



## HOT TIPS THIS MONTH

Where to go, what to do: the don't-miss list *By Sheri Radford*

### DANCING FEET

No production of *Dracula* would be complete without swooping bats and dancing gargoyles, and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet doesn't disappoint in a new production of the Gothic classic, choreographed by Mark Godden (Mar. 22 to 24, Queen Elizabeth Theatre; **page 71**). The **Vancouver International Dance Festival** showcases a myriad of dance forms in venues around town (to Apr. 1; **page 69**).



**IT'S A DEAL: FUNNY MAN HOWIE MANDEL DOES STAND-UP**



**MUSIC MANN: JOHN MANN AND SPIRIT OF THE WEST TAKE THE STAGE AT CELTICFEST**

Choreographer Crystal Pite explores the creative process in **Uncollected Work: Two Works** (Mar. 13 to 17, Vancouver East Cultural Centre; **page 71**).

### STAND-UP GUYS

Fans of **Howie Mandel** agree it's a deal: the host of the insanely popular *Deal or No Deal* returns to his Canadian roots for two

### THE CREATIVE PROCESS IS EXPLORED IN DANCE, IN UNCOLLECTED WORK: TWO WORKS

evenings of stand-up comedy (Mar. 23 and 24, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 72**). Another very funny Canadian, **Andre Philippe Gagnon** showcases his vocal talents by impersonating celebrities' singing voices—most famously in his rendition of all the voices in "We Are the World" (Mar. 8 to 10, River Rock Show Theatre; **page 72**).

### IRISH SPIRIT

St. Patrick's Day isn't a statutory holiday, but you might think otherwise upon seeing all the people

decked out in the colours of the Emerald Isle and drinking green beer at **Celticfest** (Mar. 14 to 18; **page 68**). The annual fête features a parade, street fair along Granville Street, and concerts by folks such as **Spirit of the West** (Mar. 16 and 17, Commodore Ballroom; **page 68**). Even the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** is getting into the spirit of things this month, performing two nights of Celtic favourites (Mar. 16 and 17, Orpheum Theatre; **page 70**).

PHOTO (TOP) BY CHRIS RANDLE

PHOTO (BELOW) OF ERIC PETERSON AND CAROLYN HETHERINGTON BY CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN

### SPRING FEVER

Need to occupy the wee ones during spring break? Visit the renovated **Vancouver Lookout** (**page A8**), scheduled to reopen Mar. 1. From 177 metres (581 feet) in the air, the 360-degree views of the city, harbour and snow-capped mountains are sure to awe even tiny tykes. If music is more their style, Australian sensations **The Wiggles** are in town for two interactive shows. Remember to yell "Wake up, Jeff!" whenever Purple Wiggle nods off (Mar. 17, Queen Elizabeth Theatre; **page 72**). For those too young for school, the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** performs a



special concert in which tiny tots can dance and play to the music of Bartók (Mar. 9, Vancouver Playhouse; **page 70**).

### WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

They say it's the most sincere form of flattery...

◆ **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** pays tribute to CCR (Mar. 9 and 10, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 69**).

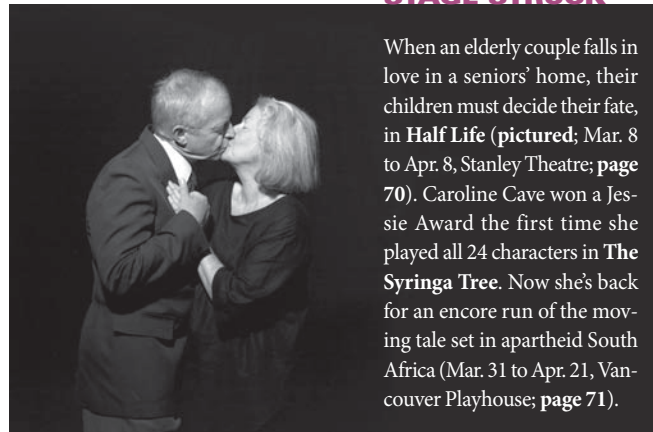
(ABOVE L) **GET WIGGLY: WEE ONES LOVE THE WIGGLES.** (BELOW) **COOL COVER BAND: CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED**



◆ **Michael White & The White** belts out Led Zeppelin (Mar. 3, Commodore Ballroom; **page 72**).  
◆ **Elevation** covers U2's biggest songs (Mar. 31, Commodore Ballroom; **page 72**). □

### STAGE STRUCK

When an elderly couple falls in love in a seniors' home, their children must decide their fate, in **Half Life** (pictured; Mar. 8 to Apr. 8, Stanley Theatre; **page 70**). Caroline Cave won a Jessie Award the first time she played all 24 characters in **The Syringa Tree**. Now she's back for an encore run of the moving tale set in apartheid South Africa (Mar. 31 to Apr. 21, Vancouver Playhouse; **page 71**).



◆ The little girl with the big voice has come a long way since her days on *The New Mickey Mouse Club*. Now **Christina Aguilera** (above) sells millions of albums and wins Grammy Awards (Mar. 12, GM Place; **page 69**).

◆ **Paul Anka's** career started at age 15 and is still going strong, even though he's now a senior citizen. With 15 gold records to his name, he has plenty of material to choose from in his shows (Mar. 2, River Rock Show Theatre; and Mar. 3, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 69**).

◆ For most musicians, being inducted into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. **Eric Clapton** has been inducted three times—so far (Mar. 23, GM Place; **page 69**).

◆ In the two decades since **Randy Travis's** debut album, country music has exploded and Travis has won just about every music award around (Mar. 30 and 31, Red Robinson Show Theatre; **page 69**).