

The Vancouver Maritime Museum, which opened in 1959, sits in seaside Vanier Park



Babes & Bathers

TO NOVEMBER 2

Best known for displaying model ships, maritime art and the RCMP vessel *St. Roch*, the Vancouver Maritime Museum (page 78) presents a more revealing exhibition this summer: *Babes & Bathers: History of the Swimsuit*. Running the gamut from modest to outrageous, the **swimming costumes and teeny-weeny bikinis** on display show the evolution of Vancouver's seaside fashions from 1890 to 1980. And they just might inspire you to don a one-piece, tankini or Speedo and hit the local beaches.—*Sheri Radford*



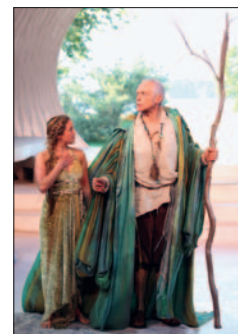
Take It Outside

AUGUST 4

Our fave summer activity? Wining and dining alfresco. Luckily, Whistler's much-celebrated Araxi (page 106) is bringing their Longtable Series (page 86) to Vancouver for the first time. **Set in picturesque Vanier Park**, the hyper-local, four-course meal for 300 guests features appearances by chefs from CinCin (page 97), West (page 106) and more.—*Jill Von Sprecken*

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Clockwise: Honda Celebration of Light. *The Tempest* at the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. Powell Street Festival. Wanderlust Festival. Food Cart Fest



Happy BC Day!

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As the temperature rises, we present our top 10 ways to celebrate the BC Day long weekend.

- » Oohing and aahing as the **Honda Celebration of Light** (Aug. 2; page 72) fireworks illuminate city skies.
- » Practising our savasana and downward-facing dog with world-renowned yogis—and listening to Hannah, Matthew Schoening and The Soul Rebels—at the **Wanderlust Festival** (to Aug. 4; page 74) in nearby Whistler.
- » Making a splash at local **beaches, pools and water parks**.
- » Watching live theatre outside at the **Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival** (to Sep. 20; page 76) and **Theatre Under the Stars** (to Aug. 23; page 77).
- » Pleasing our palates at the **Food Cart Fest** (page 88), every Sunday.
- » Celebrating gay pride at the **Vancouver Pride Parade** (Aug. 3; page 74) and **Queer Arts Festival** (to Aug. 9; page 72).
- » Enjoying food, family activities, music, visual arts and more at the **Powell Street Festival** (Aug. 1 to 3; page 72) and **Harmony Arts Festival** (Aug. 1 to 10; page 72).
- » Taking in the *Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything* exhibit at the **Vancouver Art Gallery** (to Sep. 1; page 44).
- » Screaming with delight/terror on all the rides at **Playland** (to Sep. 21; page 77).
- » Picking up local produce and handmade crafts at **farmers' markets** (page 33) around the city.—*Sheri Radford*