

## \*\* VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | JULY 2024

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### \*\* 1) SUNSHINE AND SOUNDWAVES

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Hello, fabulous friends! July promises to be a vibrant month brimming with music and culture! From iconic stage performances to lively festivals, we've got a fun selection of events to take advantage of! Excellent offers for VocalEye members to experience TWO hit festivals in Vancouver - one offered FREE to VocalEye members and the other at a super discount. So, grab your sunglasses and get ready for some fun in the sun :)

Scroll down for our summer lineup along with VocalEye events with socials!

Reminders:

- 👉 Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact [donna@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:donna@vocaleyeye.ca) before purchasing your tickets.
- 👉 Theatre Buddy sighted guides are available to assist from meet up locations close to transit. Please reserve 3 days in advance by contacting [buddies@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:buddies@vocaleyeye.ca)
- 👉 For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)

\*\* 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

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\*\* 3) EVENING WITH ALOK

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**A special invitation from the Indian Summer Festival!**

**Saturday, July 6 at 8 pm at the Chan Centre for the  
Performing Arts, 6265 Crescent Rd, Vancouver.**

**Tickets are FREE for VocalEye members. (Space is limited)**

**Register with VocalEye by emailing [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca)**

Free transportation from Burrard Skytrain station to Chan Centre and return trip provided. Pick up time at Burrard TBA.

**An Evening with ALOK** promises an exploration of art and identity that challenges societal norms and envisions a future beyond binaries.

By blending poetry, comedy, lecture and performance, ALOK's artistry breaks through conventional boundaries. ALOK, an internationally acclaimed performer and activist confronts conformity and champion true self-expression, delivering a message that pierces through our collective complacency and inspires a profound understanding of identity. ALOK is fuelling a critical movement that urges us to try harder for each other in the name of love.

This event is part of the [Indian Summer Festival](#) which runs from July 4 to 14 in Vancouver.

👉 Find out more about what's accessible at this year's Indian Summer Festival (and the Vancouver Folk Fest) at our next [Almost Live event](#) on July 3!

\*\* 4) RING OF FIRE

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## **The remarkable life and music of Johnny Cash**

**Described twice: Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 pm AND Friday, July 19 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Granville Island, 1585 Johnston Street, Vancouver. The Arts Club offers special ticket prices for VocalEye users: Zone A+, A or B seats \$49; Zone C seats \$29. Please call the Arts Club Box office to purchase, [604-687-1644](tel:604-687-1644), and be sure to mention VocalEye, or purchase tickets online.**

Let the songbook of the iconic storyteller Johnny Cash guide you on a journey of struggle and success, love and redemption. Brought to life by a talented collection of singers and musicians, this theatrical concert gets to the heart of Cash's unique life story and connects it with universal experiences in songs such as "I Walk the Line", "Folsom Prison Blues", "Country Boy", and "A Boy Named Sue".

Described by Cas Wanden.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

[Click for a short \(2:10 min\) interview](#) with Rachel Peake and Steven Charles, the director and musical director for Ring of Fire, discussing their approach for this unique show and what audiences can expect.

## **\*\* 5) VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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**Enjoy the magic and the music at a special price!**

**Sunday, July 21 from 10 am until 11 pm, enter at the Access Gate, Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver**

Don't miss your chance to score HUGE savings on tickets to the ultimate music festival experience!

The [Vancouver Folk Music Festival](#) is offering members of the community a very special rate to attend a full day of the festival on Sunday, July 21! Tickets are priced on a sliding scale from \$10 to \$75 (**\$25 suggested**). Ticket price includes a free companion (a savings of over \$100 each!).

**Purchase your tickets by emailing [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca) or calling [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).**

The Festival will also provide sighted guide meet ups at a designated transit stop at 9 am. An orientation session will be offered at the Access Gate at 9:15 am. Patrons will get an overview of the day's schedule and a chance to meet the Festival's Designated Accessibility Volunteers and ask any questions. Navigational assistance will be provided to the most

accessible seating at your choice of 3 outdoor stages. The first performance begins at 10 am.

You are also welcome to make your way to the Festival Site at any time during the day and check in at the Access Gate.

[Jump to the music lineup and additional info about accessibility and the Festival location](#)

\*\* 6) BARD ON THE BEACH + THEATRE UNDER THE STARS

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Coming up in August/ September: our favorite outdoor theatre venues Bard on the Beach and Theatre Under the Stars! Check out our summer preview and be sure to mention VocalEye when purchasing your tickets. Get them early and mark your calendars with our Notable Social dates!

## AUGUST PREVIEW

- [School of Rock](#), a high-voltage tribute to teenage dreams and the irrepressible power of rock 'n' roll. Described on Friday, August 2 at 8 pm at the Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS). Call TUTS Box Office at [604-734-1917](tel:604-734-1917) for tickets. With pre-show hotdog Notable Social!

Email [amy@vocaleye.ca](mailto:amy@vocaleye.ca) to sign up for one or all of our summer socials!

- [Twelfth Night](#), a carnival of poetry and chaos with original music by Veda Hille. Described twice: Friday, August 9 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, August 31 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, MainStage. Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets. With pre-show picnic Notable Social.
- [Hamlet](#), Shakespeare's tragic saga of betrayal, murder and revenge. Described twice: Saturday, August 17 at 2 pm and Sunday, August 25 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, MainStage. Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets.

## SEPTEMBER

- [The Comedy of Errors](#), the farcical misadventures of two sets of identical twins. Described on Saturday, September 7 at 2 pm at Bard on the Beach, Howard Family Stage. This performance will be followed by a Touch Tour! Call [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) for tickets.

\*\* 7) VOCALEYE EVENTS WITH REGISTRATION + SOCIALS

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[Vancouver Pride Parade 2024](#), be part of Canada Pride and the biggest Pride season ever! Sunday, August 4 from Noon until 3 pm at the VocalEye Accessible Viewing Zone.

**NEW LOCATION!** In front of the Roundhouse Community Centre at Davie St. and Pacific St. (More details to come.)

Registration required by emailing [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca) or calling [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949). [More info about Pride 2024](#). Light snacks provided.

- [Community Workshop | Connecting Through Song](#), a free community workshop led by VocalEye's Artist in Residence, Deanna Gestrin. Sunday, August 18 from 11 am to 1 pm at the BMO Theatre Centre. [Register for this workshop](#). Post-workshop pizza social included!
- [Descriptive Mural Tour | Mount Pleasant](#), explore and experience murals in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood with tour guide Ali Butcher and Describer Eileen Barrett. Free to attend. Saturday, August 24 at 2 pm. Registration opens soon! Post-tour pub or cafe Notable Social, location TBA.

For assistance registering for any or all of these events, email [info@vocaleyeye.ca](mailto:info@vocaleyeye.ca) or call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).



## \*\* 8) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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- **Casting Call** Heritage Canada and Scopicone Films are shooting a 'Heritage Minute' and looking for specific cast. This is a UBCP/ ACTRA Union Production. Looking for blind and partially sighted actors, as well as background actors with amputations. Call for Child (8 to 16 yrs old, open gender, blind/ partially sighted. Must read Braille), Sir Arthur Pearson (45 to 55 yrs old, male. Facial hair is a plus.), Background veterans/ soldiers (20 to 40 yrs old, male. Blind, partially sighted actors as well as actors with amputations).

Please email interest to [haleyagray@gmail.com](mailto:haleyagray@gmail.com)

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