



## Sounds of Summer

Said the Whale. Hawksley Workman. Blind Pilot. Adam Cohen. Phosphorescent. Taj Mahal. That's just a small sample of the bands scheduled to perform at the 38th annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival (Jul. 17 to 19; page 73). Every year, this **seaside fest takes over Jericho Beach Park for three days of fun in the sun**, attracting 40,000 folks who want to shop at the artisan market, eat mouth-watering food from around the world and, most of all, hear great music.

## Epic Improv

You've read all five of George R.R. Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire* books—twice. You devoured season five of *Game of Thrones* as soon as it aired. What's an impatient fan to do? Head to Granville Island for an evening of *Throne and Games*, presented by the Vancouver TheatreSports League (to Aug. 1; page 84). **The great families of Westeros battle for comedic supremacy**, and at night's end only one character remains standing, to claim the Iron Throne. Betrayals (and hilarity) guaranteed.



## Spirited Shows

Who can resist an underdog, especially one who sings and dances? This summer, *Theatre Under the Stars* (Jul. 10 to Aug. 22; page 76) celebrates its 75th anniversary with *Hairspray - The Broadway Musical* (pictured) and *Oliver! The Musical*. **Centred on plucky underdogs, the two uplifting shows** run on alternating nights in Malkin Bowl, Stanley Park's outdoor theatre.

