



Anthony Bourdain

Warthog rectum, sheep testicles, raw seal eyeball—Anthony Bourdain has eaten it all, but the “bad boy of cuisine” admits he hasn’t enjoyed every bite. He **shares secrets from his eclectic career** as a chef, author and TV personality, at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts (Oct. 29; page 30).

Circle Mirror Transformation

What’s all the hoopla at the Granville Island Stage? The 2011-2012 season kicks off with the **Canadian premiere of *Circle Mirror Transformation*** (to Oct. 22; page 50), an Obie Award-winning play by 29-year-old Annie Baker, a rising star in the American theatre world. This sharply funny but poignant **comedy of secrets** focuses on connections between individuals.



CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION PHOTO BY DAVID COOPER

BRIGHT LIGHTS

In the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Vancouver **streets were awash in neon signs** advertising everything from tailors and funeral parlours to hotels and beauty salons. *Neon Vancouver/Ugly Vancouver* (opening Oct. 13 at the Museum of Vancouver; page 52) captures some of these favourite signs from the city’s past and also includes urban photography by Walter Griba.



Avril Lavigne

With several platinum albums, seven Juno Awards and eight Grammy Award nominations under her belt, Avril Lavigne could be forgiven for wanting to take a break. **But the 27-year-old Canadian dynamo never slows down.** Somehow she’s managed to squeeze in time to launch a fashion and lifestyle brand, including two fragrances, as well as act in films and establish a charity, The Avril Lavigne Foundation. The indefatigable pop star promotes her latest album, *Goodbye Lullaby*, at Rogers Arena on Oct. 3 (page 30).—*Sheri Radford*

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this place, with its haunted houses and other creepy attractions (Oct 14-31). 6 pm to late. PNE Grounds at Hastings Park, west of Hwy 1. 604-253-2311. www.pne.ca/fright-nights **Map 2: C3**

GAMBADO! DINNER AND AUCTION

Find fashion, food, fun and frivolity at this annual dinner and auction to raise money for AIDS charities (Oct 6). Reception 5 pm, dinner 6 pm, auction 8 pm. Dinner and auction \$175, auction only \$20. Dinner: Dockside Restaurant and Brewing Company, 1253 Johnston St. **Map 6: B6** Auction: Performance Works, 1218 Cartwright St. **Map 6: B7** 604-254-0292. www.shootingstarsfoundation.org

HAUNTED VANCOUVER TROLLEY TOURS

Board a decorated trolley bus and travel through the city listening to storytellers spin spooky tales of murder, treachery and intrigue. Visit eerie locations such as Mountain View Cemetery and the autopsy room of the Vancouver Police Museum (Oct 7-31). For ages 13+. 604-801-5515. www.vancouverrolley.com

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE The 20th annual run/walk raises money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (Oct 2). Final registration 7:30 am, opening ceremonies 9 am, run/walk 9:30, awards 10:45 am. Starts and ends near Rogers Arena. Toll-free 1-800-387-9816. www.runforthe.cure.com **Map 1: D6**

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL

Music, films, theatre, dance, workshops, exhibits, mixed media, art talks and history walks all focus on the Downtown Eastside’s rich and diverse communities (Oct 26-Nov 6). 604-628-5672. www.heartofthecityfestival.com

FRIGHT NIGHTS AT PLAYLAND

Scaredy-cats should stay away from



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