



Cirque du Soleil: Amaluna

November 23 to December 9

Balancing on a tightwire in high heels, riding a unicycle, juggling increasing numbers of balls, swooping high above the audience on aerial straps—the 50 cast members of this Cirque du Soleil production make it all look effortless, but don't try this at home. Just sit back, **enjoy the grace and athleticism**, and prepare to be amazed. Look for the blue and yellow big top on False Creek (page 52).—*Sheri Radford*



Eastside Culture Crawl

November 16 to 18

Art lovers, lace up your walking shoes for this weekend-long East Vancouver festival (page 29) that combines aesthetics with exercise. Download a map from the Crawl's website and **embark on a self-guided walking tour to 75 venues, where you'll meet painters, photographers, jewellers and sculptors in their own workspaces**. Support our homegrown talent by purchasing one-of-a-kind pieces, including those by local artist Ross den Otter (**pictured**). You won't find a better Vancouver souvenir.—*Kristina Urquhart*

PHOTOS: (TOP) BY LAURENCE LABAT; (BOTTOM) "AND THE OAK TREE TOLD THE CHICKEN ABOUT THE DAY THE SKY FELL" BY ROSS DEN OTTER

MARKET MADNESS

November 7 to 11

'Tis the season for markets aplenty—Christmas is, after all, just around the corner—so start tucking away gifts early to avoid holiday stress. The Circle Craft Christmas Market (Nov. 7 to 11; page 16) features **goodies by Canadian artisans** (including Tasci Handmade Glass, **pictured**), and Make It! Vancouver (Nov. 8 to 11; page 16) highlights **one-of-a-kind handmade items**.—*Jennifer Patterson*



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CORNUCOPIA

November 7 to 11

More than 6,500 foodies and oenophiles follow their taste buds to Whistler for Cornucopia (page 64), the **annual food and wine extravaganza** in the town best known for skiing and snowboarding. In addition to palate-pleasing tastings, luncheons and winemakers' dinners, the **deliciously long weekend** offers hands-on seminars, extravagant galas and over-the-top parties. New this year is a cocktail competition, in which bartenders have just 15 minutes to create a unique concoction. Also new is a night market that focuses on pairing Asian cuisine with wines, beers and spirits. If you intend to fully indulge (and really, why wouldn't you?), then loose, comfortable clothing is a good idea. Bon appétit!—*Sheri Radford*

Eco-Friendly Eating

October 25

Dining by candlelight isn't just romantic—it's good for the environment, too. On Oct. 25, local eateries are **turning down the lights and turning up the ambience** for BC Hydro Power Smart's annual Candlelight Conservation Dinner. More than 100 restaurants—including Italian Kitchen (**pictured**; page 69) and The Reef (page 66)—offer enticements such as discounts or two-for-one entrées. Visit www.bchydro.com for all the mouth-watering details.—*Sheri Radford*



Italian Kitchen