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A FIRST NIGHT button (\$5.00) provides general admission to all indoor programs and supports the cost of outdoor events. With the button, admission is on a first come/first seated basis. There is no guaranteed seating. Outdoor entertainment is free.

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TRANSIT

All Bus, Skytrain and Seabus service is free from 7 pm till end of service on New Year's Eve. For info call 261-5100.

PARKING

Downtown Vancouver is blessed with thousands of parking spaces in many lots. There should be no problem.

ALCOHOL

There is no alcohol at FIRST NIGHT. No public consumption of alcohol is permitted. Those disobeying this law will be subject to arrest.

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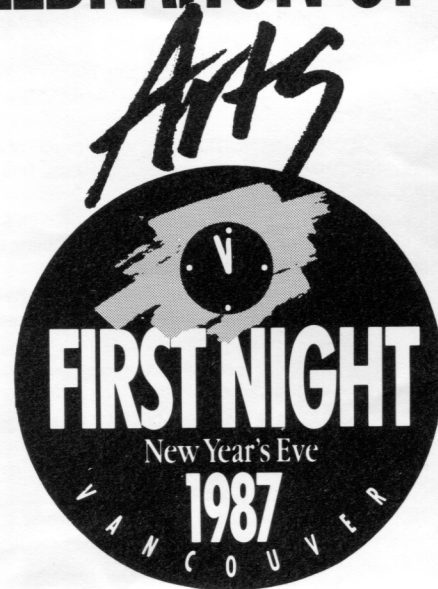
FIRST NIGHT

Vancouver Celebration of the Arts Society
213 - 900 West Georgia Street
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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

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AND SAVE!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION OF THE



*Over 50 Arts Groups staging
more than 60 performances on 9 stages!*

FIRST NIGHT New Year's Eve celebrations began in Boston twelve years ago, and have expanded to fifteen cities in the United States. Vancouver is Canada's first city to celebrate New Year's Eve with this exciting arts festival. The entire community is invited to participate in a lively, wholesome alternative to traditional methods of ushering in the New Year. Alcohol is not available. FIRST NIGHT is an ideal way for families to celebrate New Year's Eve.

The indoor venues will feature a wide variety of arts programs starting at 7 pm and running through till after 11 pm. The streets will also be alive with music and other entertainment. Between 11 pm and midnight the public will congregate on Georgia Street in front of the Art Gallery for the Grand Finale, to welcome 1988.

FOLD HERE

FIRST NIGHT PERFORMERS

LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

INDOOR VENUES

1. MICHAEL ABSALOM — Folksinger and songwriter presents a concert of traditional and original songs for kids of all ages.
2. ARTS CLUB — BLACK AND GOLD REVUE — musical magic from minstrel to Motown — the stars of "Ain't Misbehavin'" return.
3. BALLET B.C. — three pas de deux from Sleeping Beauty, Romeo & Juliet, and Pavan. Bold, Innovative and Provocative. "The Ballet World can be its oyster" — Max Wyman.
4. CANADA WEST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — a "happy blend" of exciting and imaginative programmes with infectious enthusiasm. Bruce Dunn — Conductor.
5. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL & VANCOUVER CHILDREN'S CHAMBER CHOIRS — female members of these two choirs are coming together for this special occasion. Rupert Laing — Director.
6. COAD CANADA PUPPETS — "The Box — A Show of Feelings". The principal characters, a child and a dog illustrate many emotions with movement and music.
7. CYMBALI — five very talented performing choreographers and composers perform concerts of music and dance with a strong multicultural flavour.
8. FESTIVAL PLAYERS CANADA & INGRID SUDERMAN — mixture of instrumental chamber music and romantic song repertoire. Arthur Polson — violin, Gene Ramsbottom — clarinet, Melinda Coffey — piano, Ingrid Suderman — soprano.
9. FOOLS THEATRE — harkens back to a magical era where imagination, good natured humour and diligent skill combine to create a series of unpredictable and delightful vignettes.
10. 4-TISSIMO — an acappella vocal quartet present selections from their repertoire of madrigals and vocal jazz.
11. GUMBOOT LOLLIPOP — fresh, funny, witty, warm and wonderful for the child in us all.
12. CHARLIE HADEN JAZZ TRIO — Internationally renowned American bassist/composer Charlie Haden appearing in a very special trio with two of Canada's finest jazzmen. Phil Dwyer — saxophone, Claude Ranger — drums.
13. HOMEMADE JAM — all members were or are active members in the Vancouver Bach Choir and they will be singing ballads of the 30's and 40's.
14. LORITA LEUNG DANCERS — the group is dedicated to promote, preserve and enhance Chinese dance culture.
15. JUDITH MARCUSE DANCE COMPANY — "This hard-to-rival ensemble offers dancing to tease the eye and gladden the heart" — Max Wyman.
16. MUSIC OF THE SPHERES — early music ensemble specializing in Baroque chamber music on authentic period instruments.
17. NED AND NANCY PRESENTATIONS — a musical play "Whittington's Way..." tuneful, lively for audiences of all ages.
18. NGAI LUM MUSICAL SOCIETY AND STARWAVE — traditional Chinese music and traditional Chinese dancing inherited from centuries of Chinese culture.
19. PEALI DANCE SOCIETY — perform Indian classical dances in the Bharatanatyam style.
20. PAUL PLIMLEY TRIO — one of the most creative trios in Canada. Paul Plimley — pianist, Clyde Reed — bassist, and Greg Simpson — drummer.
21. RANDY RAINE—REUSCH — his concerts are an experience for the senses. Instruments are selected for their visual beauty as well as their expressive potential.
22. SNAKE IN THE GRASS MOVING THEATRE — presents "Footprints" which involves a series of dances of invocation by powerful spirit beings from various world cultures.

