



Cirque du Soleil: Kooza

July 22 to August 22

Keeping a show running smoothly is a balancing act not only for the performers but also for the costume designers, who must juggle **more than 175 costumes and 160 hats for Kooza alone.** Almost 400 employees in Cirque du Soleil's headquarters in Montreal produce custom-made costumes and handmade shoes for all the Cirque shows, drawing upon skills as diverse as textile design, lace-making, wig-making and millinery. See for yourself the stunning end results (page 80).

Yaletown Grand Prix

July 1

Some Canadians celebrate our nation's birthday by donning red and white and belting out "O Canada" at the top of their lungs. Others jump on their bicycles and do **lap after lap around the streets of Yaletown,** competing for \$4,000 in prize money—and entertaining folks watching from the beer garden (page 84).



KOOZA COSTUMES BY MARIE-CHANTALE VAILLANCOURT; YALETOWN GRAND PRIX PHOTO BY PAUL CORDICK



The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

To July 31

"Quirky" is the word of the day in this Tony Award-winning musical comedy that **pits awkward adolescent spellers against each other—**and audience members. Word nerds go crazy for musical numbers such as "My Friend, the Dictionary." At the Granville Island Stage (page 85).

DISNEY'S THE LION KING

July 13 to August 8

It's been a smash hit on Broadway, running for years and **scooping up the lion's share of Tony Awards.** Now Vancouver finally gets to experience "Circle of Life," "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and all the other toe-tappingly great songs by Elton John and Tim Rice in this popular musical based on the equally beloved animated movie. At the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (page 86). *Hakuna matata.*



PHOTOS: THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE BY JO-ANN RICHARDS; DISNEY'S THE LION KING BY JOAN MARCUS @DISNEY; WHITECAPS COURTESY TOURISM VANCOUVER AND VANCOUVER WHITECAPS; BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY BY TIMMIATHESON; MOSE ALLISON BY MICHAEL WILSON; ALESSANDRO JULIANI IN HENRY V BY DAVID COOPER

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NIKKI YANOFSKY

Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Part of the TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival (page 83).



VANCOUVER WHITECAPS

Swangard Stadium
Men's team battles St. Louis (page 85).



BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY

Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage
Closing night of the musical bio (page 86).



HULK HOGAN & FRIENDS

Red Robinson Show Theatre
Hear tales of wrestling's glory days (page 82).



MOSE ALLISON

The Cultch
Get groovy with the octogenarian jazz and blues singer (page 84).



HENRY V

Bard on the Beach
Shakespeare's young king faces challenges both on and off the battlefield (page 85).

