

** VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | MAY 2024

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** 1) A Play-full Month of May!

Welcome to the May edition of your monthly guide to accessible theatre experiences!

This May, there is a VocalEye described show for everyone! Whether you're looking for a sexy comedy (perfect for date night), an epic theatrical tour de force, or an all-ages musical for the whole family, we've got you!

Dive into the exclusive details below, including an interview from the cast of Sexy Laundry, a community spotlight on Realwheels Theatre, and registration for the last Sighted Guide workshop of

the season. So, grab your calendar and get ready to fill your May with fun!

Reminders:

☞ Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact donna@vocaleye.ca before purchasing your tickets.

☞ Theatre Buddy sighted guides are available to assist from meet up locations close to transit. Please reserve 3 days in advance by contacting buddies@vocaleye.ca

☞ For schedule updates, visit the VocalEye website

**** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON**

**** 3) SEXY LAUNDRY**

A contemporary Canadian comedy

Described twice: Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 pm AND Friday, May 10 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+, A or B seats \$49; Zone C seats \$29. Please call the Arts Club Box office to purchase, [604-](tel:604-681-2222)

[687-1644](#), and be sure to mention VocalEye, or purchase tickets online.

Alice and Henry are coming to grips with their lacklustre sex life. Time, kids, and stress—not to mention gravity—have taken their toll. In an effort to rekindle the magic in their 25-year marriage, they go on a naughty hotel retreat, equipped with a copy of Sex for Dummies. But they soon find that when the clothes come off, so do the gloves! This couple's relatable, humorous, and inspiring escapade will touch audiences of all ages.

Described by Stacie Steadman.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

In this short video, Lossen Chambers and Cavan Cunningham, who play Alice and Henry Lane in Sexy Laundry, speak about the funny and heartfelt moments in the play. [Click to view on YouTube](#)

**** 4) THE LEHMAN TRILOGY**

A family and a country that saved the world!

Described on Sunday, May 12 at 2 pm at the Belfry Theatre, 1291 Gladstone Avenue, Victoria. The Belfry offers Pay-What-You-Can tickets to VocalEye users. To purchase, call Box Office at [250-385-6815](tel:250-385-6815).

On a cold September morning in 1844, Heyam, a young man from Bavaria stands on a New York dockside dreaming of a new life in the new world. He is soon joined by Mendel and Mayer, and the Lehman brothers' journey begins.

The growth of global capitalism exposes the fault lines of the American dream. The Lehman brothers rise from shopkeepers to bankers, from obscurity to prominence, navigating the Civil War, the Great Depression, and generations of ethical dilemmas.

It is an epic journey, an epic play, and a theatrical tour de force.

Described by Jill Sharpe.

**** 5) THE PAPA PENGUIN PLAY**

A lovely story about amazing dads.

Described on Saturday May 25, 2024 at 4 pm at the Waterfront Theatre, 1412 Cartwright Street (on Granville

Island). Carousel Theatre 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

This performance will be followed by a Touch Tour!

Penguins Peaches and Izzy are the Zoo’s main attraction: two male penguins who put on daily shows to visitors’ delight. But when other penguin couples lay eggs and go on to have a chick, these two pine for parenting life. With the help from the Zoo Keeper, dreams do come true. The Papa Penguin Play welcomes audiences of all ages to a penguin chick first birthday party, a celebration like you’ve never seen. Recommended for all ages.

Described by Cas Wanden.

** 6) [VOCALEYE SIGHTED GUIDE TRAINING](#)

VocalEye offers Sighted Guide Basic Training several times a year, free of charge. This workshop will be the last until next season, so be sure to spread the word and register early!

DATE: Sunday, May 26 from 2 pm to 6:30 pm

**LOCATION: BMO Theatre Centre, 162 West 1st Avenue,
Vancouver**

[Register Now!](#) For assistance with registration, email **info@vocaleye.ca** or call **[604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949)**.

Special thanks to our partners at the Arts Club for providing the space.

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.

Topics include: language, disability history and etiquette, assumptions and bias, respectful and dignified ways of facilitating conversation, guide dogs and service dogs, and the history of the white cane. [More info on our website.](#)

Interested in becoming a Theatre Buddy? [Learn more](#)

** 7) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

IN PERSON

- Realwheels Theatre unleashes three bold and original scripts-in-development as part of their play reading series: [Zombies, Mannequins, and Talking Heads](#). Created by playwrights who identify with disability, the scripts include “Vascular Necrosis” by Jordyn Wood, “Faye’s Room” by Alex Masse, and “Saturday Nights at Axles” by Adam Grant Warren. Staged readings take place from Wednesday, May 8 to Saturday, May 11 at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver). In addition to the staged readings is a [Gala Launch](#) on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 pm (\$5) and a [Playwrights Panel](#) on Saturday, May 11 at 12:30 pm (FREE, with registration). Tickets to each staged reading are \$10. [Purchase here](#)

For questions, access needs, or to register via email,
contact: access@realwheels.ca or call and leave a
message at [604.322.7325](tel:604.322.7325)

[Buy Me a Coffee](#) is 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 mighty **Make it Monthly Team**, through [Canada Helps](#).

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