

## \*\* VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | JUNE 2024

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## \*\* 1) SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION

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We've got a jam-packed summer ahead, including some new live events this year (hint: the Vancouver Folk Music Fest!) We're going to run you through all the exclusive info in this Special Summer Edition - take a sneak peek at our sizzling summer lineup, plus two new descriptive mural tours you won't want to miss, and a free community singing workshop with VocalEye's

Artist-In-Residence, Deanna Gestrin. Keep reading to get all the juicy details and don't forget to register early!

Reminders:

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

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

\*\* 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

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\*\* 3) GUYS AND DOLLS

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**A musical fable of Broadway**

**Described twice: Sunday, June 9 at 2 pm AND Friday, June 14 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 \$49; Zone C seats \$29. Please call the Arts Club Box office to purchase, [604-](#)**

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

Revel in the laughs and romance of this timeless musical, featuring a score packed with beloved tunes like “Luck Be a Lady,” “Sit Down You’re Rockin ’the Boat,” and, of course, “Guys & Dolls.” When the evangelist Sergeant Sarah Brown is charged with saving “genuine sinners,” she need look no further than the streets of 1950s Manhattan for its gangsters, gamblers, and showgirls. Sarah’s pursuit soon entangles her in a big bet between small-time crook Nathan Detroit and high roller Sky Masterson. While each has their eyes on a different prize, will they find that love conquers all?

Described by Cas Wanden.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

\*\* 4) WHEN WE WERE SINGING

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**An urban musical about life, love, friendship and what it means to be human.**

**Described on Sunday, June 16 at 2 pm at the Jericho Arts Centre, 1675 Discovery Street, Vancouver. United Players offers a special \$15 ticket price to VocalEye users and one guest. To purchase tickets, please leave a message with the Box Office, [604-224-8007](tel:604-224-8007) extension 2, or send an email to [info@unitedplayers.com](mailto:info@unitedplayers.com).**

Dorothy has been a frequent and favourite guest on VocalEye's Almost Live Zoom, reading from her delightful storytelling series, Tippi and Stan. We are thrilled to make this live performance of When We Were Singing accessible to members of the Blind and Partially Sighted community!

A quartet of 30-something friends navigates the challenges of loyalty, success and love over the course of a booze-fuelled weekend. Performed entirely in song, this intimate chamber musical captures the rollercoaster of life in the big city with all its wins, losses, tears, fears, love and laughter, and the important role friendship plays in getting through it all.

Written and composed by Governor General's Award-winning playwright Dorothy Dittrich, When We Were Singing was first produced by Vancouver's [Touchstone theatre](#) then went on to [Buddies in Bad times](#) in Toronto and a co-pro between [The Belfry](#)

in Victoria and the [National Arts Centre](#) as well as [The Suncoast Theatre](#) in Florida. It was listed in the year's top ten shows in all locations, it was nominated for 7 awards, (Vancouver's Jessie Richardson and Toronto's Dora Awards) winning Jessies for Outstanding Original Script, Ensemble Cast, Musical Direction and Best Production. It was given a workshop by [Manhattan Theatre Club](#) in New York in 2003.

Described by Eileen Barrett.

## \*\* 5) VOCALEYE DESCRIPTIVE TOUR

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Join acclaimed visual artist Jag Nagra and curator Jas Lally for "Murals in the Market" - a descriptive tour of murals in Vancouver's Punjabi Market neighbourhood, the first and, at one time, largest Punjabi market in North America.

Date: Saturday, June 22 at 11 am

Meet up Location: Main Street and East 49th Avenue

This event is offered free of charge. Sighted guides are available.

[Register for the Tour](#)

For assistance with registration, call us at [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949) or email [info@vocaleye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleye.ca)

What to Expect: The tour will last about 75 minutes and cover a 2-block route from Main and E 49th Avenue that is fairly flat and accessible to public transit. Participants are invited to join us afterward for a social gathering with chai and samosas.

👉 [More info on our website.](#)

Presented in partnership with the [Punjabi Market Collective](#).

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Metro Vancouver's Regional Cultural Project Grants program for making our descriptive tours possible this season, both online and in person.

\*\* 6) SUMMER SNEAK PEEK

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We encourage everyone to book tickets (or register for events) in advance to avoid missing out - these shows are hot and may sell out fast! Our theatre partners offer discounts to VocalEye users, so be sure to mention us when booking your tickets!

