



Nice Laughs, Eh

TO SEP 2 Anne of Green Gables, a Mountie and a hockey player walk into a bar and order some poutine. No, that isn't a joke, but it could be when the Vancouver TheatreSports League (page 84) takes aim at the politest nation on earth. All summer long, the VTSL presents *Oh, Canada - The True North Strong and Funny*, filled with vignettes and improv games lampooning beloved Canuck symbols such as maple syrup, lumberjacks, hockey and a certain boy-band-cute Prime Minister. And don't be surprised if Bob and Doug McKenzie show up alongside Dudley Do-Right. Above all, expect the unexpected.

Staying Power

JUL 12-23 It's the longest-running show in Broadway history, with 12,166 performances and counting. It has worldwide gross receipts of more than \$5.6 billion. And it's returning to Vancouver. Find out for yourself what all the fuss is about when Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* (page 76) fills the Queen Elizabeth Theatre with "The Music of the Night."



Weekend Warriors

JUL 15 Do you have what it takes to be a Maniac? Find out when Rugged Maniac (page 74) returns to the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. This 5K obstacle race is filled with waterslides, fire jumps, trampolines, tunnels and mud—lots of mud. The day involves more than just a wacky race: participants and spectators alike can listen to live music, ride a mechanical bull, try outstanding food and beer, and take part in pie-eating and strength contests. Whether you're a thrill-seeker or a couch potato, you're sure to find something to test your mettle.