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Around the House – One Wall Parking Passes

If you still have one or more of the original Parking Passes, please stop by the desk and let us have your pass number/s. That way, if we need to identify your car in an emergency, it's easily done. We nearly had 2 owners' cars towed from the South Tower loading dock just last month, as we couldn't identify the owners. Thank you.



Around Town (1) – Taiwanese Film Festival

This July sees the fourth annual Taiwanese Film Festival. The first festival, in 2007, featured 6 award-winning films and documentaries from

emerging Taiwanese film directors. This was not only the first Taiwanese film festival in Vancouver, but it was also the first large non-profit event in Canada focused on promoting Taiwanese films. The second festival was themed “The Footprints of Youth” while the theme of the third was “Only Human” which explored the human condition through the creative works of Taiwan’s award-winning filmmakers.

The mandate of the festival is to build a bridge connecting the art of Taiwanese films to the mainstream cinema of Canada. The festival runs from July 2nd until the 4th. All films will be shown at Vancouver International Film Centre and Vancity Theatre, which is just a few blocks away from One Wall Centre at 1181 Seymour Street (at Davie). Please see their website at www.twff.ca for all of the details.

Around Town (2) – Lilith Fair

After a break of quite a few years, Lilith Fair is back, and the whole enterprise will be performing in Ambleside Park, West Vancouver on July 1st, Canada Day. Sarah McLachlan writes about the Fair in part “Being a part of Lilith Fair was inspiring on so many levels. Besides discovering new music everyday and sharing the stage with an incredible array of talented women, it was wonderful to see established and new artists alike have the opportunity to play in front of much larger or more diverse audiences than usual. With that in mind, I am thrilled to announce the first set of artists for Lilith 2010.”

Artists who have already confirmed they will appear at Lilith include Carly Simon, Emmylou Harris, Chantal Kreviazuk, Erykah Badu, Heart and Sheryl Crow, amongst a galaxy of other stars. For more information and to book tickets, please go to www.lilithfair.com.



Around Town (3) – Symphony in the Park

Each summer the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra puts on a free concert in Deer Lake Park in Burnaby. The orchestra, under conductor

Evan Mitchell, will perform popular classics by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Massenet, Bizet, Tchaikovsky and Berlioz in one of the Lower Mainland's most beautiful outdoor concert venues.



Come early and roll out your picnic blankets! The performance takes place on the grass behind the Shadbolt Centre. The concert is on Sunday July 11th, and starts at 7:30pm. Be sure to be there early, to get a good parking spot.

Around Town (4) – Theatre Under the Stars

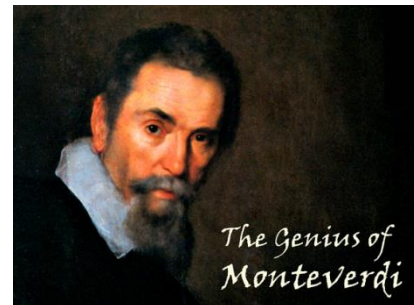
Theatre under the Stars presents its 64th season at the Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park. This year the two shows alternating are Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat, and Singin' in the Rain. A commentator points out the irony of watching actors croon "Singin' in the Rain" while singin' in the (real) rain that our city sees most summers.



The venue is very pretty, nestled in the middle of Stanley Park. Watch the weather forecast, and be prepared for the elements, as you'll be sitting out of doors. Please see www.tuts.ca for more information and to book tickets. Shows start on July 9th and run until August 21st.

Around Town (5) – Vancouver Early Music Festival

This will be the 40th iteration of this famous early music festival. The series this year is devoted to the music of Claudio Monteverdi. The festival runs from July 25th until August 14th, and all concerts are held on the UBC campus. On August 12th the 400 hundredth anniversary of Monteverdi's epic work, the Vespers of 1610, will be performed, and is a concert not to be missed.



An all-star roster of singers will join the wind band The Whole Noyse and Early Music Vancouver's Baroque Festival Players for this auspicious event. Please see www.earlymusic.bc.ca for more details, and book early. This work is so demanding that it's rarely performed, and the concert will undoubtedly sell out. It takes place at the Chan.

Around Town (6) – Powell Street Festival

This is always a funfilled and interesting festival to attend. It takes place in Oppenheimer Park and at various locales nearby on July 31st and August 1st.



The festival focusses on Japanese culture, and you'll find traditional food stalls, taiko drumming and sumo wrestling amongst other activities. Look especially for Japanese new media artists Tochka Factory making doodle art out of the light from

peoples' cell phones, bike lights, Ipods and much more (venue not yet announced). Their web site, is (no surprise) www.powellstreetfestival.com.

Around Town (7) - Cirque du Soleil

If you've always dreamed of running away to join the Circus, next month will give you that opportunity! The Cirque du Soleil is back in town during July and August, this time offering their show entitled Kooza. Their own publicity materials describe this as "an adrenaline rush of acrobatics in a zany kingdom." The show opens on July 22nd, and runs for exactly a month.

Kooza tells the story of The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world.

Kooza is a return to the origins of *Cirque du Soleil*: It combines two circus traditions – acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. The show highlights the physical demands of human performance in all its splendor and fragility, presented in a colorful mélange that emphasizes bold slapstick humor.

The Innocent's journey brings him into contact with a panoply of comic characters such as the King, the Trickster, the Pickpocket, and the Obnoxious Tourist and his Bad Dog.



Between strength and fragility, laughter and smiles, turmoil and harmony, Kooza explores themes of fear, identity, recognition and power. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement.

The Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) will be located down near BC Place Stadium. Exact directions to get there will be posted on their web site nearer show time.

Further Afield – FraserFest

The history and prosperity of the City of New Westminster is closely linked to the Fraser River.

FraserFest celebrates one of the greatest salmon spawning rivers of the world. The Festival highlights the important role that the River played in the development of British Columbia and New Westminster, and the equally important role it still plays, as a port, as a highway for river commerce, and as a recreational resource.

FraserFest is very well supported by the community and the surrounding region, both through the estimated 65,000 people that attend each year, and through the many partnerships and sponsorships that FraserFest enjoys. The FraserFest Committee is made up of individuals representing local businesses, the arts, the City, the media, service clubs, associations and more. Attendees at FraserFest contribute significantly to the local economy, and are encouraged to return and patronize businesses and attractions again in future.

FraserFest is an annual family event and free and open to everyone.



FraserFest will be taking place July 16th – 18th along the boardwalk at the New Westminster Quay. Blending new attractions with old favourites, the festival appeals to kids, youth, professionals and families alike. The 2009 event boasted a Caribbean party, fire dancers, cabaret, circus performers, fireworks and a day dedicated especially to children's entertainment.

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