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Around the House (1) – Sharps Boxes

If you need to safely dispose of hypodermic syringes, we now have Sharps Boxes for sale at the Concierge desk. Medical sharps must not be put into the general garbage, for obvious reasons, so a sharps box is what you will need. Please see the Concierge on duty for details. The boxes are \$15 each.



Around the House (2) – Off Peak Haircuts

So your whole week has gone by and you haven't had the time to step into your local salon to have your locks tamed. Well, for just such a situation, our on-site salon, Sebastian, is now open on Sundays from 10am until 5pm, and Maryam will be happy to tend to you. Just leave our lobby as

though you are going to Starbucks, and their entrance is just around the corner.

Around the House (3) – Outgoing Mail

Our former friendly mail carrier was willing to collect outgoing mail from the Concierge Desk. However Ben has moved on to greater things, and unfortunately our new carrier is not so obliging.



He tells us that carriers are not supposed to collect mail, and he isn't willing to bend the rules. Letters can still be left at the desk however, and will be mailed by the Concierge on duty if time permits.

Around Town (1) – The Tallis Scholars at the Chan

Described as 'a cappella superstars' and renowned for the purity and clarity of their sound, the famed British vocal ensemble The Tallis Scholars have established themselves as leading exponents of Renaissance sacred music. Perennial favourites with Vancouver audiences, their exploration of the depth and variety of the Renaissance repertoire has reached a world-wide audience.



The Tallis Scholars return to Vancouver this December, bringing a glorious programme for Christmas, with works by Tallis, Nesbitt and Byrd, and Josquin's spectacularly popular *Missa De Beata Virgine*. The ensemble is directed, as always, by Peter Phillips.

It's been 4 long years since the Scholars last visited Vancouver. Don't miss this chance to hear

their luminous voices at Christmas time. Their concert is on Tuesday December 8th, at 8pm. Tickets are available from all of the usual outlets.

Around Town (2) – Renée Fleming at the Orpheum

Renée Fleming charms audiences throughout the world with her superb vocal intelligence, exquisite musical grace, and voice of “liquid gold.”



Ms Fleming makes this rare appearance in Vancouver on Tuesday December 1st, at 8pm. Her accompnist will be Gerald Martin Moore, and according to the web site of theVancovuer Reciatial Society, “Ms. Fleming’s concert is sponsored by a group of Vancouver’s Leading Ladies of discernment” which makes the concert sound like something out of Jane Austen.

Around Town (3) – Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast

On Wednesday December 9th, why not have an early start to your day by strolling down to the Pan Pacific Hotel. From 6-9am that morning they will be hosting the 22nd annual Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast.



Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child or teenager, share in the festive spirit and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast on the house! The Christmas decorations will be spectacular, and the whole thing is in aid of a good cause.

Around Town (4) – Advent Music for Choir and Organ

On Friday December 11th, Holy Rosary Cathedral, a 10-minute walk from One Wall Centre, presents a program of choir and organ music for Advent.

Advent has inspired composers throughout the ages and these works, though less well-known than much Christmas music, are just as beautiful and well worth discovering. You are invited to come and enjoy a selection of these works, performed by the Cathedral’s own musicians: organist Denis Bédard and the Cathedral Choir, assistant organist Catherine Walsh and the Holy Rosary Women’s Choir and the Contemporary Choir with director Chito Lacsina.



The concert takes place at 8pm, and admission is by donation. The Cathedral is located at 646 Richards Street.

Around Town (5) – Please Mum

In 2007, Carli Travers, a 23-year-oldVancouver resident, opened an orphanage and school for a group of homeless children she had met in Kampala, Uganda. In an effort to help Travers with her work, Please Mum is hosting a charity art show, silent auction, and a (by donation) button-making event.

It’s an opportunity to scope out some sensational art, pick out unique gifts, and make a difference in children’s lives. The event takes place at the Ayden Gallery, 88 West Pender Street, on Wednesday December 2nd, from 7-11pm, on the second floor.

Around Town (6) – Spirit of the Season

Beginning on November 21st, and running until the end of December, this art exhibition features new works by Carole Arnston, David Graff, Celia Rice Jones, Martha Sturdy and Robert Held. The Van Dop gallery is a most unusual venue, in a residential part of New Westminster, at 421 Richmond Street. They regularly showcase more than 100 artists and artisans. For this exhibition, guest artists will also be in attendance.

For more information and for directions to the Gallery, please call 604-521-7887.

Around Town (7) - Coast Restaurant ...

....serves seafood. Who would have known? After many years at their Yaletown location, Coast has been relocated to 1054 Alberni Street, just half a block from our rivals in height, the Shangri-La. You can't miss them – there are fires burning on both sides of the street-front patio. If you didn't know any better, you would swear you were in Rome. The floors are mosaics, there is a tower (literally) of seafood, an oyster bar and a sushi station, and that's just on the lower floor.

Fish and Chip Sundays are a good bet, and always popular, at \$14. The décor is stunning and the food fantastic. Eat there soon! Their number is 604-685-5010, and you can check them out at their web site, which is www.coastrestaurant.ca.

Around Town (8) - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

You may have seen the film, which starred the inimitable Michael Caine and Steve Martin. Now it is being presented at the Vancouver Playhouse, running until December 27th. As the blurb says, “the ultimate con is on, and it's set to music. Lawrence Jameson cons ladies; Freddy Benson cons women. Both men are unscrupulous.



After they meet on a train, they soon discover that the small town on the French Riviera isn't big enough for both of them. What ensues is outright naught, bawdy fun as a frantic game of one-upmanship takes us on a roller-coaster ride of hilarity.”

The number for the Box Office is 604-873-3311.

Not too far away – Whistler Film Festival

The 9th annual Whistler Film Festival takes place from December 3rd until the 6th, 2009

Each year, the Whistler Film Festival presents a selection of more than 90 films from Canada and

around the globe, including premieres from some of North America's top directors, and it awards over \$40,000 in prizes and commissions. The four-day extravaganza also features lively festival celebrations, tributes to distinguished filmmakers, a free outdoor screening and the annual Celebrity Challenge ski race.

This premier event also features innovative industry programming through the Whistler Filmmaker Forum, a comprehensive business and creative conference for film, television and new media that takes place alongside the Festival from December 3rd to the 5th, 2009, which provides a full range of professional development, market and networking opportunities for filmmakers.

Early bird pass and accommodation packages have been on sale for some time. Festival passes and tickets are available through the online Box Office which opened November 5th for American Express Cardmembers and November 12th for the general public. Or you can purchase Festival passes and tickets at the Whistler Box Office which opened November 19th for telephone or walk-in sales. You may also buy individual tickets at the theatres during the festival up to an hour in advance of a screening if available.

For more details, please see www.whistlerfilmfestival.com.

And Finally – A new alarm clock for Christmas?

If you read enough Japanese you can now order the “Dangerbomb” alarm clock which looks like a ticking time bomb and gives you about three minutes to get yourself out of bed and deactivate it before it really rattles your brain with a disturbingly loud fake explosion to get you going in the morning.

Get yours at www.To-conne.co.jp/trd/.



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