



Come On, Get Happy

On the surface, Stefan Sagmeister seems like a genuinely happy person, with his quick smile, ready laugh and easy-going charm. In reality, the award-winning designer has struggled with depression, weight gain, alcohol and drugs. He says he developed *Stefan Sagmeister: The Happy Show* in order “to create something meaningful.” It uses bold design and entertaining information—plus gumball machines, a giant inflatable monkey and quotes tucked away in the downstairs bathrooms—to delve deeply into the universal human desire for happiness. Visitors’ reactions have been unequivocally positive. Sagmeister recounts one with particular delight: “I got a letter from a 13-year-old boy who kissed his first girl—a girl he’d had a crush on for two years—because the show somehow gave him the power to go up to her.” The show has also inspired “many many many marriage proposals.” Catch the wave of happiness to Sep. 7 at the Museum of Vancouver (page 61).—*Sheri Radford*

their experiences, stories, songs, traditional games, dances and spirit with each other and with the general community (Jun 21). Free. www.bcnation.alaboriginalday.com **Map 4: D4**

NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM The aquarium’s signature gala fundraiser

supports the facility’s conservation, research and education efforts. Journey to an enchanting aquatic world while enjoying fine food, wine, live entertainment, and live and silent auctions (Jun 18). 7 pm. \$300. 845 Avison Way. 604-659-3473. www.nightattheaquarium.org & **Map 5: B5**

RIO TINTO ALCANDRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Watch racers compete in North America’s largest dragon boat festival and enjoy musical performances, fabulous food, children’s activities and art installations (Jun 19-21). Races begin Sa-Su 8 am. Free. Creekside Community Centre and the waters of False Creek. 604-688-2382. www.dragonboatbc.ca **Map 1: D7/E7**

SPARTAN RACE The world’s largest obstacle race challenges entrants to discover their inner warrior (Jun 6). Mount Seymour, 1700 Mount Seymour Rd. www.spartanrace.ca **Map 2: B4**

TD VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL The 30th annual fest pulses with a mash-up of wildly varied styles, such as funk, fusion, blues, electronic and (of course) jazz. Hundreds of free and ticketed performances take place both indoors and outdoors. The nearly 2,000 musicians include Erykah Badu, Chris Botti, The Roots and Tower of Power (Jun 18-Jul 1). 604-872-5200. Tickets 604-569-1144. www.coastaljazz.ca

TOUGH MUDDER An over-the-top obstacle course for athletes of all levels (Jun 20-21). Whistler Olympic Park, 5 Callaghan Valley Rd., Whistler. www.toughmudder.com **Map 2: A8**

VANCOUVER DRAWDOWN This all-day celebration of drawing has over 30 free drawing workshops across the city, designed for people of all ages, skills and talents (Jun 20). www.vancouverdrawdown.com

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FESTIVAL Comedians, acrobats, musicians and daredevils from all over the world entertain massive crowds at this free all-ages event downtown (Jun 26-28). www.vancouverbuskerfest.com **Map 1: C5/C6**

VANCOUVER MINIMAKER FAIRE Both novices and experts are invited to get their hands dirty and learn from one another at Vancouver’s biggest skills swap. Learn about robotic dogs, home-grown drones, hand-sewn quilts and everything in between (Jun 6-7). 10 am-6 pm. \$17, s/s \$14, child

➤ **AT THE OLD BALLGAME** Nothing says summer quite like a baseball game, a cold beer and a hot dog on a sunny afternoon. Find it all at a Vancouver Canadians game (page 42).