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#### **Around the House (1) – Heat Pumps**

Occasionally your heat pump may stop working, perhaps because of a power outage or maybe because of problems with the heating or cooling circuits on the roof.

When the pumps restart, usually just the fan kicks in again, but the heating or cooling doesn't. You may hear your fan running, but no cool or hot air (as required) is being pumped through the vents. The solution is simple: shut your pump off at the breakers for at least 5 minutes, according to the manufacturer. This clears all of the memory boards. When you restart the pump, everything should be back to normal.



#### **Around the House (2) – Bike Storage Room**

All bike storage racks are now numbered. If you haven't done so already, please let the Concierge on duty know the make and colour of your bike, and the number of the rack to which you've locked it. You *have* locked it, haven't you?

Soon enough we will need extra bike storage spots, at which point unidentified bikes will be recycled to a good cause.

Thank you.



#### **Around Town (1) – Xanadu**

The Arts Club Theatre Company presents the Tony-Award winning musical *Xanadu*, the story of a Greek muse who descends from Mount Olympus to help a mortal realize his dreams of opening a roller disco. Based on the cult-classic film starring Olivia Newton-John, the musical adventure features top pop classics "Suddenly, I'm Alive, Xanadu" and many more. Expect romance, wonder, fantasy and leg warmers! The show was described by the New York Times as "an outlandishly enjoyable stage spoof."



It is on until August 4<sup>th</sup>, and all information can be found at [www.ArtsClub.com](http://www.ArtsClub.com).

#### **Around Town (2) – Harmony Arts Festival**

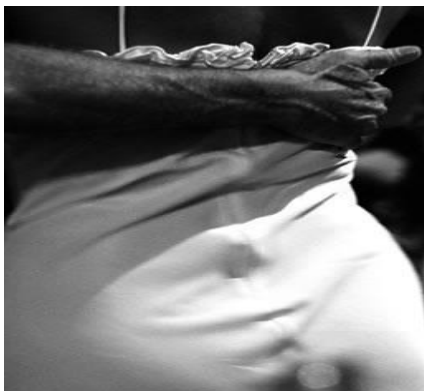
The Harmony Arts Festival is a staple of the arts scene on the North Shore. This year it celebrates its 22nd anniversary, highlighting the talent of North Shore artists, sharing the value of arts

appreciation and creation and building community pride and participation.

Experience the arts through exhibitions, demonstrations, concerts, art market and hands-on activities - all for FREE!

Welcome to Harmony Arts, a lively festival along West Vancouver's waterfront produced by the District of West Vancouver. Every summer for the last 21 years locals and guests from across the Lower Mainland have come to relax, enjoy and take in the arts, the music and the visual diversity that is Harmony Arts. The festival is a point of pride for anyone living on the North Shore.

The natural scenery and energy of Ambleside presented the ideal festival setting: local artists had been universally inspired by its panorama of ocean, beach and parkland; and, with the presence of the Ferry Building and Silk Purse Galleries, and the West Vancouver Museum, Ambleside was an established arts and culture corridor. This year continues with a great local showcase of artists, legendary musicians and performers, displays of Canadian film, cuisine and distinctive wine collections.



Last year the festival welcomed more than 100,000 visitors. It's just a short hop away, over the Lions' Gate Bridge and along the waterfront going west. This year continues with a great local showcase of artists, legendary musicians and performers, displays of Canadian film, cuisine and distinctive wine collections.

This year the festival runs from August 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Please see [www.harmonyarts.ca](http://www.harmonyarts.ca) for all the details and to download the substantial festival brochure.



### Around Town (3) – Lululemon Half Marathon

The race both starts and finishes at the Jack Poole Plaza at the Trade and Convention Centre. This is a new event for Vancouver, and 7,500 runners are expected, most of them female. There will be an after party on site in the VCEC West Building.

For more information and for details of related road closures, please see [www.SeaWheeze.com](http://www.SeaWheeze.com).



The run takes place on August 11<sup>th</sup>, and the start time is 7:37am exactly (why, we don't know). Monies raised will be going towards finding the cure for blood cancers.

### Around Town (4) – 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.

MusicFest runs from August 10<sup>th</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup>. All details can be found at [www.musicfestvancouver.ca](http://www.musicfestvancouver.ca).

#### Around Town (5) – Pride Week

Well, it wouldn't be August in Vancouver without Pride Week. Events kick off with the annual downtown parade at 12 noon on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can't find the start point, follow the most provocatively-dressed person you can see, almost anywhere in the West End.



Events during the week are far too numerous to list. All details are available at [www.vancouverpride.ca](http://www.vancouverpride.ca). There is a 21-page guide available on the website.

#### Further Afield – Victoria Symphony

A summer highlight in the Province's capital is the Victoria Symphony Splash. Put on every summer by the Victoria Symphony, the event draws up to 45,000 music enthusiasts. In the middle of the Inner Harbour sits a floating stage that hosts the day's events. People crowd the surrounding areas of the harbour for a seat and you can even rent or bring your own kayak to have the best seat from right on the water.



This year the event takes place on August 5, 2012. The day includes a family fun zone starting at 1 p.m. and the main show starting at 7:30 p.m. A few activities taking place at the family fun zone include a bouncy castle, an instrument petting zoo and face painting.

The main show includes the orchestra playing a mixture of classical and popular selections, a featured young artist and concludes with a performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, which includes bells, cannons and of course fireworks! Wow!

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team:  
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