JULY

- **Ring of Fire**, the remarkable life and music of Johnny Cash. Described twice: Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 pm and Friday, July 19 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Granville Island. Call [604-687-1644](tel:604-687-1644) for tickets.
- **Access the Vancouver Folk Music Festival**, enjoy the magic and the music at a special price! Sunday, July 21 with orientation at 10:15 am at the Access Gate, Jericho Beach Park. Purchase your sliding scale tickets (\$10 to \$50 includes free companion) by emailing [info@vocaleyec.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyec.ca) or calling [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

## AUGUST

- **School of Rock**, a high-voltage tribute to teenage dreams and the irrepressible power of rock 'n' roll. Friday, August 2 at 8 pm at the Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS), with pre-show Notable Social hot dog party! Call TUTS Box Office at [604-734-1917](tel:604-734-1917) for tickets.
- **Twelfth Night**, a carnival of poetry and chaos with original music by Veda Hille. Described twice: Friday, August 9 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, August 31 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, MainStage. Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets.

- [Hamlet](#), Shakespeare's tragic saga of betrayal, murder and revenge. Described twice: Saturday, August 17 at 2 pm and Sunday, August 25 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, MainStage. Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets.
- [The Comedy of Errors](#), the farcical misadventures of two sets of identical twins. Described on Saturday, September 7 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, Howard Family Stage. Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets.

#### VOCAL EYE EVENTS WITH REGISTRATION

- [Vancouver Pride Parade 2024](#), be part of Canada Pride and the biggest Pride season ever! Sunday, August 4 from Noon until 3 pm at the VocalEye Accessible Viewing Zone, 780 Pacific Blvd. Registration required by emailing [info@vocaleye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleye.ca) or calling [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949). [More info about Pride 2024.](#)
- [Community Workshop | Connecting Through Song](#), a free community workshop led by VocalEye's Artist in Residence, Deanna Gestrin. Sunday, August 18 from 11 am to 1 pm (light snack included) at the BMO Theatre Centre. [Register for this workshop.](#)



- [Descriptive Mural Tour | Mount Pleasant](#), explore and experience more murals in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood with tour guide Ali Butcher and Describer Eileen Barrett. Free to attend. Saturday, August 24 at 11 am. Registration opens soon!

For assistance registering for any or all of these events, email [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca) or call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

## \*\* 7) ARTS CLUB 2024/25 SEASON

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VocalEye is thrilled to celebrate our 15th season of live description with our partners at the [Arts Club Theatre!](#)

Show lineup and description dates

Arts Club 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season subscriptions are on sale now! Call [604-687-1644](tel:604-687-1644) to purchase.

## \*\* 8) ONLINE 50/50 RAFFLE

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Extending deep gratitude to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets for VocalEye's 2024 [Making Ends Meet Online 50/50!](#)

Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5 pm Pacific Time. Winner takes half the pot! Help us max that jackpot!

Current jackpot: \$1,290

### [Purchase Raffle Tickets](#)

Must be a resident of BC and 19 years of age or older to play. Single tickets start at \$5. For assistance purchasing tickets, call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949) or email [info@vocaleye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleye.ca)

### \*\* 9) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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#### IN PERSON

- **Moose's Down Under: Retirement Party** Celebrate the good folks at [Moose's Down Under](#), Corina and Chris, who are retiring after 28 years. Moose's Down Under has been the host of many VocalEye fundraisers and we are so grateful to them for their generous support, great food and awesome Aussie hospitality! There are 3 days of celebration: Thursday May 23 from 2 pm; Friday May 24 from 4 pm; and Saturday May 25 from 5 pm. You can reserve a table any time as the party will go on until closing. Amy Amantea + a few VocalEye peeps will be

there on May 24. Reserve your own table by calling [604-683-3300](tel:604-683-3300).

- **"TouchScapes" Exhibition** features 3D art pieces by renowned artists, including Magritte, Picasso, O’Keeffe, Kandinsky, and Vancouver's own Lily Bai. Presented by New Art Foundation of Vancouver (NAF Van), this unique exhibition allows visitors to engage with the art through touch and other multi sensory approaches. Volunteers will be on hand to assist and guide patrons. TouchScapes Exhibition is located at Gryphon Experience Gallery (2762 Granville Street, Vancouver) and runs until Saturday, June 1. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit: [TouchScapes Exhibition](#). To schedule a visit, please fill out the registration form: [TouchScapes Registration Form](#). For assistance, contact [info@nafvan.com](mailto:info@nafvan.com)

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