

## \*\* VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | NOVEMBER 2023

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### \*\* 1) THEATRE IN NOVEMBER

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We're embracing the shorter days and colder weather with an event-filled November that will keep you uplifted through the holidays!

By now, we hope you've all had a peek at VocalEye's new and improved website! Our intention is to make your experience navigating VocalEye's [In-Person Events](#) and [Online Zoom Events](#) as accessible as possible. We value your feedback always, so if

you have any input for us, we'd love to hear it! Please contact [lindsey@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:lindsey@vocaleyeye.ca) with your comments and feedback.

Reminders:

☞ Most of our theatre partners offer ticket discounts to VocalEye users. Be sure to mention VocalEye when you book your ticket!

☞ Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact [donna@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:donna@vocaleyeye.ca) before purchasing your tickets.

☞ For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)

\*\* 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

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\*\* 3) MUSIC BINGO FUNDRAISER

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Coming Up! Dab that tune to win fun prizes and support VocalEye!

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

Time to dust off your dabbers and get your 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.

[Buy Music Bingo Tickets](#)

### **Tickets are \$40**

- \* 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, email [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca)

\*\* 4) [HOW BLACK MOTHERS SAY I LOVE YOU](#)

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**A powerful story of immigration, family, and sacrifice.**

**Described on Sunday, November 12 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.**

Hard-working Daphne left her two young daughters in Jamaica for six years to create a better life for them in America. Now thirty years later, proud and private, Daphne relies on church and her

nearby dutiful daughter to face a health crisis. But when feisty queer activist Claudette arrives unexpectedly from far away to help out, her arrival stirs up the buried past, family ghosts, and the burning desire for unconditional love before it's too late.

From the author of the blockbuster hit '**Da Kink In My Hair**, Trey Anthony.

Described by Eileen Barrett.

\*\* 5) I Think I'm Fallin': The Songs of Joni Mitchell

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**A tribute to the life and music of a Canadian legend.**

Described on Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm at the Belfry Theatre, 1291 Gladstone Avenue, 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.

Created especially for the Belfry in 2016, this stirring musical is a tribute to one of this country's most exceptional musical treasures. Using only her words and music—including such iconic songs as *Both Sides Now*, *Big Yellow Taxi*, *Chelsea Morning*, *River*, and *A*

*Case of You*—we weave a romantic story of heartache and love. It's a celebration of the enduring legacy of Joni Mitchell, the poet and the composer, and a testament to her influence on generations of musicians, and a tonic for our times.

Described by Jill Sharpe.

\*\* 6) OCTOBER ROUNDUP

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**There are still two more shows this month that we don't want you to miss out on!**

Upcoming **Te Tangi ā te Tūī** is a really unique production in so many ways: not only is there extraordinary circus art, music and dance, but the entire show is told in Te Reo Māori (the Māori language). This show is also one that VocalEye Describer Cas Wanden specifically requested to describe!

Why? Cas Wanden grew up in New Zealand, surrounded by Māori culture. Describing this performance felt like a “slice of home”. They shared this with Amy in a recent chat:

***“If you've ever been interested in the concept of cirque du soleil, this is a similar vibe, rooted in indigenous culture.”***

***“This is a deeply genuine and authentic cultural glimpse of what it means to be an Indigenous New Zealander.”***

- woven through with acrobatic performances, with music, with dance - there is a beautiful use of the stage and set to create music... it's also told with a lot of heart.

Cas is excited to take on the live description of this show, not only tackling the dance and acrobatics, but also live translation from Te Reo Māori into English. Another cool aspect of this performance is:

***“There is also an auditory aspect to the show itself, making it a unique and immersive experience.”***

👉 **[Te Tangi ā te Tūī](#)**

Described on Saturday, October 28 at 2 pm at The York, 639 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. Call 604-251-1363 for tickets.

👉 **[Someone Like You](#)**

A millennial take on Cyrano de Bergerac that's getting rave reviews!

**“A joyful ride that delves into themes more intricate than anticipated”**

**- Stir**

Described on Sunday, October 29 at 2 pm at the Arts Club Newmont Stage. Call 604-687-1644 for tickets or [book online](#)

Join us for a Notable Social after the show!

