



Griffins is one of 213 restaurants participating in Dine Out Vancouver

## Dine Out

January 24 to February 6

Get ready for 14 days of marvellous meals as Dine Out Vancouver (page 64) returns for its ninth year. Eagerly anticipated by foodies, this annual event features a **smorgasbord of appetizing options**. The star of the show? Three-course, prix fixe menus at \$18, \$28 or \$38, at 213 of the city's best restaurants. In supporting roles: special events such as cooking classes, tours, dinner-theatre pairings, contests and a tantalizing eight-course sensory dining experience in which all the guests are blindfolded.—*Sheri Radford*

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## Happy Valentine's Day

February 14

Skip the online e-card and instead head to one of these fine florists for a bouquet of fresh-cut flowers: Divine Vines (page 18) in Yaletown, Get Fresh Flowers (page 18) in the West End, Hilary Miles Flowers (page 18) in Kitsilano, Garlands Florist (page 18) on West Broadway, or Heather's Flowershop (page 18) in Gastown. This lovely gesture is sure to earn you a permanent position in your sweetheart's good book.

—Jennifer Patterson

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## Ann Goldberg

January 13 to February 5

This Vancouver artist's still lifes **are so convincing, it's hard to resist reaching into her oil paintings** to pluck out one of her photo-realistic subjects ("Chinese Lanterns III," pictured). Goldberg explores light and the reflective qualities of glass, water and cellophane in *Transparencies* at Winsor Gallery (page 54).—*Kristina Urquhart*

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## PuSh International Performing Arts Festival

January 18 to February 6

If you're looking for performances that won't challenge or surprise anyone, look somewhere else. This annual festival (page 25) specializes in **thought-provoking works that PuSh the boundaries** of music, theatre, dance and multimedia, including several staged in public spaces; one starts at the Woodward's Atrium and ends at a secret location. So bring an open mind and a sense of adventure—and walking shoes.—*Sheri Radford*

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Precision and timing are crucial in Circa's self-titled show, part of PuSh