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Giddy-Up

September 24 to 29

If the idea of puppet theatre brings to mind Sesame Street, think again. In War Horse, the Handspring Puppet Company's life-sized creations walk, gallop, snort, whinny and flick their ears as convincingly as any flesh-and-blood horses, bringing to life the story of young Albert, who follows his equestrian best friend Joey into the turmoil of World War I battlefields. Catch this remarkable tale of courage and loyalty at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (page 63).



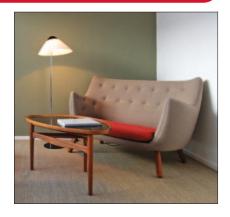
TIME FOR TEA

Just in time for the Mid-Autumn Festival, traditionally celebrated in the Chinese and Vietnamese cultures, The Urban Tea Merchant (page 78) is opening a pop-up shop. Located on the sky bridge in Holt Renfrew (page 23), this bright, airy shop **stocks** exotic tea blends, specialty gifts, and treats such as TWG Tea Traditional Mooncakes (pictured). It's enough to send a tea lover over the moon.

HOME SWEET HOME

September 19 to 22

Whether you're searching for a specific piece for the home or just **seeking inspiration**, Interior Design Show West (page 58) is the place to be. The annual IDSwest attracts 30,000 design aficionados, who descend on the Vancouver Convention Centre to scope out the latest trends in home design and listen to speakers such as designer Brian Gluckstein, HGTV's Tommy Smythe, architect Matthew Coates, and Suzanne Dimma, editor-in-chief of Canadian House & Home.











All Revved Up

September 7 to 8

Gentlemen, start your engines: the Luxury & Supercar Weekend (page 58) is back for a fourth year, and it's bigger than ever. This elegant garden party has always **celebrated the finer things in life**—from Lamborghinis and Ferraris to fine wines and gourmet food—and this year, for the first time, that luxury list includes highend boats and helicopters. Don some dapper duds and make your way to VanDusen Botanical Garden for the year's most chic event, and you just might find your next must-have purchase.

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