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SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

To Apr 12 VALLEA LUMINA In a lush forest setting just outside Whistler Village, visitors follow in the footsteps of two long-ago hikers seeking a mystical hidden valley. The 60-minute multimedia adventure is a wonderland filled with dazzling lights, emotive soundscapes and stunning scenography. \$29.99, youth \$24.99. Ticket includes shuttle from Whistler Village to Cougar Mountain. Whistler is a 2-hour drive from Vancouver. 1-833-800-8480. **Map 2: A8** www.vallealumina.com

Mar 3-8 VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL This annual fest features the best of cinema created by women, including dramas, documentaries and comedies from around the world. Each film includes women in key creative roles. **Vancity Theatre:** 1181 Seymour St. 604-685-1152. **Map 1: D5** www.womeninfilm.ca

Mar 6-8 FESTIVAL DU BOIS The fest presents an eclectic gathering of Québécois, francophone, folk, world and roots artists, including Yves Lambert Trio and Topsy 3. Also enjoy French Canadian food. **Mackin Park:** 1046 Brunette Ave.,



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If your kids ever complain of a rumbly in the tumbly, or ask if you could spare a small smackerel, then clearly they would enjoy a trip to the Hundred Acre Wood. *The House at Pooh Corner* (page 18), running till Mar. 29 at the Waterfront Theatre, uses both puppets and live actors to bring to life a timeless tale about Winnie-the-Pooh, Christopher Robin and all their friends. The production is sure to delight anyone who remembers being charmed by a certain bear with a big appetite—and an even bigger heart.—*Sheri Radford*

Coquitlam. 604-515-7070. **Map 2: D5** www.festivaldubois.ca

Mar 6-28 VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL Performances by a diverse roster of internationally celebrated artists and local favourites, as well as classes and workshops. Various venues. Tickets: 604-662-4966. www.vidf.ca

Mar 11-15 GROWING ROOM: A FEMINIST LITERARY FESTIVAL *Room* magazine's annual festival celebrates diverse Canadian writers and artists at panels, readings and workshops. Various venues. www.festival.roommagazine.com

Mar 14-15 MONSTER JAM Action-packed motorsports for the whole

family. Sa 1 and 7 pm, Su 1 pm. **Pacific Coliseum:** 100 N. Renfrew St. Tickets 604-252-3700. **Map 4: D5** www.monsterjam.com

Apr 2-26 VANCOUVER CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL Celebrate the city's thousands of Japanese flowering cherry trees. Events include concerts, plein air painting classes, a picnic and more. Various venues. 604-257-8120. www.vcbf.ca

Apr 16-19 ART VANCOUVER Western Canada's largest international fine arts fair showcases local and global talent in works ranging from paintings to installation pieces. **Vancouver Convention Centre East:** 999 Canada Place Way. **Map 1: B6** www.artvancouver.net



TRUE STORIES Seven local transgender women share their real-life experiences in *Trans Scripts, Part I: The Women* at the Firehall Arts Centre (Mar. 12 to 21; page 18).