



Sam Roberts Band



Corb Lund



Lovember

## Destination: PNE

One day is definitely not long enough to experience the Pacific National Exhibition (Aug. 17 to Sep. 2; page 69). The site at Hastings Park is bursting with **rides, mid-way games, agricultural displays and the PNE prize home**—a luxurious 280-sq-m (3,000-sq-ft) house that gets relocated to Sun Peaks Resort after the fair is over and filled with goodies for the winner: furniture, appliances, hot tub and pool table, plus a year of maid service.

The indefatigable Dal Richards brings his big band to the PNE, for the 74th time; despite being 95, the local legend performs daily. Other musical enticements include an **impressive line-up of free nightly concerts**: Melissa Etheridge (Aug. 17), The Jacksons (Aug. 18), Dean Brody (Aug. 20), Great Big Sea (Aug. 21), Colin James (Aug. 22), The Beach Boys (Aug. 23), Sam Roberts Band (Aug.

24), Corb Lund & the Hurtin' Albertans (Aug. 25), Foreigner (Aug. 27), The Proclaimers (Aug. 28), Big Wreck (Aug. 29), Martina McBride (Aug. 30), REO Speedwagon (Aug. 31), Lights (Sep. 1) and Loverboy (Sep. 2).

The new *Genghis Khan: The Exhibition* explores the life and times of the terrifying Mongolian warlord. Other attractions include the Peking Acrobats, RCMP Musical Ride, eco-sculptures and the **adorable Superdogs**, performing feats that put the average Fido to shame. And permeating everything is the **mouth-watering aroma of the Those Little Donuts**, mingled with the scents of corndogs and deep-fried Mars bars, not to mention poutine, pizza and Hunky Bill's perogies.

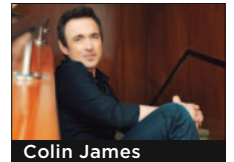
It all adds up to an unforgettable PNE experience.—*Sheri Radford*



The Beach Boys



Melissa Etheridge



Colin James



Big Wreck

50,000 strange and wonderful creatures from the Arctic, Amazon, Africa, Tropics and Canada's wild West Coast. Watch shark dives and sea otter feeds, or listen in on a beluga whale talk. Sign up for Animal Encounters to get up close to dolphins, otters, sea lions and sea turtles (**year-round**). Open daily. Walking distance from downtown. 845 Avison Way. 604-659-3474. [www.vanaqua.org](http://www.vanaqua.org) & **Map 5: B5**

**VANCOUVER LOOKOUT AT HARBOUR CENTRE** Sightseeing atop a 169-m (553-ft) tower on the edge of Gastown. Reached via glass elevators, the observation deck offers spectacular 360-degree views of the city, harbour and mountains. Admission tickets are valid all day and evening, allowing same-date return visits (**year-round**). Open daily. 555 W. Hastings St. 604-689-0421. [www.vancouverlookout.com](http://www.vancouverlookout.com) & **Map 1: C6**

### MUSEUMS

**BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM** Houses 1,860 sq m (20,000 sq ft) of interactive exhibits showcasing BC's sport history from the 1800s to present day. Have fun in the sports participation gallery with a climbing wall, running track and bubble-hockey game. See inside 54,500-seat BC Place Stadium. The Terry Fox and Rick Hansen galleries pay tribute to hometown heroes. See Olympic memorabilia in the Vancouver 2010 Gallery (**year-round**). Open daily. Gate A, BC Place Stadium. 604-687-5520. [www.bcsportshalloffame.com](http://www.bcsportshalloffame.com) & **Map 1: D6**

**BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM** Time-travel to a Burnaby village in the 1920s. Explore the farmhouse and village at your own pace. Period-costumed interpreters welcome guests and give demonstrations in heritage and replica houses, businesses and shops.

