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Around the House (1) – Spills in Public Areas

If you have or come across a spill on the hallway carpet or in one of our elevators, please let the Concierge on duty know, and we will take steps to have the mess cleaned up. Please don't call the hotel's housekeeping office, as they don't supply staff to our portion of the building.

Thank you.



Around the House (2) – High Heeled Shoes

If you have hardwood or stone floors in your suite, the sound of high heels clicking can be heard in neighbouring suites, and below. If you have visitors wearing heels, please ask them to remove them when they are in your suite. Your neighbours will appreciate it.

Around Town (1) – MusicFest Vancouver

Explore extraordinary music! That's MusicFest Vancouver's invitation to you, as it brings you its annual feast of classical, jazz and world music presentations.

Each year for 10 days in August, concert venues throughout Vancouver play host to unforgettable musical experiences that bring enthusiastic and

adventurous music lovers together with some of the most talented artists in the world. Whether you're a knowledgeable and demanding consumer of musical performance, or a relative newcomer to a particular musical scene, the festival opens its doors and its heart to you and draws you into its vibrant milieu.

Ten days, over 40 concerts and events, and diverse musical repertoire that spans both the centuries and the planet: MusicFest Vancouver offers you a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the broadest range of live music performed with passion, skill and creativity.

The Festival runs from August 5th until the 14th, and there are far too many events planned to be listed here. Please see www.musicfestvancouver.ca for all you could ever need to know.

Around Town (2) – The Power of Women

The internationally acclaimed Power of Women Leadership series returns to Vancouver this summer for an extraordinary once in a lifetime experience!

Ellen De Generes will be the keynote speaker. She will be followed by Suzanne Somers, actress, author and business woman, Marlee Matlin, actress and author, Loretta LaRocha, acclaimed speaker and author, Amilya Antonetti, entrepreneur and business leader, and Leigh Anne Tuohy, business leader and best-selling author.



The event takes place at Rogers Arena on Friday August 12th. It's an all day affair, kicking off at 9am. Don't miss this chance to see all of these extraordinary speakers in person. For tickets please call 1-866-994-2555. Group tickets are also available.

Around Town (3) – All Over the Map 2011

All Over the Map is an outdoor dance and music series. It's back for its eighth year on Granville Island, bringing you the best in free, outdoor cultural events in Vancouver. You can experience exhilarating local dance and music with roots from all around the globe.

Be sure to bring your dancing shoes. Their lively, all-ages performances have been known to get spectators moving!

All performances take place in Ron Basford Park on Granville Island, and start at 2pm. In the event of rain (nah, couldn't happen) they move into Performance Works. For more information please call 604-893-8875.



Around Town (4) – Santana

Carlos Santana and the Santana Band are on a North American tour over the summer, and we'll see them in Vancouver this month. Their show will also feature special guest Michael Franti and Spearhead.

They will perform classics from the group's four-decades-long career, and spotlight songs from Santana's latest album, *Guitar Heaven: The Greatest Guitar Classics of All Time*. With its release, Santana joined the Rolling Stones as one of only two music acts in Billboard chart history to score at least one Top Ten album in each decade from the 1960s through the present.

For more than two decades, the Bay Area-born Michael Franti has built a diverse and inspiring repertoire of music, including his most recent release, *The Sound of Sunshine*—the highest Billboard 200 chart debut of his career. The album continues to find chart success with the latest single, "I'll be Waiting."



Ever since Santana emerged from the San Francisco Bay Area music scene in the late 1960s, the group has sold more than 100 million records and reached more than 100 million fans at concerts worldwide. To date, Santana has won ten Grammy Awards, including a record-tying nine for a single project, 1999's *Supernatural*.

In 1998, the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, whose website notes, "Guitarist Carlos Santana is one of rock's true virtuosos and guiding lights." Among many other honors, Carlos Santana has also been cited by Rolling Stone Magazine as #15 on its list of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

Santana and Michael Franti perform at Rogers Arena on Saturday August 27th, and feedback will first be heard at 7:30pm.

Around Town (5) – Richmond Maritime Festival

You are invited to have all kinds of seafaring, nautical fun at Britannia Heritage Shipyard. Say "ahoy, there" to dozens of boaters at the dock, showing off their wooden vessels. And don't even think of missing the tall ship, HMCS Oriole, the oldest ship in the Canadian Navy! A beautiful 83-year-old sailing ketch, *Oriole* is one of the most popular tall ships on the West Coast.

Enjoy model boat building; making original prints; folding origami "wish boats", pirate hats and swords; puzzle games; knot tying and of course, face painting and tattoos. Don't miss getting a beautiful dragon, octopus or sea horse Sharpie-drawn tattoo by Richmond's own Ricky Choh.



Learn the story of two brothers who captured the North American ships wheel market with their innovation and ingenuity. This is the history of the Marine Products Company told through interactive displays and rare artifacts from the Richmond Museum's collection. This temporary exhibit is located in the Seine Net Loft building.



Stroll the site and meet many local artists creating en plein air. Meet members of the Richmond Carvers Society, Richmond Artists Guild and Richmond Potters Guild. And discover a variety of inventive, insightful and inspiring installations along the waterfront, and throughout the site.

The Chinese Bunkhouse depicts the incredible stories of Chinese cannery workers. Be inspired by their remarkable courage in the face of hardship and discrimination. Interactive displays, rare photographs and short films bring the exhibit to life and provide visitors with a new perspective on life in Steveston in the early 20th century.



The Festival runs from August 5th until the 7th. For more details please see www.richmondmaritimefestival.ca.

Around Town (6) – BC Cultural Crawl

The BC Cultural Crawl is a self-guided tour of community-initiated events: music, theatre and dance performances, visual arts, festivals, museum and heritage exhibitions, culinary arts, community art walks and more.

This is a self-guided exploration of supercultural British Columbia. You can browse August-long events, local cultural crawls, and community art walks. Download itineraries, maps and find all of the resources you need to plan your own exploration on www.art-bc.com.

The Crawl runs for the whole month of August, and encompasses dozens of attractions. Please check out their website for a list of all attractions. Note that the Crawl encompasses the whole of the Province, not just Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.

Further Afield – Turtles in Texas

August is a difficult time for turtles. On South Padre Island, as they make their bolt for the sea. Hungry predators keen on turtle soup (or mashed turtle) lie, or rather swim, in wait for the tasty morsels.



Volunteers are always wanted to help shepherd the hatchlings safely into the sea. The Island has a population of endangered Kemp Ridley and Loggerheads turtles. Please see www.seaturtleinc.org for more information.

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team:
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