

Vancouver East Cultural Centre

1895 Venables at Victoria Drive

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HARVEY FIERSTEIN'S

TORCH SONG

trilogy

DIRECTED BY LARRY LILLO
STARRING RICHARD DEFABEES

★ 'gorgeously funny'

NEW YORK POST

★ 'infinitely rewarding'

NEW YORK TIMES

★ 'revolutionary, revitalizing . . . a landmark'

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

★ 'bawdy, poignant and outspoken'

BOSTON HERALD

★ 'bitchily funny, outrageous'

BOSTON GLOBE

★ 'a priceless night of entertainment'

TORONTO STAR

**AWARD-WINNING
BROADWAY HIT**

Opens June 20,

Previews June 18 & 19, 8 pm

The VFMF presents
YoLocamBaTTa

*Five musicians from El Salvador sing of
their country's struggle for freedom.*

The voice of a people!

May 31 June 1



The
**PAUL
PLIMLEY
OCTET**

The finest jazz in the
Pacific Northwest!

JUNE 2, 8 pm

**MICHEL
RIVARD**

Quebec's
favourite
chansonnier
makes a rare

Vancouver appearance!

Good fun, great music!

June 8, 8:30 pm



**SOUTH AMERICAN
MINI-FESTIVAL**

A one-night pastiche
of music, dance,
crafts, food and
FUN.

JUNE 9, 6 pm

The Incomparable

Holly Arntzen

with **TREVOR JONES, SIMON KENDALL, NIGHTSHADE & SUPERCHOPS**

JUNE 23, 8 pm



The Vancouver Youth Theatre

BON VOYAGE!

Four one-act plays by talented young playwrights! The show goes to Australia in August! With magician PAT QUAIL and SNAKE IN THE GRASS MOVING THEATRE

JULY 14, 7 pm

85-86 SEASON

Masterpiece Music *Second Decade*

Masterpiece Music proudly introduces the Musical Offering, a baroque aria ensemble featured in two concerts. Join the Masterpiece Trio, the Purcell String Quartet and special guests for **TEN GREAT CONCERTS** or **PICK SIX** of your favourite programmes. Call the VECC at **254-9578** for the 85-86 Subscription Brochure.

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RESERVATIONS: 254-9578

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YOLOCAMBA ITA

One of the most popular and accomplished of the Salvadorian musical groups, YOLOCAMBA ITA has toured Europe, Canada and Latin America. A concert with them is always an uplifting one. Their music is the sound of the struggle for freedom—it is the voice of a people—poignant, passionate, haunting, yet joyous and affirming! A Vancouver Folk Music Festival presentation. Two shows only.

FRI & SAT MAY 31 & JUNE 1, 8:30 pm • TIX \$8

THE PAUL PLIMLEY OCTET

Great jazz! With eight talented musicians from eight highly different backgrounds, the PAUL PLIMLEY OCTET delivers a complete spectrum of tone colours and melodic invention. The Octet functions as a contemporary mini-orchestra with sax, flute, clarinet, guitar, trumpet, trombone, and PAUL PLIMLEY himself on vibes and piano. For inspiration the band draws on the timeless music of Thelonius Monk and Sousa and performs original improvised works. One show only—reserve now!

SUN JUNE 2, 8 pm • TIX \$8 general/\$7 students & seniors

MICHEL RIVARD

Chansonnier MICHEL RIVARD is a leading spokesman for his generation in Quebec, singing and writing contemporary songs about contemporary issues. A founding member of 'Beau Dommage' he struck out on his own when the group disbanded, touring Europe and releasing three solo albums. His show at The Spectrum in Montreal recently held over for 15 performances! With mobile face, good humour and great music, MICHEL RIVARD is simply fabulous! Presented by the Centre culturel colombien.

SAT JUNE 8, 8:30 pm • TIX \$9 general/\$7 members of Centre culturel colombien

SOUTH AMERICAN MINI-FESTIVAL

A grand gathering of Vancouver's South American community—musicians, dancers, craftspeople, cooks and more! Five different groups play music from the Andes, Central America and Chile. A panel discussion follows a video presentation on the current political situation in Latin American countries. Everyone's invited to this decidedly different event.

