



Rock On

When aspiring rock star Drew meets aspiring actress Sherri, their love is as formidable as a 1980s power ballad. *Rock of Ages* is sweet, silly and superfluous, but it's also one heck of a fun Broadway musical, filled with songs by the likes of Journey, Bon Jovi and Styx. Catch all the big hits—and big hair—at The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts (May 8 to 13; page 70).



KIDS' STUFF

You don't have to be young to enjoy the Vancouver International Children's Festival (May 29 to Jun. 3; page 68), but it sure helps to be young at heart, considering the roster of giggle-inducing activities: creating unique spin art using a bicycle, learning circus skills, making crazy sock puppets, face painting. Various venues on Granville Island overflow with fun shows such as Zoo-Zoo (pictured), Kutz & Dawgs, *The Happy Prince* and *Little Red and the Sea Wolf*, guaranteeing six days of revelry for folks aged 1 to 101.



A Brilliant Exhibit

Most people associate Leonardo da Vinci primarily with his renowned paintings *The Last Supper* and *Mona Lisa*, but this epitome of the Renaissance man was also a gifted sculptor, mathematician, botanist, scientist and writer, among other things. Learn more in *Da Vinci—The Genius*, at Science World at Telus World of Science to Sep. 3 (page 70).

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Man in Motion

To mark the 25th anniversary of his Man in Motion World Tour (pictured), last August Canadian Paralympian Rick Hansen kicked off a cross-country relay in North America's easternmost point, Cape Spear (Newfoundland and Labrador). The 12,000-km (7,450-mi) endeavour, which raised money for spinal cord injury research, is finally coming to an end, as the relay travels through various communities in British Columbia this month, finally reaching Vancouver May 21. Jann Arden, David Suzuki, David Foster, Sarah McLachlan and several more Canadian icons are helping Hansen celebrate, with a special concert May 22 at the Pacific Coliseum (listed at right). Find out more at www.rickhansen.com.—Sheri Radford

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

BMO VANCOUVER MARATHON

Join 5,000 runners on a stunningly beautiful course that starts at Queen Elizabeth Park and winds around Pacific Spirit Park, the University of British Columbia, Spanish Banks, Jericho Beach, Kits Beach and Stanley Park, ending at the Vancouver

Convention Centre (May 6). Marathon course open 8 am-4 pm, half-marathon 7-11 am. 604-872-2928. www.bmovanmarathon.ca & Map 1

DOORS OPEN RICHMOND Explore Richmond's heritage landmarks, places of worship, artists' studios, museums and hidden gems during this city-wide open house. Guided

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tours, displays and activities enrich the experience (May 5-6). 10 am-4 pm. Free. 604-247-8300. www.rickmond.ca/doorsopen Map 3

DOXA DOCUMENTARY FILM

FESTIVAL The annual festival presents an exceptional line-up of independent, innovative, engaging documentaries that generate empathy and understanding and motivate action (May 4-13). Various venues. 604-646-3200. www.doxafestival.ca

IGNITE! YOUTH FESTIVAL

Vancouver's largest youth-driven arts fest showcases music, dance, one-act plays, visual arts and variety shows (May 13-19). The Cultch, 1895 Venables St. at Victoria. Tickets 604-251-1363. www.thecultch.com & Map 4: D4

RICK HANSEN CELEBRATION 25

Sarah McLachlan, Jann Arden, Johnny Reid, Marianas Trench, The Canadian Tenors, David Foster, Shane Koyczan and others perform at the spectacular conclusion to the 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion tour (May 22). 7:30 pm. \$25-\$95. Pacific Coliseum, Hastings St. at Renfrew. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.rickhansen.com & Map 4: D5

» PARADE

If you visit Victoria—which is celebrating its 150th anniversary—this month, check out the Victoria Day Parade (May 21). Go to www.tourismvictoria.com for more info.