** VOCALEYE MAY 2024

** MAKING ENDS MEET 50/50 RAFFLE

Dear Friends,

We're here to announce the details of VocalEye's 2024 Online 50/50 Raffle: Making Ends Meet!

Due to recent cuts in government funding, our vital programs and services are at risk. Launching our second online 50/50 raffle seems like a great opportunity to rally together to help both VocalEye **and** a member of the community 'make ends meet'. Tickets are on sale now!

Each ticket gives you a chance to win half of the jackpot - up to \$10,000!

Choose between a single ticket, starting at \$5, or ticket packages: Single Ticket for \$5 3-Ticket Pack for \$10 10-Ticket Pack for \$25 25-Ticket Pack for \$50

Purchase Raffle Tickets

Must be a resident of British Columbia to purchase

For support purchasing tickets, call <u>604-364-5949</u> or email <u>info@vocaleye.ca</u>. All proceeds go towards VocalEye programs and services that make arts and culture more accessible to people who are Blind and Partially Sighted.

Deadline: Tickets will be available for purchase until Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5 pm Pacific Time. The draw will take place around 9 pm that evening.

Sending out our thanks and congrats once again to our previous 50/50 raffle winner, Maria Cutchey (who took home a total of \$1,890)!

About VocalEye

VocalEye is the first dedicated live description service for the blind in Canada. We offer programs and services that are designed to improve accessibility, encourage participation and prioritize the experience of blind and partially sighted people in person and <u>online</u>.

What we do

VocalEye describes theatre performances, visual arts and cultural events (such Vancouver Pride Parade and Vancouver Mural Fest) for people who are blind and partially sighted;

We host social gatherings around arts events (Notable Socials); We host weekly (now scaled back to bi-weekly) online Almost

Live events, featuring guest artists on a range of topics;

We host monthly online forums (Describer Cafe) covering topics; in audio description and arts access;

We host descriptive tours of public art;

We also offer sighted guide training to the public.

These programs and services are offered free of charge. We rely on a small, but mighty team of part-time staff, dedicated volunteers, project grants, individual donations and fundraisers like this to make it all happen and we thank you for giving us a hand!

Sharing is caring

If purchasing a ticket is out of reach, or you live outside of BC, there are other ways to support us! Your testimonials, likes and comments on social media, emails, and participation in our programs are truly priceless and make a huge impact!

You can also help us max the jackpot by spreading the word about VocalEye's Online 50/50 Raffle, encouraging your network to jump on board, or sharing the raffle on your socials! Here's the link: <u>vocaleye.rafflenexus.com/</u>

Thank you and good luck!

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the funders, donors and supporters who help us make the arts more accessible for people who are blind and partially sighted.

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