SUN JUNE 9, 6 pm • TIX \$5

TORCH SONG TRILOGY

Revolutionary, electrifying, hilarious! Outrageous humour and biting wit have made Harvey Fierstein's TORCH SONG TRILOGY a major hit on Broadway, in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington, Toronto—in short, everywhere it's been! It's the story of Arnold Beckoff, a New York drag queen struggling to find recognition, respect and love in a threatening world. The trilogy challenges all levels of social and sexual order as it journeys through the uncharted territory of modern sexual experience—the casual one-night stand, the Meaningful Relationship, the establishment of a workable family unit. Fierstein's characters are exuberant, authentic, direct and abundantly colourful. Through them and with them, one laughs, cries, agonizes and learns...but mostly laughs! Starring RICHARD DeFABEES as Arnold. Directed by LARRY LILLO.

OPENS THURS JUNE 20, PREVIEWS JUNE 18, 19, 8 pm.

WED & SAT MAT 2 pm (starting June 29)

TIX \$12 Mon-Thurs/\$15 Fri & Sat/\$10 Sat Mat/\$6 Wed Mat

Previews 2 for 1 at \$12.

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HOLLY ARNTZEN

She's about to conquer Japan but Vancouver gets her first! The incomparable HOLLY ARNTZEN with TREVOR JONES, SIMON KENDALL, the mysterious NIGHTSHADE and the unbelievable SUPERCHOPS! A new look, a new sound for one of BC's best-loved singer/songwriters. Don't, under any circumstances, miss this concert!

SUN JUNE 23, 8 pm • TIX \$8

BON VOYAGE!

The VANCOUVER YOUTH THEATRE presents four one-act plays written by kids aged 15 to 19. Topics covered are as diverse as aggression, peer pressure, communication and creativity. After the Cultch, they perform at the first-ever International Conference of Young Playwrights (INTERPLAY) in Sydney, Australia and our own VYT is the sole Canadian representative. They took us by storm with 'Who Am I???' in May, and they're bound to do the same Downunder. Magician PAT QUAIL and SNAKE IN THE GRASS MOVING THEATRE round out the program. Let's give them a send-off they won't forget!

SUN JULY 14, 7 pm • \$3 kids/\$6 adults

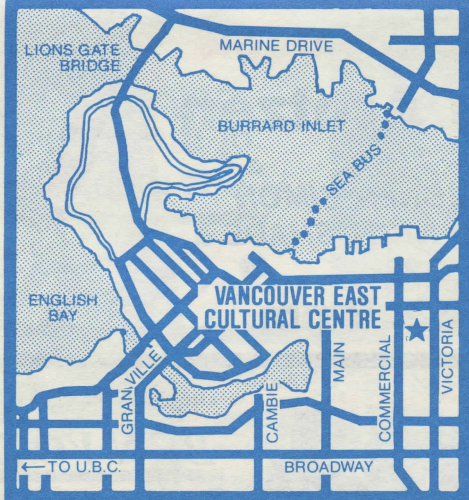
theatre works!

Theatre Works! is a performing company and acting school for young people and adults. Director Bonnie Worthington, actress/teacher Susan Rome, and local guest artists conduct professional classes in the theatre arts.

SUMMER CAMP for children: July 22-26, 9 am-3 pm

SUMMER CAMP for adults: July 29-August 2, 9 am-3 pm

At the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Call **669-0029** or **734-4364** for further information and registration



HOW TO GET TICKETS?

The VECC reservation line — 254-9578 — is open from 10 am Monday through Saturday and from noon Sundays. Phone, make a reservation and we'll hold your tickets until fifteen minutes before showtime. There is NO service charge! Ask about our group rates and special discounts for students and seniors. If you wish to be on our mailing list, and receive this calendar, enquire at 254-9578.

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