

** VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | SEPTEMBER 2024

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** 1) THE CURTAIN RISES ON VOCALEYE SEASON 15!

We're thrilled to kick off VocalEye Season 15 of live description with some exciting shows (and Festivals)! But first, a heartfelt thank you to everyone—whether you've been with us for all 15 seasons, joined us last season, or are coming out to the theatre for the first time. Welcome and thanks!

Last season, we described 51 performances and events, hosted 8 Notable Socials, and held 6 Touch Tours. We love hearing from you about your most memorable VocalEye experiences and what

made them special. We're excited to reveal what's in store for you this season!

A special shoutout to our amazing [theatre partners](#), including the Arts Club Theatre Company, with whom we've shared all 15 seasons. Happy 60th Anniversary to this fantastic team!

Remember, you can purchase your Arts Club season subscriptions by calling [604-687-1644](tel:604-687-1644). Check out the [Season Lineup and Description Dates](#) on our website!

Special thanks to our incredible team of Describers and Theatre Buddy volunteers. We're all set for another captivating and thought-provoking season of accessible live theatre. Are you ready?! Let's get into September's shows!

Reminders:

- 👉 Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Please contact donna@vocaley.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@vocaley.ca
- 👉 For schedule updates, visit the [VocalEye website](#)

** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

** 3) [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, 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 [604-739-0559](tel:604-739-0559). Some restrictions apply.

Two sets of identical twins, a looming death sentence, and the sexy azure sparkle of an ancient Greek port teeming with comedic confusions is the perfect recipe for mistaken identity, marital infidelity, and knee-slapping hijinks.

This fantastical farce invites patrons to join the (toga) party & travel back to Ancient Greece in your best bed sheet and sandals. Your (optional) cosplaying will only add to the hilarity of our immersive Greek marketplace. Whatever you decide to wear, you'll be rolling in the aisles at this uniquely ridiculous production that takes its comedy seriously—deadly seriously.

This matinee performance will be followed by a Touch Tour.

Described by Stacie Steadman.

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

** 4) [ACCESS VANCOUVER FRINGE FESTIVAL](#)

A Full On Fringe weekend curated by and for the Blind and Partially Sighted community!

**Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15,
Granville Island.**

Introducing Low Vision Friendly Fringe:

Part of the Fringe Fest tradition (and fun) is going to as many shows as you can in a day. This year, we've partnered up with Fringe to make the multi-show experience more accessible.

VocalEye hired a panel of Blind and Partially Sighted curators to create a Low Vision Friendly (LVF) Fringe schedule, highlighting shows that are mostly accessible without description.

VocalEye curators have gone through the entire Fringe schedule of 73 shows and have come up with a **Full On LVF Access Fringe Weekend** adventure that includes one show with VocalEye live description ([Lip Service 3: Live in Concert](#))! See the

schedule below and [visit our website](#) for more details (including a history and background of the Fringe Festival and info about our amazing team of Community Curators!)

Access Fringe Schedule

Select up to 4 shows per day, with your choice of one asterisked show per day.

Saturday, September 14, 2024

1. **B the Wiz & O'ROSE present A Storytelling Hip-Hop Experience** at 2 pm (30 min)
2. **God's a Drag** at 3:15 pm (65 min)
(dinner break)
3. ***James Roque: Champorado** at 5:55 pm (60 min)
OR
* **Jimmy Hogg: Potato King** at 6 pm (60 min)
4. **How to Catch a Karen** at 7:40 pm (50 min)

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

1. **A Woman's Guide to Peeing Outside** at 12:30 pm (60 min)
(lunch break)
2. **Lip Service 3: Live In Concert**, with audio description at
3:15 pm (60 min)
3. **A Smoke Behind the Rope** at 5 pm (60 min)
(dinner break)
4. ***The Hummingbird** at 7 pm (60 min)
OR
***The ADHD Project** at 7:30 pm (60 min)

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Exclusive Tickets and Choice of Options

Full On LVF Experience: 4 shows for \$35 or all 8 shows for \$70 per person

**Create Your Own Adventure: \$10 per person per show
(regular price \$15 - \$18)**

Your ticket includes priority seating and a complimentary Fringe Membership (\$10 value). Theatre Buddy sighted guides are available.

Book your Access Fringe tickets [here](#), or contact us at info@vocaleyec.ca or [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

Venues include: Arts Umbrella, Improv Centre, Performance Works, Revue Stage, Waterfront Theatre

[Access Fringe Venues](#) (Word doc)

[Access Fringe Venues](#) (pdf)

[Accessibility on Granville Island.](#)

** 5) [LIP SERVICE 3: LIVE IN CONCERT](#)

A laugh-out-loud celebration of all things vulvacious!

Described on: Sunday, September 15 at 3:15 pm at

Performance Works, 1218 Cartwright Street, Vancouver.

Tickets are \$10 per person (regular \$15) as part of the Access Fringe Weekend. Combine this show with 3 other Fringe shows for a Full On price of \$35. Book your Access Fringe tickets [here](#), or contact us at info@vocaleyec.ca or [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949).

The vulvas go on a 'Best-of 'tour, sharing their witty, clitty songs and humour as the most famous band no one has ever heard of.

Lip Service 3 uses play and humour to invite the tragic to be comedic. This show will have you cry laughing at how far we've cum (and faked cumming) in the fight for reproductive rights and

bodily autonomy for all. Praised for their physical comedy, Pulsive Party uses song, dance, and their signature campy humour to ignite conversations and share sexual health information. Join them for a night of original and parody hits alongside fan favourites of songs and moments from Lip Service 1 and 2, with live VocalEye audio description.

Content Warning: Mature language, sexual content, haze, loud noises.

Described by Cas Wanden.

** 6) [JERSEY BOYS](#)

The captivating true story of an international music sensation.

Described twice: Sunday, September 29 at 2 pm AND Friday, October 4 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Stanley, 2750 Granville Street, Vancouver. The Arts Club offers \$25 tickets for any seat in the house to patrons with a CNIB card or an [Access 2 card](#). Price includes a free companion. Please call the Arts Club Box office to purchase, [604-687-1644](tel:604-687-1644), and be sure to mention VocalEye, or [purchase online](#).

Ever wonder how a group of troublesome blue-collar boys from New Jersey became one of the most successful bands in music history? **Jersey Boys** is the Tony and Grammy Award–winning blockbuster that tells the true story of the iconic Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. With each member sharing his own perspective, this smash-hit jukebox musical pairs timeless themes with unforgettable songs to entertain audiences of all ages. Filled with beloved tunes like “Who Loves You,” “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” and “December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night),” **Jersey Boys** will have you humming all the way home.

Described by Eileen Barrett.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

** 7) COMMUNITY EVENTS

IN PERSON

- **Free Golf! Tuesday, August 27 at 1 pm at Birdies and Buckets Family Golf Centre, 5228 King George Blvd, Surrey.**

Enjoy an afternoon get together featuring complimentary

snacks, pizza, refreshments and the opportunity to try out your golf swing. Clubs and a bucket of balls supplied. This is a free Share and Care recreational activity for people who are blind, partially blind and/or living with a disability, sponsored by the United Way. Please call Sheila at [604-657-6187](tel:604-657-6187) to register.

- **All Bodies Dance Project** offers accessible, inclusive and free dance classes for adults and youth of all abilities, genders, sizes, experiences, and backgrounds. Classes begin mid-September, with a range of locations in Vancouver to choose from (there is also an online option). Registration is now open. [Visit the ABDP website](#) to choose your class!

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