Visit the restored Interurban tram No. 1223. Ride on the restored 1912 C.W. Parker Carousel to music from a grand 1925 Wurlitzer organ (**to Sep 2**). Tu-Su. 6501 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby. 604-297-4565. [www.burnabyvillage-museum.ca](http://www.burnabyvillage-museum.ca) & **Map 2: D4**

**FORT LANGLEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA** Built by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1827 on the Fraser River, Fort Langley is an example of an original fur trading post—a mix of reconstructions and original buildings, plus interactive displays and activities. From here, furs were shipped to Europe via Cape Horn, produce was traded to the Russians in Alaska, local cranberries found their way to California and Fraser River salmon was enjoyed as far away as Hawaii. In 1858, rumours of gold on the Fraser River caused an influx of Americans. To guard against annexation by the US, BC was pro-

claimed a Crown Colony on this site by James Douglas in 1858. Info available in 10 languages (**year-round**). Open daily. Special event: Brigade Days (**Aug 3-5**). 10 am-5 pm. Located 47 km (29 mi) east of Vancouver via the TransCanada Hwy (232nd St. N.). 23433 Mavis Ave., Fort Langley. 604-513-4777. [www.pc.gc.ca/fortlangley](http://www.pc.gc.ca/fortlangley) & **Map 2: E7**

**GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** Located in the historic fishing village of Steveston, the cannery chronicles the rich history of the West Coast fishing industry through multimedia exhibits, interactive displays, guided tours, machine demonstrations and a film in the Boiler House Theatre (**year-round**). Extensive gift shop. Open daily. Special event: *Music at the Cannery* (**Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**). 6:30 pm till late. 12138 Fourth Ave., Richmond. 604-664-9009. [www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com](http://www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com) & **Map 3: E2**

**MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER** Visiting exhibitions and displays highlight local

heritage (**year-round**). Exhibitions: *Sex Talk in the City* Looks at the fine line between pleasure and politics (**to Sep 2**). *Foncie's Fotos* Discover Vancouver's most prolific street photographer, a man who took an estimated 15 million photos in his lifetime (**to Jan 5**). *Neon Vancouver/Ugly Vancouver* Examines the explosion of neon signs in the 1950s to 1970s and their later near-eradication from Vancouver streets (**ongoing**). 10 am-5 pm daily, Th to 8 pm. 1100 Chestnut St. in Vanier Park. Parking. 604-736-4431. [www.museumofvancouver.ca](http://www.museumofvancouver.ca) & **Map 1: D2**

**ORPHEUM THEATRE** A National Historic Site with a frescoed, domed ceiling and a crystal chandelier (**year-round**). 601 Smithe St. 604-665-3050. [www.vancouver.ca/theatres](http://www.vancouver.ca/theatres) & **Map 1: C5** Summer only: 90-minute tours Su, Th and Sa 11 am (**to Aug 31**). Minimum cash donation \$10. Reservations 604-665-3470. [www.bccentertainmenthalloffame.com](http://www.bccentertainmenthalloffame.com)

**SURREY MUSEUM** Galleries tell Surrey's stories, programs help kids

explore their world and hands-on crafts let you learn new skills (**to Dec**). Tu-F 9:30 am-5:30 pm, Sa 10 am-5 pm. Special event: *Birds of Prey* Discover the magnificence of owls, eagles and falcons (**to Sep 7**). 17710 56A Ave., Surrey. 604-592-6956. [www.surrey.ca/heritage](http://www.surrey.ca/heritage) & **Map 2: F6**

**VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM** Discover the world of shipwrecks and explorers; step back in time to 1944 on board *St. Roch*, Canada's celebrated RCMP schooner; explore Alcan Children's Maritime Discovery Centre; and visit historic vessels in Heritage Harbour (**year-round**). 10 am-5 pm daily. Exhibition: *Tattoos & Scrimshaw: The Art of the Sailor* Celebrates the long history of nautical tattoos and sailor art (**to Oct 13**). In Vanier Park, 1905 Ogden Ave. 604-257-8300. [www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com](http://www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com) & **Map 1: D2**

**PARKS & GARDENS BLOEDEL CONSERVATORY** The conservatory's stunning triodetic dome commands a 360-degree view

LOVERBOY PHOTO BY MICK ROCK

» **SAIL THE SEVEN SEAS** Landlubbers and sailors alike set sail for three days of seaside fun at the Richmond Maritime Festival (Aug. 9 to 11; page 69). Anchors aweigh!