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## WALL CENTRE

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### Around the House (1) – Lobbies and Air Conditioning Concerns

With the advent of warmer weather, it has come to our attention that some residents are wedging their front doors open to allow conditioned air from the floor lobby to enter their units.

Apart from looking unsightly to other residents using the common areas, our residential floors were designed to have positive air pressure in each floor's elevator lobby. The reasons are twofold. One is for fire safety. The positive air pressure helps keep smoke from a fire within a unit from travelling into the lobby and adjacent units. The second reason is to keep odours from travelling between units through the lobby.



This only works correctly when each unit's door is closed. The system is designed to pressurize the volume of the lobbies. If one or more suite door is left open, the pressure in the lobby drops, so please keep your front door closed.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

### Around Town (1) – Hairspray

Hairspray the film was released in 1984, and became a huge cult favourite thanks to its campy humour, political themes and subversive nature. It

then became a huge Broadway hit as a musical, winning 8 Tony awards. It has catchy songs and strong themes, and strangely enough it came full circle by becoming a film in its own right in 2007.

Hairspray is now running in town to much critical acclaim. Jennie Neumann plays the lead, Tracy, and is "delightful and sunny", to quote one review. The cast is great, the energy unflagging, and everybody is having fun.



The show is being staged at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, just over the Granville Street Bridge south of Broadway. It closes on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from [www.artsclub.ca](http://www.artsclub.ca), or by calling 604-687-1644.

### Around Town (2) – The Colour of My Dreams

This show at the Vancouver Art Gallery, subtitled The Surrealist Revolution in Art, features some 300 works by all the big names in the surrealist canon – from Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte to Joan Miro and Yves Tanguy.

In addition to presenting a broad picture of one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most radical approaches to art-making, the show will also explore the influence that First Nations art of the Northwest Coast had on some members of this group.

Many of these works rarely leave their homes in European museums, so this is a very rare opportunity to see them without incurring travel costs. The exhibition is in town until almost the end of September. And be warned, some of the images will, in the words of one writer "mess with your head."

### Around Town (3) – Shary Boyle

Ms Boyle hails from Toronto, and is an artist like no other. Imagine, for example, a green horror-movie monster riding on the back of a white deer with human feet, which in turn is riding on the

back of a young shepherdess. The whole thing is rendered in porcelain. As you'll gather, her paintings, drawings, sculptures, installations and audio-visual performances embrace a provocative and often fantastical approach to figurative art.



Her work is on display at the Contemporary Art Gallery until late August. The gallery is just a few blocks down the hill at 555 Nelson Street. Their phone number is 604-681-2700.

#### Around Town (4) – Paco de Lucia

Guitar Review calls Paco de Lucia “possibly the most advanced guitarist in any idiom.” From his widely acclaimed world tours and movie soundtracks, Paco has become a living legend of the flamenco guitar and one of Spain’s ranking musical ambassadors to the world. Heavyweights like Wynton Marsalis, John McLaughlin, and Chick Corea are some of his famous collaborators.

His concerts are renowned for their awesome displays of musical virtuosity, raw vocalizing, and whirlwind dance. Paco de Lucia takes you on an adventure—from light to shade, from fury to reflection; it’s flamenco that speaks to the soul. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster, or from Coastal Jazz.



His concert is on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Orpheum Theatre. The first strings will be plucked (or strummed) at 8pm.

#### Around Town (5) – Steveston Salmon Festival

On Canada Day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada’s biggest non-profit birthday party hits the streets of Steveston. Featuring a parade that takes 2 hours to pass, 1200 pounds of salmon on the barbecue and more to see and do than you can possibly squeeze into a day, the Steveston Salmon Festival is a family favourite.

The kids’ bike parade will warm up the crowd at 9:30am. At 10am the big parade will follow, starting with a non-stop parade of floats, with vintage cars and marching bands keeping the crowd cheering and Canadian flags waving.



So pull out your maple leaf hat and head on down to Steveston. Extra parking is available at local schools, but be prepared for crowds.

#### Around Town (6) – Vancouver’s Birthday

At the end of the first week in July, our city’s 125<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated in style at Brockton Oval in Stanley Park.

This is a free, three day festival hosted by the City of Vancouver that takes place on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 180 performances and activities are included in Summer Live, which features Mother Mother, Daniel Wesley, The New Pornographers, Neko Case, Dan Mangan, Dr. L. Subramaniam, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bramwell Tovey and Spirit of the West.

Other highlights include:

- A diverse mix of music by Beat Nation Live, Silk Road and Jou Tou, Veda Hille, Aidan Knight, Birds of Paradox, Zapato Negro and Saint-Pierre.

- Coast Salish canoe races in Coal Harbour, Slahal games, storyteller Henry Charles and dance groups Children of Takaya, Musqueam Warriors and Welh Tima Kexwusem.
- Kite-making, boat-building, and a juggling workshops in the KidZone and Asian synth pop/art duo Guimauves, youth dance groups and the Dusty Flower Pot Cabaret
- eatART's Mondo Spider and Titanaboa giant robotic creatures, Tangible Interaction Company's sensory experiences and giant Jenga and Twister board games from Public Dreams.
- Family sports activities include drop-in mini-soccer, a youth volleyball tournament, tennis, badminton and croquet, and BC Lions' kicking and throwing clinics.
- The Coiled River – environmental art created from invasive plant species; Speak the Unseen – a participatory mural; and an origami heron pathway by Joseph Wu and Naomi Singer.



Activities run daily from noon to 11pm. A free shuttle bus from Waterfront Station will run from 11am to 11pm each day, and a free, secure bicycle compound will be available for cyclists.

Around Town (7) - Harmony Arts Festival (West Vancouver)

Harmony Arts is a lively festival that takes place every summer along West Vancouver's waterfront. 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.

On the heels of a very successful 2010 festival, which attracted more than 60,000 people, the festival logo and website were refreshed to reflect a renewed energy and enthusiasm for the arts, the unique natural landscape and a celebration of community in West Vancouver.

The new website is just one way to offer more up-to-date information about performances, displays and artists. This year continues with a great local

showcase of artists, legendary musicians and performers, displays of Canadian film, cuisine and distinctive wine collections. A quick drive over the Lions' Gate Bridge will get you there.



Writes John Mann "'Harmony Arts is one of my favourite festivals in the country. The location is stunning, the community supports the event and the audience shows up ready for a great time. What more could you ask for! "

The festival runs from July 29<sup>th</sup> until August 7<sup>th</sup>, and includes live events, concerts, art gallery showings, and far too many other features to be listed here. All the details can be found at [www.harmonyarts.ca](http://www.harmonyarts.ca)

Further Afield – Sweet Onion Festival

You'll need your breath mints for this event! On July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Walla Walla in Washington State presents its annual Sweet Onion Festival. Oh, come on, you must have heard of it! They promise live music and entertainment, sweet onion foods and wines, a farmers' market, and more. Also on offer is the third annual Sweet Skip, which is a self-guided tour of Walla Walla Sweet Onion inspired foods downtown.



What is there not to like? For more details please see their website at [www.sweetonions.org](http://www.sweetonions.org).

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