



Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

October 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 16, 22, 24, 29, 31

Since 1919, the VSO (page 49) has been making beautiful music for aficionados and newcomers alike. The musicians travel all around Metro Vancouver to perform, but downtown's stunning Orpheum Theatre has been home base since 1977. Sitting in the grand old theatre, with its soaring ceiling and exquisite chandelier, while listening to the VSO is an experience never to be forgotten.—*Sheri Radford*

Christmas Market Preview

October 7 to November 1

It's never too early to sort out your naughty and nice holiday gift lists. For those who have been good all year, check out Circle Craft Shop and Gallery's Christmas Market Preview (page 58). This in-gallery exhibit, a precursor to next month's big show at the Vancouver Convention Centre, highlights some promising artists, including Kino Guérin. Ward off the winter blues with his cheeky "Toboggan Table" (pictured).—*Kristina Urquhart*



Happy Halloween

October 31

Celebrate Oct. 31—grown-up style—with autumn-inspired charms from Thomas Sabo (page 23). Sure, you're no longer getting decked out in your ghoulish best, trick-or-treating from house to house, but that doesn't mean you need to stop celebrating All Hallows' Eve altogether. Pop by Thomas Sabo's new Oakridge Centre (page 15) store to choose charms of your own, or model your bracelet or necklace after the acorn and pumpkin combo shown above. Other options for ringing in this scary holiday: pints of pumpkin ale (page 74) and creepy, festive decorations at HomeSense (page 23).—*Jennifer Patterson*

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An Illuminating Meal

October 27

Dining by candlelight isn't just romantic—it's good for the environment, too. On Oct. 27, dozens of local restaurants are turning down the lights and turning up the ambience for BC Hydro Power Smart's annual Candlelight Conservation Dinner, a delicious event that shines a spotlight on electricity conservation. More than 100 participating restaurants offer enticements such as special menus, live music, discounts, two-for-one entrées or a free appie with each entrée. Visit www.bchydro.com for all the mouth-watering details.—*Sheri Radford*

