



Cliffwalk

Scaredy-cats and acrophobics, this might not be your thing. But thrill-seekers will love the adrenaline rush and sweeping views from the suspended stairs, bridges, walkways and glass-bottomed decks in Cliffwalk, the eco-friendly attraction that opens Jun. 3 at Capilano Suspension Bridge (page 65).



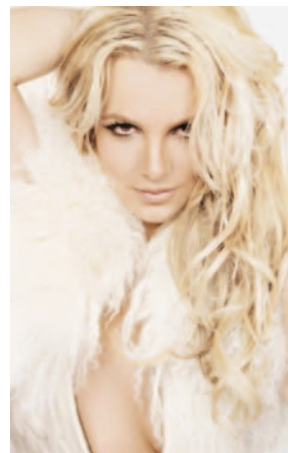
The Great Divorce

What happens when *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell* ends? You get *The Great Divorce*, a novel by C.S. Lewis (best known for writing *The Chronicles of Narnia*), which has been adapted into a play that just might change how you think about all of the big philosophical questions that can torment a soul at 4 a.m. It runs to Jun. 18 at Pacific Theatre (page 64).

THE GREAT DIVORCE PHOTO BY EMILY COOPER

Femme Fatale

Whether she's shaving her head, acting in a movie, embarking on a 55-hour marriage, kissing Madonna or simply promoting a new album, it's impossible to ignore Britney Spears, the 29-year-old blonde bombshell who got her start on *Star Search* and *The Mickey Mouse Club*. Her hijinks have been toned down recently, but her star power has not. Catch the princess of pop at Rogers Arena (Jul. 1; page 62).



Ahoy, Mateys!

Relive the days of yore when four tall ships arrive here for Ships to Shore Steveston 2011 (Jun. 3 to 7; page 61), five days of mock gun battles, concerts, tours, films—something for everyone, from sailors to landlubbers. Making the biggest splash are *Hawaiian Chieftain*, a 31-m (103-ft) square topsail ketch, and *Lady Washington*, a 34-m (112-ft) brig replica of an 18th-century merchant sloop. And even if you don't recognize *Lady Washington* from appearances in Hollywood fare such as *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, you won't have to walk the plank.—Sheri Radford

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DRALION Fuses ancient Chinese circus traditions with the avant-garde style of Cirque du Soleil (Jun 2-5). Th 7:30 pm, F-Sa 3:30 and 7:30 pm, Su 1 and 5 pm. Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Centre, 33800 King Rd., Abbotsford. Tickets 1-866-977-2372. www.cirqueclub.com **Map 2: G9**

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS: LEADER OF THE TRACK TOUR 2011 Take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt, do crafts and try to win prizes (Jun 4-5, 11-12). \$20. West Coast Railway Heritage Park, 39645 Government Rd., Squamish. From Hwy

99 in Squamish, turn west on Industrial Way and follow the signs. Toll-free 1-888-222-6608. www.wcra.org **Map 2: B8**

EAT! VANCOUVER FOOD + COOKING FESTIVAL Peruse more than 250 companies showcasing food, beverages and cooking products. Chefs perform at the Food Network Celebrity Cooking Stage (Jun 10-12). F 2-9 pm, Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 10 am-5 pm. \$16, senior \$14, 7-14 \$7, under 7 free. Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Place Way. www.eat-vancouver.com & **Map 1: B6**

FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE Amateurs and professionals alike perform free concerts in Gastown, showcasing musical

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diversity in all genres. This event is held in more than 100 countries around the world on the summer solstice each year (Jun 21). 5-10 pm. www.makemusicvancover.com **Map 1: C7**

FIT FOR A QUEEN This annual Vegas-style drag show, filled with high heels and hilarity, is a fundraiser for HIV/AIDS organizations (Jun 4). 8 pm. \$32. River Rock Show Theatre, River Rock Casino, 8811 River Rd., Richmond. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.shootingstarsfoundation.org & **Map 3: C3**

IN THE HOUSE FESTIVAL Celebrate Vancouver's rich variety of cultures, artistic disciplines and communities in 19 shows. Music, theatre, dance, spoken word and more (Jun 3-5). One show \$13, child \$8. Weekend pass \$85, child \$65. Various venues. 604-874-9325. www.inthehousefestival.com

PUSSYCAT DOLLS BURLESQUE REVUE WITH CARMEN ELECTRA An over-the-top evening of burlesque, lingerie *Continued on page 61*

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To mark its 25th anniversary, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden (page 67) is offering specials on the 25th of each month throughout the year.