23. ED STREET — THE HUMAN ROBOT — Is he or isn't he? Human, that is... He makes human/robot contact a light-hearted, fun-filled fantasy.
24. TAMAHNOUS THEATRE — "SIMPLE FOLK" — written and performed by Babs Chula, Ken MacDonald and Morris Panych — features folk songs from 1960-1964.
25. THEMBA TANA & UHURU — in concert playing African high-life music. The group features Themba Tana, African Heritage and several other noted local musicians.
26. TOUCH OF BRASS — Quintet. "Their instruments may not be pure gold, but their performances certainly are". Edward Bach and Christopher Robertson — trumpets, Duncan Shaw — French horn, Robert McLeod — trombone, and David Sabourin — tuba.
27. SHARI ULRICH — recording artist with three successful albums who has been performing for Canadian artists for over a decade. Bill Sample — keyboard.
28. VANCOUVER CHAMBER WINDS SEXTET — playing lively classical composition for winds. Wind players of the CBC Vancouver and Vancouver Opera Orchestras.
29. VANCOUVER THEATRE SPORTS — internationally renowned, and well established as Vancouver's premier improvisational comedy theatre.
30. GRAHAM WALKER AND THE MOON CATS — a trio with Graham Walker presents vocal and guitar selections includes participation songs for children.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINERS

- ACAPELLA RAILWAY — a quartet of Vancouver singers who perform a variety of songs.
- BAND OF THE 15TH FIELD REGIMENT — Royal Canadian Artillery — 20 of Vancouver's finest musicians on parade for this special occasion.
- DUNCAN BRAY — solo guitarist and harmonica player.
- YVON CHARTRAND — Music and comedy.
- DICK & DICK — a duo who combine juggling with comic patter and spontaneous audience participation.
- FAMILY PLOT — five related artists play new wave swing rock.
- JOHN HAMMOND — The Emerald Admiral, balloon artist.
- PAMELA HARRIS — a stiltwalker representing a goddess witch figure.
- HENPALS — The Henpals will perform country music on the Music in Motion stage in front of the Art Gallery, at 7:30 and 9:20 p.m.
- THE PARTY ZONE — Jazz, Rhythm and Blues.
- JOHN PRISLAND — solo musician performing with various instruments.
- PUBLIC DREAMS SOCIETY — Vancouver's explosive mix of visual performing artists, 29 in all.
- RED THE JUGGLER — Red performs a versatile comedy routine which includes juggling knives, clubs, rings and firetorches.
- SPECIAL DELIVERY MOVING THEATRE — performing a procession parade accompanied by percussion and flute music, which will include audience interaction.
- JEFF SMITH — Jeff will bring wit and humour to various comedy routines.
- NORM STANFIELD — performing as Will Kemp who will bring back memories of Shakespeare through Pipe and Tabor music.
- TODO — his show consists of clown, mime and storytelling for all ages, making "Light of Life".
- BLAINE WALDBAUER — solo violinist.

The program is complete but subject to change. Additional information and any revisions will be listed in the Vancouver Sun just prior to New Year's Eve.



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P E R F O R M A N C E T I M E T A B L E

