



ACTION ON ICE: CATCH THE CANUCKS AT GM PLACE

HOT TIPS THIS MONTH

Where to go, what to do:
the don't-miss list *By Sheri Radford*



(L) YUK IT UP: DON RICKLES BRINGS ON THE LAUGHS. (R) MOVE IT: PERFORMERS IN STOMP MAKE RHYTHM HAPPEN

to Dr. Phil (Apr. 29, Orpheum Theatre; **page 80**). **Don Rickles** made his first appearance on *The Tonight Show* in 1965, but his unique brand of insult comedy is still a TV favourite today (Apr. 6, Red Robinson Show Theatre; and Apr. 7, River Rock Show Theatre; **page 80**).

BELLY LAUGHS

Some old-time comedians are getting new laughs this month. The **Smothers Brothers** have been in the yuks biz for almost half a century, but the duo's timeless comedy never goes out of style (Apr. 14, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 80**). The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra backs up **Rich Little** and his repertoire of more than 200 voices—ranging from Richard Nixon to John Wayne

LOVE STORIES

Could there be a better backdrop for a Canadian romance than a hockey arena? A couple of single parents score true love

HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES: TRUE LOVE IS THE GOAL IN HOCKEY MOM, HOCKEY DAD

in **Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad** (to Apr. 21, Arts Club Granville Island Stage; **page 78**). When an elderly couple falls in love in a seniors' home, their children face the difficult task of deciding their fate, in **Half Life** (to Apr. 8, Stanley Theatre; **page 78**).



PHOTOS: (TOP) BY JEFF VINNICK COURTESY OF THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS. (L) BY TIM MATHESON

STAGE STRUCK

Local stages are blessed with a plethora of choices this month. Ballet BC presents **Legends of**



MOVING TALE: CAROLINE CAVE STARS IN THE SYRINGA TREE

20th Century Dance, three works choreographed by a trio of talents: George Balanchine, Martha Graham and Twyla Tharp (Apr. 12 to 14, Queen Elizabeth Theatre; **page 80**). Vancouver Opera stages **Tosca**, Puccini's classic tale of love and betrayal (Apr. 21, 24, 26, 28, May 1, Queen Elizabeth Theatre; **page 78**). **Caroline Cave** won a Jessie Award the first time she played all 24 characters in **The Syringa Tree**. Now she's back for an encore run of the moving story set in apartheid South Africa (to Apr. 21, Vancouver Playhouse; **page 78**).

THE SPORTING LIFE

Ski season is coming to an end, and the **Telus World Ski and Snowboard Festival** at Whistler ensures it all finishes with a bang, with 10 days of concerts, movies, winter sports and more (Apr. 13

to 22; **page 77**). Hockey season is also winding down, but there's still time to catch a couple of **Vancouver Canucks** home games (see schedule, **page 80**). As soccer season kicks off, the **Vancouver Whitecaps** men's team plays a few games on home turf (see schedule, **page 80**). If you'd like to flex your own muscles after a long winter's hibernation, join 50,000 other sprinters, joggers and walkers in the **Vancouver Sun Run**, Canada's largest 10K run (Apr. 15; **page 77**).

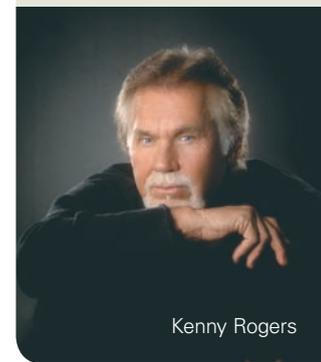
SMOOTH MOVES

Night of the Sultans blends ballet, modern dance and acrobatics with influences from Asia, in a magical retelling of Pandora's legend (Apr. 12 to 15,

TOP POP

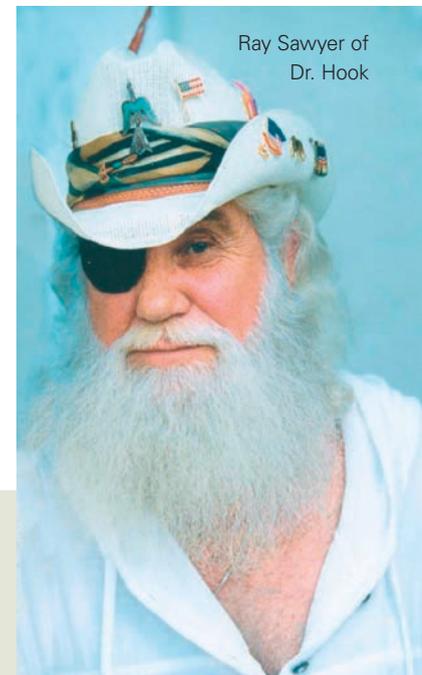
1. Dr. Hook Irreverent pop/rock with country flavour (Apr. 13, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 77**).

2. Kenny Rogers Country hits with a hint of pop (Apr. 6, River Rock Show Theatre; and Apr. 7, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 78**).



Kenny Rogers

17, 18, 20 to 22, River Rock Show Theatre; and Apr. 24 to 29, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 77**). In **Stomp**, the performers create compelling rhythms out of anything and everything, from lighters and brooms to plungers and hubcaps (Apr. 17 to 22, The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts; **page 77**).



Ray Sawyer of Dr. Hook

3. The Beach Boys Sixties surf pop (Apr. 20 and 21, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 77**).

4. Engelbert Humperdinck Romantic pop (Apr. 27 and 28, River Rock Show Theatre; **page 77**).

5. John Mayer Super groovy pop and blues (May 1, Pacific Coliseum; **page 78**).