

** VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | OCTOBER 2023

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** 1) SEASON KICK OFF!

Welcome to Season 14 of VocalEye Live Described Theatre!

We're thrilled to kick off our brand new season with an exciting, long-awaited announcement: VocalEye has a new and improved website! We've been working hard behind the scenes to give our website a fresh makeover and fine-tuning to improve your experience and make checking out all of VocalEye's In-Person Events, and Online Events as accessible as possible.

Our new website is a work in progress and we value your feedback, so please let us know what you think as we make adjustments and roll out some additional features. You can explore the updates by visiting www.vocaleyeye.ca. Please contact lindsey@vocaleyeye.ca with your comments (or you can use the Contact Us form on the website).

We've also spruced up our newsletter and encourage you to add info@vocaleyeye.ca to your contacts so we don't end up in your junk folder!

Before we dive into what's coming up, we wanted to give a massive thanks to everyone who joined us last season. You came out for 43 described performances and events, 14 Notable Socials and 8 Touch Tours! According to our stats, the most popular live events were: **Beautiful: the Carole King Musical**, **The Sound of Music** and **As You Like It**. Which events were your favourites?

We also want to applaud our amazing theatre partners and our incredible team of Describers and Theatre Buddy volunteers! We're ready for another delightfully entertaining and thought-provoking season of accessible live theatre. **Now - let's get into what's in store for October!**

** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

** 3) LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The sci-fi musical thriller with a killer '60s sound!

Described twice: Sunday, October 1 at 2 pm and Friday, October 6 at 8 pm at the [Arts Club Stanley](#), 2750 Granville Street, Vancouver.

The Arts Club offers special ticket prices for VocalEye users: Zone A+, A or B seats \$59; Zone C seats \$39. [Purchase tickets online](#) or call the Arts Club Box office at 604-687-1644.

Things start looking up for Seymour, a nerdy flower shop assistant, when he discovers a *highly* unusual plant during a solar eclipse. This fast-growing and fast-talking new organism, named Audrey Two, attracts fame and helps Seymour win the affection of his crush. But will the price of satisfying the plant's hunger for human blood prove too steep?

Described by Eileen Barrett.

TICKET GIVE AWAY!

As a special treat for our first show of the season, we're giving away 2 tickets to each described performance of Little Shop of Horrors! VocalEye community members may enter to win by emailing lindsey@vocaleyec.ca. Include your preferred described performance date. Enter before midnight September 25 (that's this coming Monday!). Winners will be drawn on Tuesday and contacted by email. Good luck!

** 4) YAGA

A comedic thriller and a dazzling celebration of feminine power.

Described on Sunday, October 1 at 2 pm at the [Belfry Theatre](#), 1291 Gladstone Avenue in Victoria. The Belfry offers Pay-What-You-Want tickets to all of their performances. Please call Box Office at 250-385-6815 to book your tickets.

A gruesome murder in a small town leads a female sheriff, a cocky young detective, and a university professor with a taste for

younger men, into a labyrinth of secret lives, ancient magic, and multiple suspects.

Based on the Slavic folktale of Baba Yaga, the witch who lives in a magical hut that sits on chicken legs. This play explores female power in its many forms - wisdom, rage, motherhood, and sex.

Described by Anika Vervecken

** 5) FAIRVIEW

A radical examination of power.

Described on Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm at [The Cultch Historic Theatre](#), 1895 Venables Street, Vancouver. The Cultch offers a 50% ticket discount to VocalEye users. To purchase, please call 604-251-1363.

Join us for a Notable Social after the show!

Email amy@vocaleyeye.ca to sign up.

The Frasier family are getting ready for Grandma's birthday party but things keep going wrong. Beverly wants everything to be perfect, but Jasmine won't help, Dayton is more interested in the

game, Tyrone is MIA, and Keisha—well, Keisha is just a teenager. What starts as a funny suburban comedy about a middle-class black family, a setup straight from a sitcom, escalates into what The New York Times calls “a series of perspective-altering surprises”.

Described by Anika Vervecken

** 6) THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

An unconventional bedroom comedy.

Described on Saturday, October 21 at 4 pm at [Surrey Arts Centre](#), 13750 88 Avenue, Surrey. Ticket prices start at \$29. Please call the Surrey Arts Centre office to purchase at 604-501-5566.

Sarah, a turkey farmer, has just left her husband and moved back home to live with her mom, Gail, a divorcée of twenty years. Gail’s a beekeeper and she has other things to worry about—like why her honeybees are dropping dead. Gail’s friend and neighbour, Earl, has been keeping himself mighty busy with the ladies, but Gail has just never really got back on that horse...so to speak. And finally, there’s Ben: an athletic 23-year-old master’s student, here to study the collapsing bee colonies. Secretly still a virgin, he’s about to get a big lesson in pollination...if you know what we mean.

Described by Anika Vervecken

** 7) TE TANGI A TE TŪI

A celebration of Māori culture and the artistry of the circus.

Described on Saturday, October 28 at 2 pm at [The York](#), 639 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. The Cultch offers a 50% ticket discount to VocalEye users. To purchase, please call 604-251-1363.

An extraordinary live experience that fuses Māori culture with the artistry of the circus, told in Te Reo Māori (the Māori language).

Experience this mesmerizing journey into the heart of Aotearoa, the land of the Māori people. Te Tangi ā te Tūi (The Song of the Tui) invites you to experience an enchanting and empowering Māori circus theatre work about adaptation and authenticity. This is a remarkable circus spectacle for audiences of all ages!

Describer Cas Wanden is from New Zealand and is very excited to translate and describe this show for you!

** 8) SOMEONE LIKE YOU

A millennial take on Cyrano de Bergerac.

Described on Sunday, October 29 at 2 pm at the [Arts Club Newmont Stage](#), 162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver. The Arts Club offers special ticket prices for VocalEye users: Zone A or B seats \$25. To purchase, call the Arts Club Box Office at 604-687-1644.

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Open-hearted Isabelle is a lifelong romantic, but modern love isn't like a pop song or an old novel—or is it? When her best friend, Kristin, embarks on a rebound romance, things get complicated as Isabelle's "wingman" duties cross the line. This charming new comedy launches the mistaken identities of *Cyrano de Bergerac* into 21st-century Vancouver with millennial manifestos, dating apps, and the quest for self-love.

Described by Stacie Steadman.

** 9) MUSIC BINGO FUNDRAISER

Dab that tune to win fun prizes and support VocalEye!

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Moose's Down Under, 830 West Pender Street, (downstairs), Vancouver. Doors open at 6 pm.

Time to dust off our dabbers and get our Bingo on again with great friends, great food and great prizes! Admission includes an assortment of yummy appetizers, a door prize entry, game cards and more! Free Braille game card available with ticket purchase.

Early Bird Tickets are \$30 until Oct 4

Regular price \$40

Purchase tickets

- * All proceeds from this event go toward VocalEye programs that make arts and culture more accessible for people who are blind and partially sighted.
- * For assistance with your ticket order, call 604-364-5949 or email info@vocaleyeye.ca

Pssst...Don't forget about VocalEye's \$50 rebate on season subscriptions! Get the best seats for the most popular productions at a special discounted price for VocalEye users!

You can now purchase Arts Club season subscriptions and individual tickets for VocalEye described performances online!

[Book Your VocalEye tickets online](#)

Or call the Arts Club Box Office at 604-687-1644 and the staff will be happy to assist you!

If you have an accessible live event you'd like to include in our community listings, please contact Communications & Marketing Coordinator: lindsey@vocaleyeye.ca

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