Email [amy@vocaleyec.ca](mailto:amy@vocaleyec.ca) to sign up.

**\*\* 7) [SIGHTED GUIDE TRAINING](#)**

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Learn how to effectively and confidently assist a person who is blind or partially sighted in everyday situations. The training will include an introduction to Disability Justice principles, effective communication, guide dog etiquette, practical techniques and every day scenarios.

This training is free to attend. Space is limited.

DATE: Sunday, November 5

TIME: from 1 pm to 4:15 pm

LOCATION: BMO Theatre Centre, 132 West 1st Ave, Vancouver

## [Register for the workshop](#)

An optional orientation session for VocalEye Theatre Buddy volunteers will be offered following the basic training. This orientation includes an introduction to VocalEye equipment, procedures and policies for assisting patrons at the theatre. An additional application is required for our Theatre Buddy program.

## [Theatre Buddy Application](#)

### \*\* 8) HOLIDAY PREVIEW

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We don't want you to miss out on the festivities, so here's a preview of December's live described shows. Be sure to purchase your tickets early!

- [Hurricane Mona](#) An absurdist comedy about family and catastrophe. Described on Saturday, Dec 2 at 2 pm at The Cultch Historic Theatre. Call 604-251-1363 for tickets.
- [Elf: The Musical](#) The tale of a human who thinks he's an Elf. Described on Sunday, Dec 3 at 2 pm **and** Friday, December 8 at the Arts Club Stanley. Call 604-687-1644 for tickets or [book online](#)

- [Snow White](#) A holiday treat for the whole family. Described on Saturday, December 16 at 4 pm at the Waterfront Theatre (with Touch Tour!). Contact [education@carouseltheatre.ca](mailto:education@carouseltheatre.ca) for ticket information.
- [East Van Panto \(Beauty and the Beast\)](#) Vancouver's most beloved holiday theatre tradition! Described on Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm at The York. Call 604-251-1363 for tickets.
- [Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey](#) More turkey and more laughs with Vancouver's favourite moms! Described on Friday, December 18 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Granville Island Stage. Call 604-687-1644 for tickets or [book online](#)
- [Rogers + Hammerstein's Cinderella](#) A modern, musical spin on a timeless fairytale favourite. Described on Friday, December 29 at 7:30 pm at The Gateway Theatre. Call 604-270-1812 or [book online](#)

## \*\* 9) COMMUNITY EVENTS

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ONLINE

## Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Register for AEBC's Emergency Preparedness Workshops for the Blind, Deafblind, and Partially Sighted in BC

AEBC would like to thank everyone who participated in our survey about Emergency Preparedness for the blind, deafblind and partially sighted in BC back in the Spring.

The feedback received from those who completed the survey, as well as input from focus group participants was most valuable and helped tremendously to inform the research needed to move forward with our project in delivering workshops and providing online resources which will go up on our website later in the year.

AEBC will be holding upcoming virtual workshops in October and November.

### October Workshop

Register for one of the October workshop sessions below. Both will cover the same topics.

**Evening option: Tuesday October 24, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

[Register for the evening option](#)

**Daytime option: Thursday October 26, 1pm to 3pm**

[Register for the daytime option](#)

November Workshop:

**Part 2 - Daytime option: Tuesday November 21, 10am to 12pm**

[Register for the daytime option](#)

**Part 2 - Evening option: Tuesday November 28, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

[Register for the evening option](#)

Topics covered:

- What should be in your emergency supplies kit and your grab-and-go bag
- How to prepare for heat domes and winter storms
- The provincially funded BC Hydro portable air conditioner program

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you would like assistance with registering for any of the workshops, please call the AEBC BC Affiliate President, Chantal Oakes at 1-250-863-6341.

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Your support, participation and encouragement are what keep us going!

[Buy Me a Coffee](#) is a great way to let us know you care about our java levels and perfect for smaller donations that don't need a tax receipt.

Canadian residents who would like a tax receipt can donate once, or join our small but mighty **Make it Monthly Team**, through [Canada Helps](#).

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Special thanks to the generous funders, donors and supporters who help us make the arts more accessible for people who are blind and partially sighted.

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