



Newsletter #103

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Around the House (1) – Strata AGM



We would like to take this opportunity to remind owners that the Annual General Meeting of the Strata will take place on Saturday January 16th, 2010. It will be held in the Parksville Room, which is located on the third floor of the North Tower.

All owners are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 9am, and the meeting itself will get under way at 9:30am.

Around the House (2) – P4/P5 Locker Rooms

When you visit your locker, please let us know at the desk if the light on the door card reader flashes yellow instead of the usual green. If it does, it means that the battery that runs the card reader is on its way out, and needs to be replaced. The hotel engineers do this for us. Thank you.

Around Town (1) – Beyond Eden

This play by Bruce Ruddell, is presented as part of the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad. It's a world premiere, and described as a "Musical Spectacle."

The plot summary reads as follows: "In the abandoned Haida village of Ninistints stand totem poles. They have stood there for decades. Lewis Wilson and his long-time friend and colleague Max Tomson are on an expedition to rescue these totem poles and save them from their waterlogged, beetle-infested and fragile condition. On their journey both men struggle: Wilson with his authority and resistance to removing the poles; Max to find his place between the white world and his Haida ancestry."



John Mann stars, and the play runs at the Vancouver Playhouse from January 16th until February 6th. Please call 604-873-3311 for tickets.

Around Town (2) – The Sonata Project

Back in November, violinist Marc Destrubé began this series of four Early Music Vancouver concerts, performing along with his colleague and keyboardist Alexander Weimann. The second of the concerts will take place on Friday, January 8th. The two performers are together surveying the history of the violin sonata from its beginnings in the early 17th century through to the romantic masterworks of the 19th.



However, this is no dry-as-dust academic exercise. As Destrubé himself says, when programming the project, his first concern was to find music he'd be

completely happy to play. "I only want to play very good music, or great music."

The concert takes place at the Unity Church, which is at 5840 Oak Street, at West 42nd Avenue. Tickets are available from Sikora Records downtown, or from Early Music Vancouver at 604-732-1610.

There will be a pre-concert Introduction at 7:15pm, and then the two soloists are under starters' orders at 8pm.

Around Town (3) – Joni Mitchell's The Fiddle and the Drum

Also for the Cultural Olympiad, Alberta Ballet explores peace and love through iconic songs and projected canvases by Joni Mitchell. The draw is the chance to focus on such timely themes as war and destruction, instead of the standard Christmas fare of princesses and fairies. The Georgia Straight comments that the target audience is "hippies, folkies, and anyone who believes you don't know what you've got till it's gone."



The show is on at the newly renovated and much improved Queen Elizabeth Theatre for just 3 days, January 22nd through the 24th. Tickets are available from the usual outlets.

Around Town (4) - Tao

Tao's performance isn't just another Japanese taiko show. It's an explosive experience with overwhelming power that stimulates the senses through its pounding drum beats. Bringing together the rhythm of an opera and the melody of a classical landscape, the group gives a performance that enthralls audiences with its graceful dance with the drum. The performance is energetic, muscular, artistic, alluring and

spectacular! This is another presentation of the 2010 Cultural Olympiad.



The show takes place on Thursday January 28th, at 8:00pm, at the Orpheum.

Not too far away – Jay Leno

Yes it's true, the big-chinned one is in town, on January 9th for two performances at the River Rock Casino Resort, just over the Oak Street Bridge in Richmond. (It's also only about 15 minutes away on the new Canada Line, which has a stop right outside the Casino.)



After seventeen seasons of hosting the Tonight Show, Jay Leno debuted his new show on NBC just a few months ago. However he remains passionate about doing stand-up, and continues to perform not only in Las Vegas, but in venues all across North America.

Leno has appeared in hundreds of comedy shows over the past twenty-five years, including a 2001 performance in Bosnia for the military troops associated with the war in Afghanistan. In addition, his 2004 children's book, *If Roast Beef Could Fly* immediately became a New York Times Bestseller.

His other books include *How to Be the Funniest Kid in the Whole Wide World* (or *Just in Your Class*), *Leading with My Chin* and four versions of *Headlines ...* all book proceeds went to various charities.

He will be appearing for two shows on Saturday January 9th. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster locations, or you can book by phone by calling 604-280-4444.

And – Craig Ferguson

You may know Craig Ferguson for the eight years he spent on the Drew Carey show, where he played the role of Nigel Wick. More recently, he has been hosting the Late Late Show on CBS. This all comes after an unusual start in show-biz, first of all performing as a drummer in several punk bands in the UK, and then being spotted by a theatre director whilst working as a bartender in a Glasgow pub.



He had his own BBC television series in the 1990s, and since then has worked as an author and as a film director.

Craig will also be appearing at the River Rock resort, on Friday, January 22nd, and at the Red Robinson Show Theatre in Coquitlam on Saturday the 23rd.

And Finally – Here's wishing all of our readers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2010!

Your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry, Sunny and Maria.