

Newsletter #170

August 2015

Around the House (1) – Carpet Replacements on P4 and P5

A new carpet style has been selected and ordered. We hope the work to install it will begin early in August, if not sooner. All of the carpet on both floors is to be replaced.



Around Town (1) - Powell Street Festival

Each year the Powell Street Festival gets bigger.
Now in its 39th year, Canada's largest festival of
Japanese arts and culture celebrates with a
weekend jam-packed with live performances,
martial arts, beautiful crafts, and delicious Japanese
food. As usual, they present a diverse extravaganza
that juggles the traditional and cutting edge.

In additional to Festival staples like the Sumo Fan Club, Omikoshi, Tanko Bushi, the Sakura Singers and a wide array of martial arts, they are welcoming Cuban-inspired pianist Niho Takase, monster jazz drummer Bernie Arai, avant-garde muse and Calgary-based movement artist Mark Ikeda.



On top of all that, and not to be missed, is their mega-taiko event, Against the Current, which will feature 4 taiko ensembles performing together.

Festivities take place on August 1st and 2nd. Take your camera, a good appetite, and maybe a set of ear plugs.

Around Town (2) - Harmony Arts Festival

The Harmony Arts Festival rings up 25 years in 2015. It runs from July 31st until August 9th, along the waterfront in West Vancouver. Events, activities and fun things to do are too many to mention, but a few highlights will include an art market, group exhibitions, live music every day, a special series of concerts at sunset, a beachside patio for food and refreshments, Artisan Eats (so-called) movie classics, children's activities, and a whole lot more.



You can download the full program at www.harmonyarts.ca.

Around Town (3) - Pride Parade

One of our city's biggest and boldest events, the 37th annual Pride Parade takes place on Sunday, August 2nd. Pride week wraps up with its annual parade. And if you are downtown that day, you

won't need directions to find it, as it seems to involve the whole central core of the city.

The parade runs from noon until 3pm.



Then we move on to Part 2 of the celebrations, namely the Pride Festival at Sunset Beach. Until 6pm you'll be able to browse through more than 100 exhibitors in the Pride Market.



There will also be a Family Zone, with free entertainment for the whole family. As a special treat, the Vancouver Circus School will host a mini school. It's not to be missed.

Around Town (4) – Araxi Long Table Series

British Columbia's most compelling and ambitious al fresco dining experiences – the 2015 Araxi Longtable Dinner Series – will be held on Monday, August 3rd and Saturday, September 5th in Vancouver and Pemberton, respectively. This year, as a convenience to guests, the dinners will be staged on the BC Day and Labour Day long weekends.



The Vancouver event will take place in Vanier Park, at the Bard on the Beach location. Award-winning Executive Chef James Walt will craft exclusive four-course menus that showcase his internationally recognized farm-to-table dishes.

With wine pairings by Samantha Rahn, 2013 Sommelier of the Year, and service orchestrated by renowned Restaurant Director Neil Henderson, the Longtable Dinners salute both Araxi's culinary provenance and its future.



Around Town (5) – Lightroom, at the Metropolis, Metrotown

The Lightroom is a unique and artistic installation comprised of a 60-second walk-through experience tied to social media. The exhibit, if that's the correct word, immerses the participant in the illusion of thousands of twinkling lights. It's a digital and experiential event, tied into the International Year of Light. It was inspired by artist Yayoi Kusama's mirrored infinity room at the 2014 Social TED conference.



The exhibition/experience comes to a close on September 7th.

Around Town (6) – Enchanted Evenings in the Garden

Spend your summer nights dining and dancing as you drink in the sights of Vancouver's own urban oasis at this year's Enchanted Evenings Concert Series by the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. Intended to stop you in your tracks, the Garden takes on added dimensions of intimacy and magic at sunset and you're invited.



Be taken away with their widely celebrated line-up of performers and enjoy gourmet picnic dinners by the award-winning Emelle's catering. From the sultry and seductive vocals of Chanteuse Deanna Knight to the invigorating reverberations of Steinway grand pianos, you are sure to leave inspired.

Note that the Enchanted Evening concerts take place each Thursday evening until August 20th.

Around Town (7) - Latin Summer Festival

Once again, Trout Lake Park in Burnaby welcomes all things Latin American, on Sunday August 16th. There will be fun and entertainment for all ages.

The morning opens with market for imported goods and food pavilions surrounding an outdoor stage where artists from Flamenco to Cuban Rueda will delight on stage in this free community Expo, complete with a kids activity area.



Music, folklore and dancing will continue until late in the evening. Take the Skytrain – don't even think of driving. This is a very popular highlight of the summer, and is always very well attended.

Nanaimo is your nearest station.



Around Town (7) – After Hours at the Vancouver Aquarium

Don't miss the next *After Hours* adults-only event for your last chance to explore the groundbreaking exhibit, <u>Sea Monsters Revealed</u> without kiddies underfoot.

Get up-close with full-sized, preserved specimens of sharks, squid, fishes, rays and more and learn about how science and ocean exploration have dispelled the myths of monsters of the deep.



Then grab a beer or glass of wine and uncover a world of aquatic wonder, from the Tropics and Amazon to B.C.'s coast and Canada's Arctic.

This event is sold out on August 13th, so a repeat has been arranged for August 20th. It runs from 6:30 until 10pm, when, of course, all the fish are tucked into bed.

Around Town (9) – Jon Bon Jovi

Well, that made you sit up and pay attention. The veteran rocker and the Kings of Suburbia will be on stage at the Brockton Oval in Stanley Park on August 22nd.

The picture below represents what the Oval will NOT look like whilst the concert if on.



At press time few details had been announced, but it's a good bet that a new album is about to be released. Take your autograph book. Who knows, this might be his last appearance in Vancouver before he hangs up his microphone.



Around Town (10) - Free Waterfront Cinema

See free movies at dusk, every Thursday night until the end of August. See the local papers for the movie list, which wasn't available at press time. If it rains, they'll re-schedule for early September.



Further Afield - Music at the Cannery (Steveston)

The Cannery's annual summertime evening concert series returns on July 3rd! The concerts take place every Friday evening through July and August, and start each evening at 6:30pm. Every week will feature a different musical act, catering to a wide range of musical tastes, from blues, jazz, folk and much more!



A cash bar will be available. Concerts are held outdoors on the Cannery's Tank Deck, so please dress warmly for our cool summer evenings. The Cannery is right on the water, so it can get breezy. Admission is by donation. Richmond's own Charlotte Diamond will wrap the series up.

Advance Notice for September 1st – The Vancouver Chopin society presents Eric Lu as part of their Young Talent Series. He performs at the Vancouver Academy of Music, at 7:30pm.



Other events of Interest:

- The Oasis, at Field Contemporary Gallery, until August 22nd
- Goonj! Being Brown in Chinatown, at Centre A, until August 15th
- Young Buds of the Lingnan School, Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, ends early August
- Mungo Thomson Time, People, Money, at the Contemporary Art Gallery
- Jesus Christ Superstar at the Waterfront Theatre – ending soon
- Frost and Nixon by Ensemble Theatre Company, until August 7th
- Bard on the Beach ongoing until late September

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