

** VOCALEYE ONLINE ZOOM BULLETIN | DECEMBER 2024

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** 1) LAST ALMOST LIVES OF 2024

As we wrap up another year, we're bringing you the last two **Almost Lives** of 2024! A reminder that there won't be programming on the first Wednesday of the month- but stick around for some holiday cheer, great conversation, and a chance to connect with others as we close out the year together!

This month begins with [Giving Tuesday](#) and [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#), which both fall on December 3 this year. These special days are a chance to reflect on the power of

community support, leadership and advocacy, with an opportunity to give back.

Thank you for joining us every Wednesday (or catching up with us on YouTube!)—but most of all, thank you for being an essential part of the VocalEye community. Your support truly means the world.

Almost Live events are designed to be accessible for people who are blind and partially sighted. If you've never attended a VocalEye Almost Live Zoom event before, you can register for a single event or sign up for the full season. A Zoom link and reminder will be sent to you on the day of the event. Everyone is welcome!

[Register here](#) or call [604-364-5949](tel:604-364-5949)

[Time Zone Converter](#)

The VocalEye virtual lobby opens at 6:30 pm Pacific Time for socializing and community updates with host Amy Amantea. The pre-show introduction begins at 6:45 pm with Amy and guests. The featured presentation begins at 7 pm, followed by more community conversation.

Never miss a show!



[Check out the latest schedule on the VocalEye Website](#)

Watch past episodes!



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** 2) ALMOST LIVE ZOOM

** 3) EAST VAN PANTO: THE LITTLE MERMAID

[Episode 167: East Van Panto: The Little Mermaid](#)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm Pacific Time

Join us for one of the most popular Pantos ever!

Experience one of the most beloved theatre productions in Vancouver, Theatre Replacement's East Van Panto! Jam-packed with music, jokes and great costumes, this brilliant version of The Little Mermaid fuses high-energy pantomime traditions with lots of local references to create a "whip-smart, highly original production". Enjoy a filmed theatre performance of The Little Mermaid (originally produced in 2022) with VocalEye audio description by Eileen Barrett.

Host Amy Amantea will be joined by special guests [Maiko Yamamoto](#), Artistic Director of Theatre Replacement and Dawn Petten who plays Ursula, the hilarious, wicked and purple sea witch.

For a great interview with actor Dawn Petten in The Georgia Strait, [click here](#).

Presented in partnership with [The Cultch](#) and [Theatre/Replacement](#). * This event will not be recorded.

** 4) HOLIDAY SURPRISE

[Episode 168: Holiday Surprise](#)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm Pacific Time

Time to get your eggnog and ugly sweaters on! Don't miss our festive end-of-year celebration featuring our Toronto pals Christine Malec and JJ Hunt. They'll join Amy in the holiday spirit with fun, games, music and a few Secret Santa surprises!

The winner of our [15th Anniversary Online 50/50 Raffle](#) will take place during this event.

Don't miss our last Almost Live Zoom of the year!

Almost Live will resume on January 15. Stay tuned for the full program schedule!

**** 5) AMY'S HOLIDAY TREAT FOR YOU!**

VocalEye wants to offer you a personalized digital gift as unique as you are! As a special thank you for your support this year, Amy came up with the brilliant idea of creating a custom digital song for VocalEye community members. All you need to do is answer a few fun prompts, and Amy will use your responses to generate a one-of-a-kind song in the style of your choice—just for you!

Please Note: This gift is for members of the blind community only. If you'd like to join in, simply fill out the Google Form below with your details. Please answer as many of the optional questions as you like!

[Fill out Google Form](#)

Submit by: Saturday, December 14 for inclusion in our Almost Live Holiday Surprise event

Or by **Tuesday, December 31** for a personalized digital holiday gift delivered directly to you!

For assistance completing the form, please contact

amy@vocaleyec.ca

**** 6) VOCALEYE DESCRIBER CAFE**

That's a wrap on this year's Describer Cafe! A very heartfelt to everyone who joined us- either as a participant or a special guest. We appreciate you and hope we all came away with more knowledge about audio description and access to the arts!

Describer Cafe Recordings Available!

Get lifetime access to VocalEye's Describer Cafe recordings with a one-time Pro D Account purchase! Pay-Per-View options available. Email info@vocaleyec.ca if you experience financial barriers. [Learn more](#)

Next Describer Cafe: Friday, January 31, 2025 – Topic TBA

**** 7) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

ONLINE

- **Radio LUMI Online Radio Series:** Radio LUMI provides exclusive content of Luminato Festival Toronto, with live-from-location reporting, behind-the-scenes content, audio descriptions of festival programs, artist interviews, and deep

dives into each Festival event, as well as other exciting content created by members of the blind and low vision community, along with two audio describers (featuring JJ Hunt and Christine Malec!). [Listen here](#)

- Taylor Swift is about to dazzle Vancouver audiences this week after performing 6 sold-out shows in Toronto. JJ and Christine took their surround-sound mic to the Toronto SkyDome to experience the atmosphere, the fans and the friendship bracelets. They share all things Tay-Tay in their latest episode of Talk Description to Me, [The Taylor Swift Experience](#)

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for our [15th Anniversary Online 50/50 Raffle](#)! We appreciate every testimonial, letter of support and you spreading the word. Deadline to purchase tickets: **Wednesday, December 18 at 5 pm PST**. (Must be a BC resident and 19+ to purchase.)

[**PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS**](#)

Live outside BC and want to support VocalEye? Click below to donate through CanadaHelps. Giving Tuesday gifts matched.

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