



The Wizard of Oz

November 5 to 10

Follow the yellow brick road to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, where you'll meet up with **old friends Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion and Toto** as they battle the Wicked Witch of the West—and her winged monkeys—on their way to meet the Wizard. Sing along to old favourites such as “Over the Rainbow” and “If I Only Had a Brain,” plus new soon-to-be favourites from Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. It's a magical evening, guaranteed (page 46).—*Sheri Radford*



Taste of Yaletown

October 16 to 27

Some neighbourhoods just have a certain flavour, and trendy Yaletown is no exception. Sip and sample the local fare at this annual event (page 58), with **tastings or set menus at \$25, \$35 or \$45**—a culinary tour that won't empty wallets. Dig into Italian fare from La Pentola della Quercia (page 62), Japanese bites from Hapa Izakaya (page 63) or prime cuts from Hamilton Street Grill (pictured; page 67). Plus, a portion of profits are donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, so you're sure to leave feeling satisfied.—*Jill Von Sprecken*

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Eastside Culture Crawl

November 15 to 17

Whether you stroll, saunter or jog the Eastside Culture Crawl (page 52), one thing's certain: this art walk isn't to be missed. Download a map from the Crawl's website and embark on a **self-guided tour of local talent in their studios**, including sculptors, photographers, painters and jewellers. Many venues are only a hop, skip and jump away, and some house a hive of artists under a single roof. Peruse original artworks, including quirky pieces by Andrea Armstrong (“She Also Takes Commissions,” pictured). What better reason to lace up your walking shoes?—*Jill Von Sprecken*



JOHN CLEESE

October 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30

Monty Python's Flying Circus. Fawlty Towers. A Fish Called Wanda. The Muppet Show. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Die Another Day. John Cleese's acting career is best described as long, eclectic and still going strong. As the 73-year-old criss-crosses the country with his cheekily named Last Time To See Me Before I Die tour (follow-up to his wildly popular Alimony tour), fans get a **once-in-a-lifetime chance to ask questions of the living legend**. See the comedy genius in six shows at the Vogue Theatre, and have your best silly walk ready (page 26).

—*Sheri Radford*

Crafty

November 7 to 11

The holidays are just around the corner. Find gifts for everyone on your list at the Circle Craft Christmas Market (page 13), where **hundreds of Canadian artisans display weird and wonderful creations**—everything from reCYCLER's furniture and accessories made from old bike parts (pictured) to Velvet Moustache's adorable stuffed animals to Johnathan Designz's eye-catching jewellery. Let the shopping begin.—*Sheri Radford*

