

Newsletter #123

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Around the House (1) – Strata Matters

If you need to contact members of our Strata Council, please send an e-mail to the desk (one@wallcentre.com) and we will forward your note. If the matter is confidential, feel free to leave a sealed envelope at the desk, and we will give it to a council member.



Around Town (1) - NHL Hockey

After the summer break, hockey makes its welcome return this month. Preseason games are as follows:

Tuesday Sept. 20 – Calgary Flames

Saturday Sept. 24 - Anaheim Ducks

Sunday Sept. 25 – San Jose Sharks

All games start at 7pm. It's time to retrieve your jersey from the back of the closet!

Around Town (2) - Vancouver Symphony

The 2011-2012 season for the Vancouver Symphony has already been announced. The new season has it all: great soprano Renee Fleming, pianist Lang Lang, conductor Valery Gergiev, young jazz and pop sensation Nikki Yanofsky, local piano star Jon Kimura Parker, and, always a crowd favourite, two performances of the Brahms' Requiem early in December.

You can request a copy of their Season Brochure in the mail, or download a PDF copy of the Brochure from their website, or browse the concerts online and read biographies of guest artists and conductors. You can also send an email order for your subscription package.

Please see <u>www.vancouversymphony.ca</u> for all the details. Most concerts will be in the Orpheum, just half a dozen blocks from One Wall.

Around Town (3) – Telus Taiwanfest

The island nation of Taiwan is often overshadowed by its larger and more powerful neighbours China and Japan. Various different cultures have come together on the island to create a new culture of its own which has become the foundation of new expressions in the arts. The dilemma between preserving or abandoning traditions have given the innovative minds from Taiwan nutrients and motivation to succeed. Taiwanfest is a time for the world to see Taiwan with an open mind.



The Festival runs over three days from September 3rd until the 5th. Acts performing include Stardom in Sight, which showcases one of Taiwan's most famous singers, Della. There are many other musical acts, plus all kinds of other activities. Food plays a prominent part in all the fun, too. More details are available at www.taiwanfest.ca, and note that many of the shows are free.

Around Town (4) – Southlands Country Fair

Each year Southlands Riding Club hosts a country fair at their riding grounds at 7025 Macdonald Street. Last year the weather wasn't very good while the fair was on, so let's hope that it's better this year.

There are activities for all ages, all day long. Shopping, learning, petting animals, riding ponies, playing games, and watching horses and riders perform...you will be entertained from the moment you enter the gates. Specific attractions include:

- Horse Entertainment throughout the day featuring Southlands riders
- Pony and Hay Rides
- a Farm Yard Fun area for the kids full of old-fashioned, country-themed activities
- the Country Lane Market for those who love to shop for local arts and crafts
- Silent Auction, Book and Bake Sales
- the Macdonald Street Farm full of animals for the kids to meet
- lots of great food and a pleasant picnic area
- day-long musical entertainment



Admission is by donation, with \$5 being suggested. Don't forget to bring some carrots! The fair is on Sunday September 11th, from 10am until 4pm.

Around Town (5) - Laneway Housing (Oct. 1)

Due to popular demand the Vancouver Heritage Foundation will be showcasing another fresh collection of ten laneway homes behind existing houses in historic neighbourhoods.

Laneway housing can be a tool for the owners of older homes to densify and improve their property while contributing to the preservation of their historic neighourhood. Only laneway houses constructed behind existing houses will be open on this tour. Get some ideas for building a laneway house, or just come to see what the buzz is all about.



The walk takes place on Saturday October 1st. The charge is \$60 plus tax, but you will receive a tax receipt for half of that amount. For more

information about Laneway Housing please see the City of Vancouver's Laneway Housing webpage at:

vancouver.ca/commsvcs/lanewayhousing.

Around Town (6) - Off to the Movies

The Vancouver Latin American Film Festival aims to provide a forum for the promotion and exhibition of Latin American cinema. This annual festival promotes dialogue between cultures and explores historical and social issues through the eyes of filmmakers.

Since 2003 the Festival has provided audiences with the unique opportunity of experiencing Latin American cinema in Vancouver. It gives independent filmmakers the opportunity to display their artistic efforts, and gives Canadian audiences the opportunity to observe a variety of films that closely reflect the society and people of Latin American countries.



It runs from September 1st until the 10th. For all the details please see their website at www.vlaff.org.

Around Town (7) - Ronald McDonald House BC Gala

Ronald McDonald House, 'The House that Love Built', is a safe, secure home-away-from-home where out-of-town families with seriously ill children can stay while their children receive medical treatment in Vancouver at BC Children's Hospital. The House provides a warm, welcoming environment where parents can relax, prepare hot meals and share their concerns with other parents in similar situations.

The house is conveniently located in Shaughnessy, only a 5 minute drive from BC Children's Hospital. Recovering children and their parents are never far away from each other and this brings comfort to all.



The 9th Annual Ronald McDonald House BC Gala is taking place Saturday, September 17th, at the Four Seasons Hotel. This event sells out every year so if you are interested in becoming a supporter of this worthy cause, please contact them at Gala@rmhbc.ca.

Further Afield - Arcade Fire in Montreal

Arcade Fire are giving a massive free outdoor concert in Montreal on September 22nd. It will be held downtown at the Place des Festivals, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Pop Montreal. Regine Chassagne from the band says "We hoped to play a free outside show on the very last day of summer as a big thank you to the beautiful city we love so much."



Please see <u>www.arcadefire.com</u> for more information.

Further Afield - For History Buffs

Join the Great Canadian War Memorial Tour from September 13 until the 23rd. The tour to England and France takes you to museums, memorials, and special sites that commemorate Canadians' contributions to the war effort. It includes accommodation, motor coach transportation, some meals and admission fees.



Please see www.globusjourneys.ca for more details. Tickets start at \$2,929 for the land portion only.

And Finally – No, this isn't an event. We just liked the pictures!



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