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### Around the House (1) – Heat Pump Filters

These won't change themselves, you know. With warmer weather on the way/already here, now maybe a good time to change your filter/s ready for the spring. We have all sizes in stock at the desk.



#### **Around Town (1) – The Olympics**

Oh, come on, you must have noticed the preparations by now! The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics get under way on February 12<sup>th</sup> and run until the 28<sup>th</sup>, when the Paralympics take over centre stage.



We have been asked whether One Wall residents will be required to have passes in order to be able to drive in the downtown core. As far as we have been able to find out, no passes will be required. If we are notified otherwise we will do our best to inform residents.

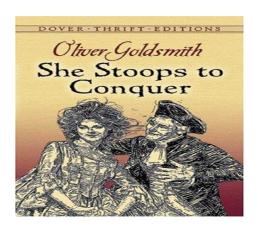
Please note, however, that with many thousands of visitors in town from early February, traffic congestion is likely to be severe, so you should allow yourself plenty of extra time to reach your destination. You may care to investigate whether you can reach your destination by means of public transport.

There will also be many road closures, some only temporary and some lasting the duration of the games. Not all have yet been announced, so be sure to check the Olympic web site before setting off. It can be found at www.vancouver2010.com.

# Around Town (2) – She Stoops to Conquer, by Oliver Goldsmith

If you would like a break from all things Olympic and a good laugh into the bargain, North Vancouver Community Players' production of this classic from 1773 could be just the ticket, so to speak.

Here's a synopsis of the plot. Mr. Hastings has gone to the country with his best friend to meet Kate Hardcastle, his future wife, whom he has never met. Because of a practical joke, the young men eventually arrive in the Hardcastle house, thinking it is a country inn. They treat the future father-in-law as if he were the innkeeper, and demand much from the willing but bewildered hosts.



Kate, the well-bred daughter of Mr. Hardcastle, discovering the delusion the two young men are under, stoops to conquer her dashing fiancé by pretending to be a kitchen maid, and allowing him to court her without the pretensions of polite and artificial society.

Performances are on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, the 17<sup>th</sup> until the 20<sup>th</sup>, and from the 24<sup>th</sup> until the 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at the Theatre at Hendry Hall, at 815 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver, V7L 2J2. You can buy tickets by calling 604-983-2633.

# Around Town (3) – Mahler's Symphony No. 8: Symphony of a Thousand

Mahler's
Symphony No. 8 is
a magnificent,
colossal
production, the
largest, most
astonishing piece
of music you will
ever see – and hear
– in live
performance.
Nicknamed
"Symphony of a
Thousand" (a
moniker Mahler



himself hated) by the stage manager at its premiere commenting on the sheer number of musicians required, the work demands a greatly expanded orchestra, two full choirs (the Vancouver Bach Choir and Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, in this case), a children's chorus, and eight vocal soloists – lead in this production by the incomparable Measha Brueggergosman.

Perhaps Mahler's own words describe this epic work best: "The 'spiritus Creator' took hold of me and shook me and drove me until my greatest work was done...imagine that the whole universe begins to vibrate and resound. These are no longer human voices, but planets and suns revolving."



Don't miss this extraordinary live music event, copresented by the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad as the showcase performance of the 2010 Olympic Arts Festival.

Please note that the performance on Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup> is sold out, but some tickets are still available for Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The concert begins at 8pm, and on this occasion will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre instead of at the Orpheum.

In addition to the QE Theatre's underground parking lot, parking will be available at Impark's underground parking garage located within the office building at 333 Dunsmuir Street. The parking garage entrance is on Homer Street, in the block between Dunsmuir and West Pender.

The Queen Elizabeth Theatre is also on major bus routes, and serviced by the Stadium and Granville Skytrain Stations.

#### Around Town (4) - The Hard Rubber Orchestra presents Ice Age 2010

In small and large communities across Canada, the ice rink sits at the centre of daily life, a cold place warmed by entertainment and physical activity. Ice Age 2010 is a musical exploration of that love affair with the rink, complete with figure

skaters, hockey players and dancing ice-clearing machines. The multimedia event will feature the Hard Rubber Orchestra, a high-energy 17-piece jazz ensemble, champion figure skater Emanuel Sandhu, and a full locker room of guest vocalists and performers.



There will only be one performance of this work, on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. It will take place in the Harry Jerome Arena, which is located at 123 East 23 Street, North Vancouver. We are publicizing it early, as by March it will almost certainly be sold out. Tickets are available from <a href="https://www.ticketstonight.ca">www.ticketstonight.ca</a>, or by calling 604-684-2787.

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