



Annie

MARCH 3 TO 8

As Little Orphan Annie knows, "It's the Hard-Knock Life." But the **irrepressible, freckled redhead** eventually discovers, thanks to Daddy Warbucks, that sometimes things work out. A touring production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical rolls into The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts for a week (page 70).

ERIN GO BRAGH

It's that time of year again, when leprechauns appear and beer mysteriously turns green. The city **celebrates all things Irish** with a parade, street market and performers such as Ashley MacIsaac (**pictured**) and The Paperboys at the 6th annual Edgewater Casino CelticFest Vancouver (Mar. 11 to 15; page 68). Kilts are encouraged but not required; underwear is optional. In Richmond, The Irish Rovers perform two shows on **St. Patrick's Day** at the River Rock Show Theatre (Mar. 17; page 69). Expect sing-along hits such as "The Unicorn" and "Wasn't That a Party?"



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Peter Pan

MARCH 20 TO 22

Royal Winnipeg Ballet transports the boy who refuses to grow up, along with Wendy, Tinker Bell, Captain

Hook, the Lost Boys and J.M. Barrie's other Never Land creations, to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (page 72) in a production overflowing with swashbuckling adventure.

Bye Bye Birdie

TO FEBRUARY 22

Studio 58 acting students tackle the story of Conrad Birdie, a fictional teen heart-throb whose life bears more than a passing resemblance to Elvis Presley's. The show bursts with crowd-pleasing numbers such as "Put on a Happy Face" (page 71).



PHOTOS: PETER PAN AND BYE BYE BIRDIE BY DAVID COOPER; SOLEDAD BARRIO BY ZARMIK MOQTADERI

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TIME FLIES IMPROVISED MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Ironworks
First night of the adventurous, genre-defying festival (page 74).



SOLEDAD BARRIO AND NOCHE FLAMENCA

Vancouver Playhouse
Showcases the essence of flamenco (page 72).



SARAH MCLACHLAN

Cultural Olympiad 2009
Concert counts down to the 2010 Winter Games (page 68).



TALKING STICK FESTIVAL

Final night of the festival spotlighting Aboriginal artists (page 69).



BRENT BUTT

Red Robinson Show Theatre
Likeable Canadian comic and star of TV's *Corner Gas* (page 73).



D.L. HUGHLEY

River Rock Show Theatre
Controversial American stand-up comedian and actor (page 74).



MARCH



WHEELS, WINGS AND WAVES

Telus World of Science
The giant LEGO show continues (page 72).



JONNY LANG

River Rock Show Theatre
Award-winning blues and gospel singer (page 70).



DENNIS MILLER

River Rock Show Theatre
Acerbic stand-up comic and radio-talk-show host (page 74).



MARIA JUNCAL

Centennial Theatre
Award-winning flamenco artist (page 72).



THE AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES

Red Robinson Show Theatre
Tribute to the Gibb brothers, the kings of disco (page 69).



JUNO AWARDS

GM Place
Russell Peters hosts the glitzy awards ceremony (page 69).

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Holy Mo FEBRUARY 6 TO MARCH 7

Those who think bible stories are dull will change their tune after seeing this **popular twisted tale**, which portrays Moses as an introverted stutterer, being remounted in honour of Pacific Theatre's 25th anniversary season. As a bonus, the tale of King David is skewered, too (page 71).



COOL CONCERTS

- 1 **The B-52's** (pictured) bring their quirky musical style to the Red Robinson Show Theatre (Feb. 27; page 69).
- 2 **Brad Paisley** storms GM Place (Feb. 24; page 69).
- 3 **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** makes beautiful music at the Chan Centre and the Orpheum Theatre (page 70).
- 4 **Motown Meltdown** features a plethora of local musicians and raises money for AIDS charities, at the Commodore Ballroom (Mar. 7; page 74).



HOLY MO PHOTO BY KEVIN CLARK