

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

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### \*\* 1) 'TIS THE SEASON!

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With December right around the corner (some like it hot, we like it cold!) - it's time for some of the most beloved live theatre in Vancouver, with VocalEye live description. These holiday shows sell out FAST, be sure to book early and mention VocalEye when you purchase tickets to receive your ticket discount. Keep reading for all the details!

## Reminders:

- ☞ Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact [donna@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:donna@vocaleyeye.ca) before purchasing your tickets.
- ☞ Book a Theatre Buddy with [buddies@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:buddies@vocaleyeye.ca) (must be reserved 3 days in advance).
- ☞ For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)

## \*\* 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

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## \*\* 3) [HURRICANE MONA](#)

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**An absurdist comedy about family and catastrophe.**

**This Touchstone Theatre and Ruby Slippers co-production will be described on Saturday, December 2 at 2 pm at The Cultch Historic Theatre, 1895 Venables Street, Vancouver, with a 50% ticket discount for VocalEye users. To purchase, please call 604-251-1363.**

Rebel environmental activist and elder millennial Mona is placed under house arrest after smashing a police car topless during a

peaceful climate march. Forced to serve her term in her parent's suburban home, tensions flare as Mona rails against the shopping habits of her Boomer parents and her Gen Z sibling's apparent apathy in the face of looming catastrophe. But as Mona's burning drive for her family to "do better" begins to turn the home on its head, an unimaginable disaster happens right in the middle of their living room, forcing them to reckon with themselves and a future in crisis.

Described by Anika Vervecken

\*\* 4) [ELF: THE MUSICAL](#)

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**The tale of a human who thinks he's an Elf**

**Described twice: on Sunday, December 3 at 2 pm and on Friday, December 8 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.**

VocalEye is hosting a Notable Social after the matinee performance on December 3. Register at least 3 days in advance, by contacting [amy@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:amy@vocaleyeye.ca)

Join Buddy the Elf on his expedition from the North Pole to New York City, where he's determined to win over his new family with Christmas cheer, syrupy spaghetti, and heartfelt songs.

But what's an elf to do when his dad's on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in the man in red? A holiday romp that's full of heart and humour, starring Andrew McNee as Buddy the Elf.

**Fun Fact:** VocalEye has described so many productions featuring the multi-talented Andrew McNee that he has a devoted fan following in the community! [Click here for a short interview with Andrew McNee](#), courtesy of the Arts Club.

Described by Cas Wanden.

\*\* 5) [SNOW WHITE](#)

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**A holiday treat for the whole family!**

**Described on Saturday, December 16 at 4 pm at the Waterfront Theatre, 1412 Cartwright Street (on Granville Island), Vancouver.**

**Carousel offers a discounted ticket rate of \$14 to VocalEye users and their family members. Tickets are available to [purchase online](#) with the coupon code “VOCALEYE”. Patrons will first have to select the regular priced tickets in their cart, and then add the coupon code in the box below the cart just before paying. For assistance with ticket purchasing, please contact [education@carouseltheatre.ca](mailto:education@carouseltheatre.ca)**

This performance will be followed by a Touch Tour!

A “Once Upon a Time” tale re-imagined for twice as much fun! Not your traditional Snow White, this clever twist on the beloved fairy tale is a two-actor take that’s irresistibly playful and oh-so smart. With lightning quick switches, the duet morphs into 14 characters, retelling (along with a song or three!) the story of Snow White, all seven dwarfs, the prince, queen and her madcap crew. Hilarious and charming, this ingenious Snow White nudges the classic toward a more timely interpretation. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Described by Eileen Barrett.

\*\* 6) [EAST VAN PANTO: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST](#)

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**Vancouver's most beloved holiday theatre tradition!**

**Described on Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm at The York, 639 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, with a 50% ticket discount for VocalEye users. To purchase, please call 604-251-1363.**

Touch Tour following the performance TBA (fingers crossed!)

Bright, business-minded Belle has always been different from other kids growing up on the Drive. Her nose is always stuck in a book—a general ledger book that is!

Everything changes when she's separated from her free-spirited dad Maurice and becomes imprisoned in an enchanted specialty grocery store by a strangely familiar Beast who seems very set in his ways. Time is running out and Belle and her new friends Miso Potts, little Tofu and their Bento Buds must do everything they can to flip the perspective of Belle's captor and break the curse before the last cherry blossom falls!

Described by Stacie Steadman.

**\*\* 7) [MOM'S THE WORD: TALKIN' TURKEY](#)**

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**The hilarious holiday hit returns!**

**Described on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Granville Island, 1585 Johnston Street, Vancouver. The Arts Club offers special ticket prices for VocalEye users: Zone A or B seats \$39. [Purchase tickets online](#) or call the Arts Club Box office at 604-687-1644.**

The moms are back in the creative kitchen and ready to turn the “season of giving” into the “season of forgiving.” Enjoy a theatrical feast flavoured with big Santa belly laughs, stuffed with dysfunction, and topped with a soupçon of sarcasm—all served on a platter of naked truth. Using their special recipe of raw humour and humanity, the moms prove that the holidays really are about family, however you define it.

Described by Anika Vervecken.

**\*\* 7) [RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA](#)**

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**A modern, musical spin on a timeless fairytale favourite.**

**Described on Friday December 29, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Rd, Richmond. The Gateway**

**offers a 50% ticket discount to VocalEye users. Call 604-270-1812 to purchase or [book online](#) using the promo code VOC50.**

Bring the whole family to experience the timeless tale of Cinderella in this captivating musical (with a modern twist!). Step into a world where, against all odds, magic dances, dreams come true, and kindness triumphs. With a bit of help from the fairy godmother, a magical pumpkin carriage transformation, and a dash of humour, Cinderella promises the entire family will have a ball!

Described by Eileen Barrett.

**\*\* 8) [ONLINE 50/50 RAFFLE](#)**

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**Progress report on VocalEye's first online 50/50 raffle!**

**The current jackpot is at \$1,385 (winner takes half)!**

With single tickets starting at \$5, you can win up to \$10,000, all while increasing access to arts and culture for people who are blind and partially sighted. Even by spreading the word, you are helping to support the work we do. (Must be a resident of British Columbia to purchase)



[Purchase Raffle Tickets](#). For support purchasing tickets, call 604-364-5949 or email [info@vocaleye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleye.ca)

Tickets are on sale until **Wednesday, December 13 at 5 pm Pacific Time**. The winner will be announced during our [Almost Live Holiday Zoom](#) event.

## 9) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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### IN PERSON

[DWELL](#), a new community dance piece performed by Vancouver's All Bodies Dance Project at the Chutzpah! Festival 2023. DWELL was created in a collaborative process to explore the theme of "home" through movement, text, narrative, and imagery. **Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 3 pm** at Wosk Auditorium, First Floor JCC 950 West 41st Avenue (\*Wheelchair accessible venue) [Pay What You Wish Tickets](#)

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[Toque Craft Fair](#) Toque is an annual community event and fundraiser hosted by [Western Front](#). It showcases a curated selection of BC-based artists, craftspeople and designers who make textiles, ceramics, jewelry, bags, stationery, and home and body products. **Runs from December 1 to 3, 2023** (Fri: 6 to 10

pm | Sat and Sun: 11 am to 5 pm) at Western Front (an awesome artist-run centre) at 303 E 8th Ave, Vancouver. [Accessibility info can be found here](#) as well as a [visual story](#) (guide to help plan your visit). Admission by donation.

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‘Tis also the season for peppermint mochas and eggnog lattes!

[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](#).

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

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