – Snowball Classic

If Ballroom Dancing is your thing, then the Hyatt Regency Hotel is where you need to be from November 13th until the 15th. Hosted by DanceSport BC, the three-day event will be the setting for competitive dancing events at numerous levels.



Expect tuxes, high heels, patent leather shoes and enough mascara to sell out Holt Renfrew. Tickets are available online at www.snowballclassic.com, and the event always sells out quickly, so don't delay in buying your tickets if you plan to attend.



Around Town (9) – No. 29

Ballet BC's 2014/2015 season opens with A.U.R.A. (Anarchist Unit Related to Art)

Set to a dynamic electronic acoustic score by German duo 48nord, *A.U.R.A.* is sleek and startling in its relentless intensity, showcasing Jacopo Godani's explosive and kinetic style. "I have a small obsession," he says, "to get dancers to take their bodies and brains farther." In his unique world, the dancers "move with raw physical strength...the resulting tableaux [are] stunning."



The provocative nature of *A.U.R.A.* combined with its virtuosic physicality proved highly successful with audiences and critics in Vancouver and abroad. Godani has created works for Netherlands Dance Theater, Cedar Lake Dance, The Royal Danish Ballet, Les Ballets de Monte Carlo and The Royal Ballet of Flanders.

Choreography is by Jacopo Godani, with music by 48nord. Performances are at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on November 6th through the 8th.

Other Items Worthy of Mention: Vancouver Recital Society

- Vertavo String Quartet – works by Mozart, Bartok and Dvorak, November 9th
- Pavel Kolesnikov, Piano – Mozart, Schumann and Scriabin, November 16th
- Doric String Quartet – Haydn, Ades and Beethoven, November 23rd



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