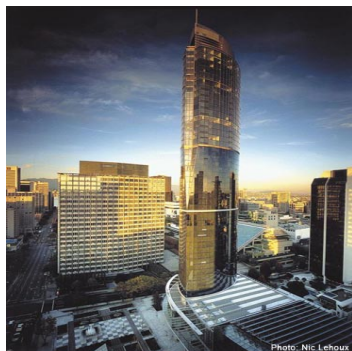




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Around the House – Trades Calls

If you are having work carried out in your suite, please don't forget to let us know at the desk. It's helpful to know who we are to expect, an approximate time, and what access arrangements you want us to make. We are of course happy to open up suites at owners' direction, but if we don't know about the work in advance, it's difficult to know what we are expected to do. Thank you.



Around Town (1) – Bike the Blossoms Tour

Slow Food Vancouver, in partnership with the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival and the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition, presents the second annual Bike the Blossoms tour. The event starts at the Van Dusen Botanical Gardens on Oak Street, and follows designated city bike routes. Boulevards of cherry blossom trees will

be highlighted along the way. And riders will be able to connect with local food and local farmers at community centres en route.

The ride is on Saturday, April 18th. Last year, when this event began, some snow the night before deterred some riders, but even so more than a thousand cyclists took part. This year, with enquiries coming from as far away as France, organizers are expecting an even bigger turnout.



Please see www.slowfoodvancouver.com for all of the event details, and make sure your bike tires are pumped and ready!

Around Town (2) – Age of Arousal

Playwright Linda Griffiths' dream of Victorian England begins with an erotic encounter between a once-militant suffragist and her female secretary. As the play examines how sex and gender interact with politics, the six polite characters – five women and one man – share their uncensored thoughts with the audience. The script also includes a how-to section on manipulative fainting.



The show runs from April 22nd until May 9th at the Arts Club Theatre on Granville Island. All details are available at www.artclub.com.

Around Town (3) – Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

On April 24th and 25th, the Vancouver Playhouse presents Chicago's Hubbard Street Dance Company. They are one of America's top contemporary dance companies, and they are

bringing a varied repertoire to their 2 shows here, on April 24th and the 25th only. If you are a discerning dance critic with a taste for big ensemble work and world-class choreography, this is the show for you.



We assume that tickets will be available through Ticketmaster. Please note that these performances are not yet listed on the Playhouse web site, so details are still sketchy.

Around Town (4) – Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir

“What do you call 100 men, handsomely dressed in tuxedos with red cummerbunds and matching bow ties, all singing on stage in perfect harmony? Superb.” That's the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir, and that was Catholine Butler, writing about a concert given last fall by this auditioned male choir.

Their spring concert will take place on Sunday April 26th, at St. Patrick's Church, which is located at 2881 Main Street, Vancouver. On this occasion they will be joined by the Regional Secondary Chamber Choir from St. Patrick's School. Regular admission tickets are \$22, while students and seniors can sneak in for \$18, and the singing begins at 8pm.

Please see www.vwmc.ca for more details on this great choir.

Around Town (5) - Yevgeny Sudbin

The Vancouver Recital Society presents this phenomenal Russian pianist at the Chan Centre on the UBC campus on Sunday April 5th at 3pm. The concert is already sold out, but extra seats The show starts at 8pm and tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

have now been made available in the choral loft, so if you hurry you may still be able to buy tickets.

The young Russian pianist Yevgeny Sudbin brings audiences to their feet wherever he performs, and he continues to send critics scrambling for superlatives. Hold your breath. He is one in a million.



His concert consists of works by Scarlatti, Haydn, Chopin, Medtner and Prokofiev, and is not to be missed. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster, if you're quick. For more details, please see www.vanrecital.com.

Further Afield (Richmond) – Paula Poundstone

Paula Poundstone is, without question, one of the funniest people alive. The veteran stand-up comedienne is back, better than ever, after five years of probation for child endangerment. If you're going to drink and drive, the lesson is, make sure your kids are out of the car first. Just kidding!

This is a family-friendly show, believe it or not, even though it is being held at the River Rock Casino in Richmond. The minimum age for admission is 10 – no maximum is specified.



Still Further Afield – Victoria Art Galleries

If you plan to be in Victoria this month, the Fairfield Artists' Studio Tour is well worth

checking out. Many Victoria visual artists get together each year to showcase their wares. The Gala opening is on Friday April 24th, and is being held in the Garry Oak Room at 1335 Thurlow Road in Victoria. Afterwards, all of the galleries on the tour are open from 11am until 4pm on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Please see their web sites for gallery addresses and to see some of the many works on show. This might be the perfect time to buy a new picture to put over your dining table. The web address is www.galendavison.com.

And Finally – Order Your Copy Now!

The prize for oddest book title of 2008 has been awarded to "The 2009-2014 World Outlook for 60-milligram Containers of Fromage Frais," thanks to a late surge in popularity. Philip M. Parker's "Fromage Frais," which literally means "fresh cheese" in French, beat out titles such as "Baboon Metaphysics,"

"Curbside Consultation of the Colon," and "Strip and Knit with Style."

According to online bookstore Amazon.com, Parker's book costs a stunning \$795. The website gives no indication as to what it is about, but it takes up to two months to be delivered.

Parker's book claimed first place with 32 percent of the 5,034 votes cast, beating out the early favourite "Techniques for Corrosion Monitoring."

"Baboon Metaphysics" placed second with 22 percent of the vote, while "Colon" trailed close behind with 18 percent.

The prize was dreamed up at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 1978 as a way of avoiding boredom. Past winners have included titles such as "Bombproof Your Horse" (2004), "Butterworths Corporate Manslaughter Service" (2001), and "Reusing Old Graves" (1995).

**Your One Wall Concierge Team,
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