



Newsletter #106

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Around the House (1) – Climb the Wall 2010

We don't have all of the stats in yet, but what we already know is:

Total Participants: 530

Firefighters: 130

Money Raised: \$125,000 counted so far

Number of Teams: 52

Oldest Climber: 75 years

Youngest Climber: 4 years

And in case they weren't tired enough from doing the climb once, some hardy folk went up 4 times! Just think of that next time you are riding up in the elevator.



Around Town (1) – Paradise Garden

Local boy Day, a free spirit, lives next door to worldly Layla, a career-driven intellectual. The two have nothing in common. Or do they? Over time these divergent souls come to understand each other in a way neither thought possible. A contemporary tale of romance and cultural divides so engaging it will change the way you see the girl (or boy) next door!



The play is running at the Arts Club Theatre until April 11th. Be warned, though – it's regarded as suitable for mature audiences only. Please see www.artsclub.com for more details, and for tickets.

Around Town (2) – John Mayer

John Mayer is on a North American tour to promote his new CD, *Battle Studies*.

Battle Studies is the fourth studio album from the seven-time Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter and incorporates the warmth, melodies and simplicity of 70's and 80's California rock and pop. *Battle Studies* is a confessional, relaxed and liberated album recorded in a private home in California where Mayer lived and worked before wrapping at the famed Capitol Studios in Los Angeles.



The consistency with which John Mayer combines word craft and melody has earned him rarefied status in popular culture as a genuine and respected songwriter and musician. Since his acclaimed debut in 2001 with *Room for Squares*, each release has earned John Mayer additional accolades. Through 2003's *Heavier Things*, his work with John Mayer Trio in 2005, *Continuum*'s 2006 release and now, *Battle Studies*, John Mayer has established himself as a musician and collaborator who exceeds genre boundaries. The guitarist, vocalist and songwriter has earned seven Grammy Awards and sold nearly 12.5 million albums worldwide.

In May 2007, Time Magazine placed John Mayer on their Time 100 list of the most influential contemporary thinkers, leaders, artists and entertainers. For two consecutive years, Rolling Stone Magazine has featured John Mayer on the cover of their annual "Guitar" issue. In the past, Mayer has performed and/or recorded with Eric Clapton, BB King, Buddy Guy, T-Bone Burnett, Herbie Hancock, Dixie Chicks, Jay Z, Alicia Keys and Taylor Swift.

Mayer performs at GM Place on Thursday April 1st at 7pm. Tickets are available from the usual outlets.

Around Town (3) – Philip Glass – Etudes and Other works for Solo Piano



"The most powerful composer of our time... what Glass is doing is changing the face of music for our time and all time." - *The Daily Telegraph*

Stirring and meditative, this evening of Philip Glass' solo piano is a rare opportunity for audiences to experience this extraordinary and influential composer's work first hand.

The concert takes place at the Chan Shun Concert Hall, on the UBC campus. It's on Monday April 5th at 7:30pm.

Around Town (4) – Vancouver Chamber Choir at the Orpheum

On Friday April 2nd the Vancouver Chamber Choir present two intimate masterpieces, Schubert's *Mass in G Major* and Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*. They will also perform the world premiere of an atmospheric new work for choir and strings by the brilliant Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer. Based on texts from Dante's *Paradiso*, *The Love that Moves the Universe* is another of the Choir's exciting 40th anniversary commissions. The concert is at 8pm.



Around Town (5) – Conan O'Brien

On April 13th and 14th, funny man Conan O'Brien hits town on his "Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television" Tour. Arising out of the cancellation of his short-running "Tonight Show," O'Brien's settlement with NBC means that he isn't allowed to appear on network television until September 2010.

In the meantime he's hitting the road (maybe he needs the money) and will be appearing in the Orpheum this month. Whether he'll be allowed to comment on the recent feud with Jay Leno is anyone's guess, but whether he does or not, his show should be a good one. Appearing with him will be most members of the Max Weinberg band.



Around Town (6) – Leonardo da Vinci

No, he's not here in person. However, the Vancouver Art Gallery's new tandem exhibitions celebrate the human body through both artistry and anatomy. The Leonardo exhibition, entitled *The Mechanics of Man*, is a thorough examination of the master's 16th century anatomical renderings.

It runs in conjunction with *Visceral Bodies*, which features two decades' worth of contemporary art exploring scientific and medical innovations. Both exhibitions run until early May. Please see www.VanArtGallery.bc.ca for more details.

Around Town (7) – All things Oeniferous

On April 19th, the 32nd annual Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival (try saying that after an afternoon in the tasting rooms) gets under way. The two themes this year are the wines of New Zealand and Argentina, and the festival will encompass 1,700 wines from 197 participating wineries in 14 different regions.

There's far too much going on in the six days of the festival to be summarised here, but all that you could ever want to know can be found at www.playhousewinefest.com. And remember, do not taste and drive.



On the Web – Miss604.com

A great source of information on all things Vancouver is the Miss604.com blog. Started by local journalist and entrepreneur Rebecca Bollwit a few years ago, Miss 604 has become one of the go-to sites for current gossip, event information, happenings and so on. Check it out!

Further Afield - Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

If you plan to venture over the border this month, April 2010 sees the 27th Annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.



Spring is truly just around the corner -- tulips are coming. Forecasts by growers there indicate they should have huge fields of flowers in bloom by around March 25. RoozenGaarde is open year round and has colour in the garden right now. Tulip Town will open early on March 26 and will have lots of colour in their walk-through tulip field.

Festival events and activities will stick to their original schedule -- you can find them under the events tab on the web site. The Kiwanis Salmon Barbecue runs from April 3-25 and the Battle of the Bands event holds preliminary competition rounds April 3, 10, and 17. Special events will include the Tulip Run (April 10th), Tulip Pedal (April 17th), Parade (April 10th) Street Fair (April 16th – 18th), and the famous Kiwanis Salmon BBQ (April 3rd – 25th). And don't forget this year the festival will be hosting the World Tulip Summit April 13th – 15th.

Accommodation is available in La Conner, Friday Harbor and Anacortes. Please see www.tulipfestival.org for more details.



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