

** VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | AUGUST 2024

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** 1) AUGUST ADVENTURES AWAIT

Good morning, Friends! August is brimming with some of the year's most anticipated events, perfect for connecting with friends and immersing yourself in theatre, music, art, culture (AND the biggest Pride season yet!)

Dive in below to discover next month's event lineup, featuring three unmissable VocalEye experiences!

Reminders:

👉 Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact 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

👉 For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)

** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

** 3) [SCHOOL OF ROCK](#)

A high-voltage tribute to teenage dreams and the irrepressible power of rock 'n' roll.

Friday August 2, 2024 at 8 pm at Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS), 610 Pipeline Rd, Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park, Vancouver.

Theatre Under the Stars is offering VocalEye patrons a 50% discount off the regular ticket price (\$30 to \$65). Please call the TUTS Box Office at [604-734-1917](tel:604-734-1917). This discount is not available online and may not be combined with other offers.

For best headset reception, seating is recommended on the left side of the audience, rows 11 or higher.

With pre-show hotdog Notable Social! Email amy@vocaleyec.ca to attend.

Kicked out of his band and facing eviction, life isn't awesome for wannabe rock star Dewey Finn. But his fortunes change when he intercepts a phone call meant for his roommate – and seizes the opportunity to make some quick cash posing as a substitute teacher.

Based on the hit 2003 film, *School of Rock* is a high-voltage, feel-good tribute to big dreams, coming together, and the irrepressible power of rock 'n roll!

Described by Eileen Barrett.

[Accessibility at Theatre Under the Stars.](#)

** 4) [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, 1695 Whyte Avenue, Vancouver.

Bard offers VocalEye members a fantastic deal for described performances: one complimentary ticket plus 50% off an additional companion ticket. Please call Box Office at [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) and mention VocalEye. Some restrictions apply.

Join us for a complementary picnic Notable Social before the matinee on Aug 31, sponsored by Emelle's Catering and Bard on the Beach! Email amy@vocaleyeye.ca to attend. This matinee performance will be followed by a Touch Tour.

Remember that song? The one you listened to over and over again when you first fell in love? In Illyria, music is the food of love... and so much more. With original music by celebrated local composer Veda Hille, plus fights, pranks, jokes, and miracles, *Twelfth Night* is both hilarious and deep. It holds a mirror to our folly and reflects how love transforms us, for better or worse. Bard's big tent is the perfect venue for this carnival world's poetry and chaos, with "salt waves fresh in love" sparkling in the distance.

Described by Eileen Barrett.

[Accessibility at Bard on the Beach.](#)

** 5) [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, 1695 Whyte Avenue, Vancouver.

Bard offers VocalEye members a fantastic deal for described performances: one complimentary ticket plus 50% off an additional companion ticket. Please call Box Office at [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559) and mention VocalEye. Some restrictions apply.

Join us for a Touch Tour following the matinee on Aug 25.

No play by Shakespeare has more meaningfully captivated us than *Hamlet*. A young prince returns home to mourn the death of his father only to uncover a dark secret he can't ignore. His struggle to move forward with purpose awakens deep questions about life, existence, and if it's better "To be or not to be." As he attempts to make sense of a world that has shifted beneath him, we are invited to see ourselves in *Hamlet* and to consider the blurry lines around loyalty, self, and all the things that are in heaven and earth.

Described by Cas Wanden.

**** 6) VOCALEYE EVENTS WITH REGISTRATION**

**** 7) [VANCOUVER PRIDE PARADE 2024](#)**

**Be part of Canada Pride and the biggest Pride season ever!
Sunday, August 4 from Noon until 4 pm
VocalEye Accessible Viewing Zone in front of the
Roundhouse, at Davie Street and Pacific Blvd**

VocalEye has been describing the Vancouver Pride Parade since 2015 in partnership with the [Vancouver Pride Society](#). A special shoutout to Richard Marion, a member of the blind community, who is the person responsible for having the parade described 9 years ago! He and his husband Bill have been attending ever since :)

This year, there's a new viewing location! The VocalEye Accessible Viewing Zone will be situated in front of the Roundhouse Community Centre along Pacific Blvd at Davie Street. Sighted guide meet-ups will be available at the Yaletown/Roundhouse Canada Line station between 11 am and 11:30 am. Please book your buddy when you register.

Tips for a comfortable experience:

There will be shade, but we recommend hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and bringing your own water bottle. The seats are hard plastic, so you may want to bring a cushion and whatever you need to be comfortable for the day. VocalEye will supply headsets, beads, tattoos and some snacks. Water refills and an accessible washroom will be available on site.

Complete the registration form or reserve your seats and headsets by emailing info@vocaleyeye.ca or call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

** 8) [CONNECTING THROUGH SONG](#)

Free community workshop led by Deanna Gestrin.

Sunday, August 18 at 11 am

at the BMO Theatre Centre, 162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver

VocalEye Artist in Residence, Deanna Gestrin, returns to lead the VocalEye community in a joyful singing experience! Deanna will teach simple melodies and songs to explore the beauty of our collective voices. Through repetition and layering, Deanna will guide us in the creation of harmonies and help us discover our internal rhythm.

No singing experience needed. Free to attend. Open to all ages. Family members and sighted companions are welcome to join this multicultural, intergenerational space (youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult). Pizza party included following the workshop.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot early! Register below or contact info@vocaleyeye.ca or call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

👉 [Workshop Registration](#)

** 9) [DESCRIPTIVE MURAL TOUR | MOUNT PLEASANT](#)

Explore more murals in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood!
Saturday, August 24 at 2 pm
Meet at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre, 1 Kingsway,
Vancouver

Join tour guide Ali Butcher of Vancouver DeTours and VocalEye's Eileen Barrett for another descriptive mural tour in Mount Pleasant, followed by a social gathering at a neighbourhood restaurant. This event is offered free of charge. Sighted guides are available.

[Complete the registration form](#) or contact info@vocaleye.ca or call 604-364-5949

** 10) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

IN PERSON

- **Tactile Art Workshop** Join artist [Jag Nagra](#), [Arts New West](#) and [Blind Beginnings](#) for a multi-sensory outdoor art workshop! Participants will have the opportunity to explore and create art using a variety of materials and textures that engage the senses. This workshop is designed to be fun and inclusive, allowing people of all ages and abilities to experience the joy of making art in a hands-on, multi-sensory way. The workshop is free and no prior artistic experience is necessary. The event will also feature live music! Takes place **Saturday, July 20 from 11 am to 2 pm** at the Uptown Plaza, 605 Belmont Street, in New Westminster. No registration required, just show up!

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