

** VOCALEYE COMMUNITY NEWS | OCTOBER 2024

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** 1) OCTOBER ON STAGE

As the crisp autumn air rolls in, we're excited to usher you into a new month of live described theatre! Whether you're a long-time patron or new to audio description in the theatre, we're so glad to have you with us.

This September, we had the privilege of creating the first Low Vision Friendly weekend at the [Vancouver Fringe Festival](#)! A heartfelt thank-you to our fabulous Community Curators, Amy Amantea, Deborah Fong, and [Kristy Kassie](#), who combed through the entire Fringe schedule of 73 shows to curate an accessible

multi-show experience, including one show with VocalEye live description! We couldn't have done it without you.

A huge thank-you to all our theatre partners and community members who make our work possible. Now, here's all the details on October's lineup!

Want all the details?

Explore our full event listings and more on the [VocalEye website](#).

Book a Buddy

Our Theatre Buddy sighted guides are available to assist.

Reserve 3 days in advance by emailing buddies@vocaleyec.ca—meet up locations are close to transit.

Need a little extra support for tickets?

We've got you covered! Ticket Access rebates are available for those in financial need. Contact donna@vocaleyec.ca before purchasing your tickets.

** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

** 3) [JERSEY BOYS](#)

The captivating true story of an international music sensation.

Described on: Friday, October 4 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Stanley, 2750 Granville Street, Vancouver. [View Map](#)

Special offer for VocalEye users! 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 ticket. Please call the Arts Club Box office to purchase at [604-687-1644](#), and be sure to mention VocalEye.

Last chance to experience the Tony and Grammy Award-winning blockbuster that tells the true story of the iconic Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons!

”A honed production that hits all the high notes of the Four Seasons story... You can’t take your eyes off of it” - *Stir* ”

“Entrancing...a very satisfying theatrical meal” - *Colin Thomas*

”Exceptional...proof that great storytelling and music never go out of style” - Broadwayworld.com

Described by Cas Wanden.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

** 4) FROM ALASKA

Love, loss and finding the unexpected.

Described on: Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm at the Belfry Theatre, 1291 Gladstone Avenue in Victoria. [View Map](#)

The Belfry offers Pay-What-You-Can (PWYC) tickets for all performances. Please contact the Box Office to purchase by calling [250-385-6815](tel:250-385-6815).

When a retired librarian is held hostage by a tough-talking teenager, they gradually discover that what they have both lost is the one thing they have in common. This award-winning play casts us into the world of magic realism, where time shuffles and dances with grief, the slowness of healing, and the unpredictable rhythms of shared wisdom.

“Francophone playwrights have a unique sensibility—interpreting the world with surprising wit and unique imagination. This play exemplifies those qualities. It is such a stunning confusion of aching need and fierce self-protection, wrapped in a magic realism that makes a mockery of time—to the point where we happily abandon ourselves to the heart of what Harrison has conjured for us.” – *Michael Shamata, Belfry Artistic Director*

Described by Eileen Barrett.

[Accessibility at the Belfry](#)

** 5) GHOST TRAIN IN STANLEY PARK

Back from the dead with spooky Halloween fun!

The Ghost Train in Stanley Park is a well-loved Vancouver Halloween tradition for the whole family. We're thrilled and chilled to welcome the Ghost Train back after an absence of 5 long years. We can't wait to describe this year's spine-tingly tale of **Ghosts in the Graveyard!**

This rollicking ride is filled with supernatural surprises and spectacularly spooky sights! Watch as unsuspecting trick-or-treaters encounter the creepy characters who make the graveyard their home.

The fun begins at 5 pm with a descriptive tour of the site installations and a complimentary hot chocolate from VocalEye. Grab a snack from one of the food vendors and hop aboard the Ghost Train for a ghoulishly fun ride with live description. The

train leaves the station at 6 pm and the ride lasts approximately 20 minutes.

This announcement is hot off the press and we're still working out a few details. Special ticket prices for VocalEye users and full details coming very soon! Please check the VocalEye website or call 604-364-5949 for updates.

**** 6) [SEXY LAUNDRY](#)**

Love, loss and finding the unexpected.

Described on: Saturday, October 26 at 4 pm at Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 88 Avenue, Surrey. [View Map](#)

Ticket prices start at \$29. Please call the Surrey Arts Centre office to purchase, [604-501-5566](#), and be sure to mention VocalEye.

Alice and Henry are coming to grips with their lacklustre sex life. Time, kids, and stress—not to mention gravity—have taken their toll. In an effort to rekindle the magic in their 25-year marriage, they go on a naughty hotel retreat, equipped with a copy of . But they soon find that when the clothes come off, so do the gloves!

This couple's relatable, humorous, and inspiring escapade will touch audiences of all ages.

"If Alice and Henry can rekindle and reconnect, we all can."

Described by Stacie Steadman.

[Accessibility at Surrey Civic Theatres](#)

** 7) COMMUNITY EVENTS

IN PERSON

- **Five Pin Bowling: Wednesday, October 2 at 11 am at Scottsdale Bowling Alley, 12033 84th Avenue, Surrey.** Get rolling at this fun community event! Arrive at 11 am to meet, mingle and get your bowling shoes on. The games begin at Noon, followed by complimentary snacks, pizza and refreshments. This is a free Share and Care recreational activity for people who are blind, partially sighted and/or living with a disability, sponsored by the United Way. Please call Sheila at [604-657-6187](tel:604-657-6187) to register.
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