



Chinese New Year

Out with the old and in with the new: say good-bye to the year of the dragon and welcome **the year of the snake**, which begins Feb. 10 and continues until Jan. 30, 2014. Celebrate the lunar new year with lucky red packets, tea ceremonies, special events and colourful performances in Chinatown's Dr. Sun Yat-Set Classical Chinese Garden (page 27) and in Richmond (page 23), a quick SkyTrain ride away. Gung hay fat choy!



Going Gaga for Gaga

Not everyone can get away with wearing a meat dress or a lobster hat, but Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta can. Better known as Lady Gaga, the pop superstar is almost as **famous for her outré fashions** as for her music. Her return to Rogers Arena, Jan. 11 and 12 (page 24), is cause for celebration for her fans, known as "little monsters," who dress up in their own outrageous creations.



SPORTS SILLINESS

Attention, basketball fans: this Valentine's Day, bring your sweetie to see the Harlem Globetrotters (page 25) in action. For almost a century, this innovative team has been combining **athletic skill with over-the-top comedy**, resulting in sports theatre for the whole family. Catch the Globetrotters at Rogers Arena (Feb. 14) or the Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Centre (Feb. 15).

PHOTOS: LADY GAGA BY MEENO. CHINESE NEW YEAR BY MAURICE LI



Monster Truck Mania

Get ready for a monstrously good time as the Maple Leaf Monster Jam (listed below) roars into BC Place. Twelve of the world's loudest, largest trucks battle for supremacy, showing off their speed and power as they **crush cars and perform mind-boggling stunts**. Who will be the master of destruction? Find out Jan. 26.—*Sheri Radford*

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

BC HOME + GARDEN SHOW Experts offer advice and inspiration for design, renovation and landscaping projects (**Feb 20-24**). \$15, senior \$12, under 13 free. BC Place Stadium, Robson St. at Beatty. 604-639-2288. www.bc.homeandgardenshow.com **Map 1: D6**

BRACKENDALE BALD EAGLE FESTIVAL & COUNT The 27th annual celebration includes eagle art, lectures and concerts (**Jan 1-31**). Brackendale is 10 km (6 mi) north of Squamish, off Hwy 99. 604-898-3333. www.brackendaleartgallery.com **Map 2: B8**

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN RICHMOND Live music, lion dances, feasts and traditional tea ceremonies mark the year of the snake (**Feb 10**). Various venues. 1-877-247-0777. www.tourismrichmond.com **Map 3**

CHUTZPAH! FESTIVAL A multicultural celebration of Jewish performing arts. Highlights include 605 Collective, Yemen Blues and a production of Daniel Karasik's *Haunted* (**Feb 7-Mar 3**). Single ticket \$22-\$40. Various venues. Tickets 604-257-5145. www.chutzpahfestival.com

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: AMALUNA With a cast that's 70% female and a band that's all women, this show is a tribute to the voice of women (**to Jan 20**). \$33-\$268.50. Concord Pacific Place, under the blue and yellow big top on False Creek, near the Stadium-Chinatown SkyTrain station. www.cirquedusoleil.com/amaluna **Map 1: D7**

MAPLE LEAF MONSTER JAM The 12-foot-tall, 10-thousand-pound machines race and rip up a custom-designed track full of obstacles to soar over or smash through (**Jan 26**). 7 pm.

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\$25-\$30, 2-12 \$15. Pit party 2-5 pm, \$10. BC Place Stadium, 777 Pacific Blvd. Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.monsterjamcanada.ca & **Map 1: D6**

PUSH INTERNATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL The 9th annual fest features more than 160 performances of groundbreaking work, pushing the boundaries of theatre, dance, music, multimedia and hybrid performance (**Jan 15-Feb 3**). Various venues. 604-605-8284, ext. 100. www.pushfestival.ca

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE: FOLLOW YOUR BERRY OWN BEAT! Get ready for a berry good time as the sweetheart makes her theatrical debut in a new musical production (**Jan 25**). 3:30 and 6:30 pm. \$27.50. Bell Performing Arts Centre, 6250 144th St., Surrey. **Map 2: F5** Additional show (**Jan 26**). 1 pm. \$22.50-\$28.50. The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. & **Map 1: C6** Tickets 1-855-985-5000. www.strawberryshortcakeontour.com

TALKING STICK FESTIVAL This vibrant festival provides a stage for Aboriginal artists and their music,

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According to the 20,000 readers of *SKI Magazine* (www.skinet.com), nearby Whistler Blackcomb is the number one ski resort in North America.