



The Word on the Street

SEPTEMBER 27

From tiny tots to great-grannies, readers of all ages enjoy this annual festival (page 36) celebrating the written word. Meet your favourite author, watch performance poetry and complete a giant word-search puzzle. The best part? **The whole day is free**—except for all those new books, magazines and comics you're sure to buy.

GO, TEAM, GO!

Sports fans have plenty to cheer about in Vancouver this month.

- HOCKEY** Gearing up for the 2010 Winter Games, women's teams from Canada, the US, Sweden and Finland compete for the Hockey Canada Cup (page 38). Plus, the Vancouver Canucks (page 38) play several pre-season games.
- SOCCER** The Vancouver Whitecaps (page 39) men's team finishes off the 2009 season.
- BASEBALL** The Vancouver Canadians (page 38) play the last few home games of the year.
- FOOTBALL** The BC Lions (page 38) take on Montreal (Sep. 4) and Toronto (Sep. 19).



HOCKEY PHOTO © WALKER/ISTOCKPHOTO.COM

The Canadian Tenors

SEPTEMBER 26

The nattily dressed crooners have entranced the world with their **deft blend of pop and classical music**. Now the lads are using their talent to raise money for the African town of Bulembu, which has been devastated by HIV/AIDS. Don't miss their benefit concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts (page 36).



FUNNY BUSINESS

Looking to tickle your funnybone? Carol Burnett, Tom Arnold, Pauly Shore and many other funny folks are appearing at the **Global ComedyFest** (Sep. 17 to 27; page 36). Improv heats up at both the **Vancouver International Improv Festival** (Sep. 29 to Oct. 3; page 36) and **Vancouver TheatreSports League** (ongoing; page 64). Also bringing on the yuks are **Wanda Sykes** (River Rock Show Theatre; Sep. 4; page 36) and **Wayne Brady** (pictured; Red Robinson Show Theatre, Sep. 18; and River Rock Show Theatre, Sep. 19; page 36).



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PETULA CLARK

Red Robinson Show Theatre
Age hasn't slowed down the British pop icon, now in her 70s but still going strong (page 37).



PNE

Hastings Park
There's fun galore, even on the last day of this year's Fair at the Pacific National Exhibition (page 36).



BLACK COMEDY

Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage
Opening night of the dark comedy that, suitably enough, takes place in the dark (page 39).



PET SHOP BOYS

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts
Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe, icons of '80s dance music (page 37).



DISCOVER DANCE!

Scotiabank Dance Centre
Raven Spirit Dance performs contemporary dance rooted in an Aboriginal world view (page 37).



OTHELLO

Bard on the Beach
Closing night of Shakespeare's timeless tale of love and betrayal (page 39).

