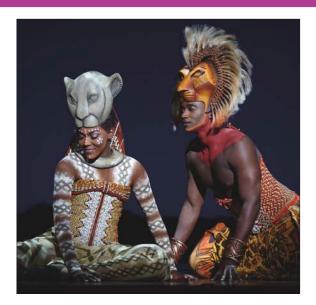
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Hakuna Matata

Have youngsters in tow who need entertaining? No worries. Take them to see *The Lion King* (page 43), running Jun. 18 to Jul. 12 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. This popular musical, adapted from the animated film of the same name, tells a timeless tale of love, family, revenge and the circle of life. It overflows with songs you already know the words to, including "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and the cheerfully catchy "Hakuna Matata." So don't worry, be happy—and buy tickets before it's sold out.

All Jazzed Up

Summer comes a few days early this year, as the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival (page 40) kicks off Jun. 18, enveloping the city with cool tunes and hot shows. The hottest tickets? Buddy Guy (pictured; Jun. 19), Erykah Badu (Jun. 23), Pink Martini (Jun. 27) and The Roots (Jun. 30). And because all good things must come to an end, the fest wraps up on Canada Day (Jul. 1).





Fiery Flamenco

It's difficult to imagine anyone more fired up about flamenco than Rosario Ancer and Victor Kolstee. A quarter of a century ago, they created Centro Flamenco to share their passion and knowledge. To mark this 25th-anniversary milestone, they're presenting *La Cosecha* (page 41), filled with live music and (of course) dancing. See it Jun. 20 at the Vancouver Playhouse.