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** 1) IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME... FOR THE THEATRE!

VocalEye's December lineup is sure to dazzle! This month, we're bringing you fresh spins on beloved classics, from **Oliver!** to **Miracle on 34th Street**, and the heartwarming **Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol**. Plus, don't miss the wildly popular **East Van Panto**—a holiday tradition packed with laughter and local charm.

Join us for even more cheer at our Notable Social! We'll gather at the Tap & Barrel on Granville Island before the December 20 performance of **Miracle on 34th Street**. Reserve your spot today by emailing amy@vocaleye.ca

Celebrate the season with VocalEye and enjoy the magic of accessible theatre!

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@vocaleye.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@vocaleye.ca before purchasing your tickets.

** 2) VOCALEYE IN-PERSON

**** 3) [DOLLY PARTON'S SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS CAROL](#)**

The heartwarming musical returns!

Described twice: Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm AND Friday, December 13 at 8 pm at the Arts Club Stanley, 2750 Granville Street, Vancouver. [View Map](#)

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](#).

Set during the 1930s in the Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee, this uplifting musical reimagines Ebenezer Scrooge as the owner of a mining company town, where his callous greed blinds him to the joys of the season. As a Christmas Eve snowstorm approaches, Scrooge is visited by his deceased business partner and three ghosts who compel him to see life and love anew.

Dickens's classic characters and Parton's one-of-a-kind songwriting make this the holiday event to share with friends and family.

"A blast of holiday cheer!" – *The Vancouver Sun*

“The elaborately staged musical is an earnestly heartfelt tribute to the country icon’s old-timey roots.” – *Stir*

Described by Eileen Barrett.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

**** 4) [EAST VAN PANTO: ROBIN HOOD](#)**

Join Robin Hood and friends on a merry mission to save East Van!

Described on Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm at The York, 639 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. [View Map](#)

The Cultch offers a 50% ticket discount to VocalEye users. Please call [604-251-1363](tel:604-251-1363) to purchase and be sure to mention VocalEye.

It’s a beautiful day in Trout Lake for Robin Hood and the Merry-Thems—or it should have been! Alas, the naughty Sheriff has other plans—the parks have been privatized! Now everyone, including the birds and animals, has to pay to use the park. A trip to the library to read up on their rights leads Robin and friends on a grand adventure to invade Britannia, to retrieve the keys to the

city's public amenities, and try to steal back our neighbourhood from the rich and powerful.

Theatre Replacement's East Van Panto returns for its twelfth year, welcoming back the creative team behind last year's hit: *Beauty and the Beast*. Co-Playwrights Jivesh Parasram & Christine Quintana, Composer & Musical Director Veda Hille, and Director Anita Rochon return to bring you East Van's wackiest all-ages tradition!

“Year after year, almost without fail, Theatre Replacement's East Van Pantos are some of the most innovative, entertaining productions we see all season.”— Colin Thomas, Vancouver Theatre Critic

Described by Stacie Steadman.

[Accessibility at The York](#)

** 5) [MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET](#)

A fresh take on a holiday classic.

Described twice: Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm AND Friday, December 20 at 8pm at the Arts Club Granville Island, 1585 Johnston Street, Vancouver. [View Map](#)

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When Kris Kringle starts working as a Santa at Macy's department store and begins to spread Christmas cheer, things tumble out of control. He's truly Santa Claus, he insists, but skeptical adults and an unimaginative little girl doubt him. The stakes rise when store executives take Kris to court, where he must prove he's the real thing. Can goodwill triumph in the end? Coming to life on stage, this endearing tale fills our hearts and restores a childhood sense of wonder.

VocalEye is hosting a notable social at the Tap and Barrel on Granville Island before the show. Please contact amy@vocaleyeye.ca to reserve your spot.

Described by Cas Wanden.

[Accessibility at the Arts Club](#)

** 6) [LIONEL BART'S OLIVER!](#)

An award-winning musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel, 'Oliver Twist'.

Described on Saturday, December 28 at 1 pm at the Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Rd, Richmond. [View Map](#)

The Gateway offers a 50% ticket discount to VocalEye users. [Purchase your tickets online](#) using the discount code "VOC50" or call the Gateway Box Office at [604-270-1812](tel:604-270-1812).

Step into the heart of Victorian England with Lionel Bart's timeless musical masterpiece, **Oliver!** Based on Charles Dickens' beloved novel 'Oliver Twist', this Tony and Olivier award-winning show has enchanted audiences for decades and even claimed the Academy Award for Best Picture. **Oliver!** follows the heart-wrenching journey of an orphan who escapes a bleak workhouse to find camaraderie among Fagin's gang of young pickpockets. As Oliver is wrongfully accused of theft, he finds an unexpected saviour in the kind-hearted Mr. Brownlow. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sykes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

This holiday classic, beloved by Gateway audiences since its performances in 1992 and 2001, is back to fill the season with its wonderful music and heartwarming story of love and community. Hold on tight to your handkerchiefs for an evening filled with singing, dancing, unforgettable characters and spirited songs, (“Food, Glorious Food,” and “Consider Yourself”).

Described by Anika Vervecken.

[Accessibility at the Gateway](#)

** 7) WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

A warm welcome to VocalEye’s new Managing Director, **Ava Forsyth!**

“I have long admired Vocal Eye and the incredible work the team does in making arts and culture more accessible. It is a true privilege to now have the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity. I look forward to the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together!” - Ava Forsyth

** 8) COMMUNITY EVENTS

IN PERSON

- **Community Access Tour of Firelei Báez: Tuesday, December 3 or Tuesday, December 17 from 5pm to 6pm at the Vancouver Art Gallery, 750 Hornby Street, Vancouver.**

One of the most exciting painters of her generation, Báez delves into the historical narratives of the Atlantic Basin. Over the past twenty years, she has made work that explores the multilayered explorations of the legacy of colonial histories and the African diaspora in the Caribbean and beyond.

Services available by request include: Verbal Description, ASL interpretation, sensory kits, visual walkthrough, free manual wheelchairs, and a variety of seating and accommodations can be made to ensure a sensory-friendly environment.

Free to attend. [Register here](#)

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