

One WALL CENTRE

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Around the House (1) – Hotel Limousine

Don't forget to book your ride in plenty of time, especially if you need to go to the airport or to be picked up from there. And note that the hotel reserves the right to pre-empt your journey if the car is needed for one of their VIP clients.



Around the House (2) – Cooking Grease

We've recently had to have a grease blockage removed from one of our main kitchen drains, at considerable expense. If you have cooking fat to dispose of, please put it into a jar in your fridge, and put it into the garbage once it has congealed. Our plumbers will thank you.

Around the House (3) – Locker Room Doors

After visiting your storage locker, please be sure that the main locker room door closes securely behind you when you leave. We check all of the locker rooms every day, and recently found one of them open. Everyone's security depends on this. Thank you.



Around Town (1) – Vancouver International Children's Festival

A world-renowned festival of performing arts for young audiences, the Vancouver International Children's Festival has been educating, entertaining and inspiring young audiences since 1978. In that time, more than 1.6 million visitors have been engaged and entertained by their world-renowned arts programming.

And, after 33 years at Vanier Park, the Vancouver International Children's Festival is moving to Granville Island.



This year the Festival runs from May 30th until June 5th, and includes too many events to list here, but include music, theatre, dance, storytelling, puppetry, circus arts and much more.

Please see their website at www.childrensfestival.ca for more information and for ticket details, or call 604-708-5655.

Around Town (2) – Natalie MacMaster

On Wednesday May 11th, virtuoso Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster appears with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre. Born in 1972 in Troy, Inverness County, Nova Scotia, Natalie MacMaster's impressive musical lineage includes a cadre of amazing fiddlers, including her uncle, fiddle prodigy Buddy MacMaster (with whom Natalie recorded the 2005 gem Traditional Music from Cape Breton Island); her cousin Andrea Beaton and the late, great Canadian folk icon John Allan Cameron.



However, MacMaster forged her own sound, debuting her fiddling prowess at the age of nine-and-a-half years at a concert in Glendale, Cape Breton. She delivered her first album, *Four On The Floor*, at the age of 16. She is an electrifying performer whose passionate proficiency on the beloved four-string amplifies the traditional East Coast sound for contemporary times.

It's a signature sound that has resonated with world audiences through 10 albums, multiple gold sales figures, numerous Juno and East Coast Music Awards, and a reputation as one of Canada's most captivating performers. Her audiences, who are left clapping, hollering and screaming for more as MacMaster and her band wow them with stylistic diversity as reflected in such top-selling CDs as the Grammy-nominated *My Roots Are Showing*, *Blueprint* and *Yours Truly*. Her concert begins at 7:30pm, and from previous experience will sell out, so buy your tickets early.

Around Town (3) – Kid Rock

One of the unlikeliest success stories in rock at the turn of the millennium, Detroit rap-rocker Kid Rock shot to superstardom with his fourth full-length album, 1998's *Devil Without a Cause*. What made it so shocking was that Rock had recorded his first demo a full decade before, been booted off major label Jive following his [Beastie Boys-ish](#) 1990 debut, *Grits Sandwiches for Breakfast*, and toiled for most of the decade in obscurity.



Bob "Kid Rock" Ritchie grew up in Romeo, MI, a small rural town north of the Detroit metro area. Finding small-town life stiflingly dull, Ritchie immersed himself in rap music, learned to break-dance, and began making the talent-show rounds in Detroit. Rock persevered, and by the time rap-metal had begun to attract a substantial audience, he had perfected the outlandish, over-the-top white-trash persona that gave *Devil Without a*

Cause such a distinctive personality and made it such an infectious party record.

Kid Rock appears at the Rogers Arena on Tuesday May 17th at 7:30pm. And there's a local connection, as Kid was married to BC's own Pamela Anderson.

Around Town (4) – Craig Ferguson

Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompassed film, television and the stage. Since taking the helm of *The Late Late Show* with Craig Ferguson on January 3, 2005, the show has set all-time viewer records and achieved the highest ratings since the show's inception.



Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Ferguson got his start in the entertainment industry as a drummer for some of the worst punk bands in the U.K., a "profession" he held for several years. Following his musical stint, he began bartending in a local pub in Glasgow where he was introduced to Michael Boyd, the artistic director of The Tron Theatre in Glasgow, who persuaded Ferguson to give acting a go. After several low paying acting gigs, Ferguson discovered he had a knack for comedy and was soon the star of his own BBC television show, *The Ferguson Theory*.

In 2008 Craig hosted the White House Correspondents' Dinner, performing before political journalists, celebrities, and Washington power players.

Around Town (5) – Mariachi Festival Canada

From May 3rd until the 9th, 5 Mariachi bands from Mexico, the US and Canada will be performing in various locations in BC. And then on Saturday May 7th they will hold a great Mariachi Gala at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre, which is located at 3150 Ash Street, Vancouver.



At the Festival you'll discover your favorite song, while you sway to the sounds of Mariachi. When summoning up thoughts of Mexico, the image of strolling mariachis goes hand-in-hand with culture and tradition. Picturesque visions of musicians, clad in stunning "Charro" suits and hats will float in front of your mind's eye and while you can hear the guitars, violins, bass and trumpets.

Whether you are one who has never had a truly Mexican experience of Mexico, or are one whose fond memories of this warm land are already wrapped up in the melodies of mariachi, you are invited to enjoy their crisp, vivid and sweet sounds at the Festival. Please see their website at www.mariachifestival.ca for ticket and other information.

Around Town (6) – Spot Prawn Festival

The fifth annual Spot Prawn Festival takes place on Saturday May 7th, at False Creek Fisherman's Wharf, which is just west of Granville Island, on the south side of False Creek. Foodies will converge from all over to attend a huge spot prawn boil, a series of cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, live music and educational kids' activities.

Founded by the Chefs' Table Society of BC, the festival celebrates the brief season of this local delicacy, the taste of which has been compared to the juiciest of lobsters.



The event runs from 11am until 3pm, and local chef celebrities will take part. Tickets are available at the wharf, for \$5 a head. And note, besides being delicious, these prawns are low in saturated fat and calories. What are you waiting for!

Around Town (7) – Craft Beer Week

From May 6th until the 14th, Vancouver's celebration of artisanal high-quality beer takes place in dozens of pubs, bars and restaurants around town. Towards the end of the week, things come to a head, so to speak, on May 13th and 14th at the Beatty Street Drill Hall, very close to Stadium Sky Train Station. American breweries are featured on the first day, and local brews on the second.

Please see www.vancouvercraftbeerweek.com for all the details. And don't forget, ride the Sky Train to the venue, and more importantly, back home!

Further Afield – Ranch by Rail

The Cariboo's Echo Valley Ranch and Spa and Rocky Mountaineer are offering a Ranch and Rail package this spring. Along with a three-night stay where you can relax at the spa, hike or ride the gorgeous Tennessee Walker, are two days of Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf service between Vancouver and Banff, one night each in Vancouver, Banff and Kamloops, and more.

Please see www.evranch.com for more information.

Also Further Afield – Orange County

Westjet will launch its summer schedule this month. New services include a non-stop service to Orange County, California, starting on May 2nd. Fares start at just \$99 one way. And vacation packages start at \$439, which includes airfare and 4 nights' accommodation. Their website at www.westjet.com has more information.

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