

**Newsletter #131** 

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**Around the House (1) – Elevators** 

Our Thyssen Krupp technicians are still awaiting parts from Toronto in order to get the R5 elevator running again. We hope to have it back in service soon. In the meantime, we apologize for the inconvenience caused to residents by the extended shutdown.



Around the House (2) - Climb the Wall 2012

Residents will be interested to know that the final tally of money raised by this year's Climb was \$153,962.89!

Around the House (3) - Bike Room

Please give us the particulars of your bike/s, if you haven't already. Many are still not accounted for, and will be removed in due course if they aren't claimed. Thank you.



Around Town (1) - Spot Prawn Festival

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spot Prawn Festival is coming to False Creek's Fisherman's Wharf on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of the city's very best chefs will be there to celebrate what is becoming a big culinary experience in the city.



Until just a few years ago, spot prawns were only known in Japan. Now the secret is out, big time. These special prawns are now celebrated across the country as an edible national treasure.

Tickets are already on sale, and may sell out. If you are interested, go to their website at <a href="https://www.ChefsTableSociety.com">www.ChefsTableSociety.com</a>. There will also be live music, and samples of beer, coffee and wines. Events start at 11am.

Around Town (2) - BMO Marathon

May 6<sup>th</sup> is the day to be lacing up your best runners. Both full and half Marathons take place that day, and have new routes this year, perhaps to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> year. The runs both start at Queen Elizabeth Gardens (follow the 10,000 other runners to find the line) and end at the Convention Centre. Traffic downtown will be disrupted, and only one southbound lane will be open on the Burrard Street Bridge.



Please see <u>www.bmovanmarathon.ca</u> for more information, and to register to run – there's still time!



**Around Town (3) – New Zealand Wine Fair** 

The wines of New Zealand have been building a reputation over the last few years, and will be showcased at the Roundhouse Community Centre on May 1<sup>st</sup>. According to our wine correspondent, the Sauvignon blancs are lively and citrusy, the Syrahs from Hawkes Bay offer some complexity, and that's not to mention the Rieslings and Pinot Noirs from Central Otago.



The fair takes place on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Roundhouse Community Centre. The Centre is at 181 Roundhouse Mews, close to David Lam Park.

After a visit here, you'll be planning your trip down under. Entry is \$60, and all the details are at <a href="https://www.NZWine.com">www.NZWine.com</a>. Doors open at 7pm.

Around Town (4) – (Virtual) Wines of Australia

Also on the subject of wine, on May 11<sup>th</sup> Harrison Galleries are presenting a tour of the wines of Australia. More than 75 different wines will be

available for tasting, and if you buy your tickets now you can save \$10 on the regular \$49 price tag. And that's not to mention the \$2,000 you'll save by not having to fly to the Antipodes.



Again, corks will be pulled at 7pm, and all details are at <a href="www.HouseWine.ca">www.HouseWine.ca</a>.

Around Town (5) - Jondo Flamenco Festival

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual iteration of this festival takes place at multiple locations across the city this month.

Highlights include two breathtaking flamenco performances, and for the first time in Western Canada a two-day flamenco competition will take place. The documentary "Por El Flamenco" will be shown for the first time in Canada.



Events are on various dates throughout the month, and in different locations. Please see <a href="https://www.Flamenco.ca">www.Flamenco.ca</a> for all of the details, and <a href="https://www.Eventbrite.ca">www.Eventbrite.ca</a> for tickets.

Around Town (6) - Farmers' Markets

Most Farmers' markets are now running, though the downtown ones don't open until June. In the meantime, the closest one to us is in the parking lot of the Kitsilano Community Centre, at 2690 Larch Street.



The market runs every Sunday until October, from 10am until 2pm. For more information please see <a href="https://www.eatlocal.org">www.eatlocal.org</a>.

Around Town (7) - God of Carnage

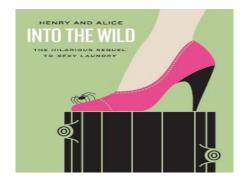
When two young boys get into a playground fight, their parents meet to discuss the incident in a civilized manner. But what begins as a calm and rational debate between grown-ups, soon degenerates into a hysterical evening of name-calling, tantrums and tears before bedtime.



A West End and Broadway hit, *God of Carnage* is fast, furious and very, very funny. The play runs at the Vancouver Playhouse until May 5<sup>th</sup>. Note that there is no Intermission. More details are available at <a href="https://www.vancouverplayhouse.com">www.vancouverplayhouse.com</a>.

Around Town (8) – Henry and Alice – Into the Wild

Henry and Alice, the crazy duo from Sexy Laundry, are back, and this time they've gone camping. Playwright Michelle Riml has based the story on some of her own experiences camping with a friend at Haynes Point Provincial Park. She places her characters in a different environment to explore timely issues through the characters, who are now facing the challenges and uncertainty of a tough economy.



The show is on the Granville Island Stage, and the Arts Club website (<a href="www.artsclub.com">www.artsclub.com</a>) has booking information, plus brief clips of the action on stage.

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry & Sunny