VENUES	7 p.m. :15 :30 :45	8 p.m. :15 :30 :45	9 p.m. :15 :30 :45	10 p.m. :15 :30 :45	11 p.m. :15 :30 :45		
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL	Vancouver Children's Chamber Choirs (7:00-7:45)	Festival Players & Ingrid Suderman (7:50-8:30)	Festival Players & Ingrid Suderman (8:50-9:30)	The Canada Chamber Orchestra (9:45-10:30)			
ATRIUM — HONGKONG BANK	A Touch of Brass (7:00-7:30)	A Touch of Brass (7:45-8:15)	Ballet B.C. (8:30-8:50)	Ballet B.C. (9:05-9:25)	Judith Marcuse Dance (9:40-10:05)	Judith Marcuse Dance (10:15-10:35)	Van. Chamber Winds Sextet (10:50-11:30)
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY — Lobby	Ned & Nancy (7:00-7:45)	Michael Absalom (8:00-8:20)	Michael Absalom (8:35-8:55)	Graham Walker & Moon Cats (9:10-9:30)	Gumboot Lollipop (9:45-10:05)	Gumboot Lollipop (10:20-10:40)	FINALE IN FRONT OF ART GALLERY Georgia & Hornby & Howe
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY — 3rd Floor N.W. End	Purcell String Quartet (7:00-7:30)	4-tissimo (7:45-8:10)	Purcell String Quartet (8:25-8:55)	Homemade Jam (9:10-9:40)	Music of the Spheres (9:55-10:25)	The Cassenti Players (10:40-11:20)	
ROBSON SQUARE MEDIA CENTRE CINEMA	Arts Club Black & Gold Revue (7:00-7:45)	Arts Club Black & Gold Revue (8:00-8:45)	Vancouver Theatresports (9:00-9:45)	Tamahnous "Simple Folk" (10:00-10:45)	Tamahnous "Simple Folk" (11:00-11:45)		
ROBSON SQUARE MEDIA GALLERY	"FIRST SHOW" VANCOUVER ARTISTS LEAGUE EXHIBITION OF OVER 20 ARTISTS						
ROBSON SQUARE MEDIA CENTRE — THEATRE	Peali Dance Society (7:00-7:30)	Ngai Lum Musical Society Starwave Dancing Assoc. (7:45-8:25)	Cymbali (8:45-9:00)	Lorita Leung Dancers (9:15-9:55)	Randy Raine Reusch (10:10-10:40)	Snake in the Grass Theatre (10:55-11:40)	
GREAT HALL AT LAW COURTS	Charlie Haden Jazz Trio (7:00-7:40)	Shari Ulrich (7:55-8:35)	Uhuru (8:50-9:35)	Uhuru (9:50-10:35)	Paul Plimley Trio (10:50-11:35)		
THE BAY — CORNER WINDOWS also Dec. 28, 29 and 30th 12:30 pm-1:10 pm	Ed Street — Human Robot (7:00-7:40)	Coad Canada Puppets "The Box" — a show of Feelings (8:15-8:45)	Fools Theatre (9:15-9:55)				

FIRST SHOW: The Visual Arts Exhibit for FIRST NIGHT Curated by Marion Barling

The Vancouver Artists League will be sponsoring an exhibit of over 20 prominent Vancouver artists in honour of the FIRST NIGHT Celebration of the Arts. The exhibition will consist of two and three dimensional works presented in an intriguing variety of methods and techniques.

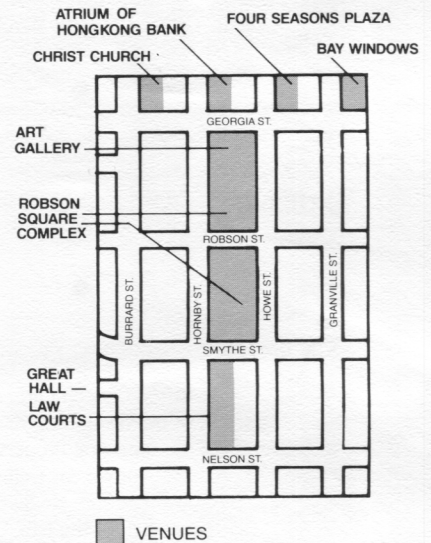
In keeping with the purposes of the FIRST NIGHT Celebration of the Arts, exhibited works will generally reflect the theme of the old into the new.

Artists include Elaine Brewer-White, Violet Costellom, Steven Denslow, David Dorrington, Lionel Doucette, Camrose Ducote, Bruce Hutton, Toni Onley, Veronica Plewman, Jack Shadbolt, Sylvia Tait and Alan Wood.

First Show, the Visual Arts Exhibit for the FIRST NIGHT Celebration will be on display at the Robson Square Media Centre from December 21st to 31st. The regular Vancouver Art Gallery displays will be open for viewing New Year's Eve.

INFORMATION TENT: located at the Four Seasons Plaza (Georgia & Howe), is another source of buttons and programs. Dec. 29 & 30, children's face painting from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. New Year's Eve, 7:00 to 11:00 pm, Scott Paper and Imagination Market sponsor mask and hat making.

COSTUME CONTEST: Come downtown in costume New Year's Eve and possibly win a trip for two to California! Best adult costume wins a trip for two to San Francisco. Best children's (14 yrs and under) wins a trip for two to Los Angeles. Air travel courtesy P.S.A. accommodation, Four Seasons Hotels.



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FIRST NIGHT wishes to recognize Dolores Bate, whose enthusiasm for the idea brought FIRST NIGHT from Boston to Vancouver. Dolores has started a Vancouver tradition and deserves special thanks.

*An event of this size involves the efforts of a great many people,
FIRST NIGHT thanks all of you, and apologizes to those who have not been mentioned by name.*