CHINATOWN WALKING TOURS Two distinct tours by historian John Atkin. Every Wednesday (10 a.m.): area history, architecture and people, every Sunday (7 p.m.): explore Chinatown's famous night markets. Tickets \$10 at 604 662-3207 ext. 205.

VANCOUVER TALKS Walking audio tours of downtown sites. Ongoing. Rentals of MP3 players at Tourism Vancouver's Tourist Info Centre (200 Burrard). \$14.50 per day, Info: 604 876-6511 or CityTalks.ca

FESTIVALS

2ND ANNUAL DTES HEART OF THE CITY FESTI-

VAL Celebration of the Downtown Eastside community. featuring over 70 arts and culture events at 20 different locations. Oct. 26 - Nov. 6. Info: HeartOfTheCityFestival. com and 604-665 2213.

LIVE BIENNIAL OF PERFORMANCE ART 2005

International festival of performance art with over 50 performances in 20 venues throughout the city To Nov. 25. Free and ticketed performances. Full details and ticket info at LIVEVancouver.bc.ca

FORUMS

VANCOUVER PRIDE SOCIETY AGM Annual General Meeting welcomes all VPS Members in good standing to close the books on Pride 2005 and elect new Directors to the VPS Board Oct. 22 at St. John's Church (Comox & Broughton), 1-4 p.m. Info: VanPride.bc.ca

FREE HEALTH SYMPOSIUM Why Are We Obese? with Dr. Jeffrey M. Friedman and Mixed Signals: the cause of disease with Dr. Tony Pawson Oct. 24 at UBC Life Sciences Centre, Lecture Theatre 1 (2350 Health Sciences Mall), 4-6 p.m. First-come seating.

LECTURE SERIES ON ARCHITECHTURE AND

DESIGN Monthly forums hosted by internationally acclaimed architects and designers at Chan Centre (6265 Crescent Rd.). Free admission. Info: LecturesOnArchitecture.net

LATER

THE WAR OF THE WORLDS Multi-media musical production that presents the classic sci-fi tale with narration (Jurgen Goethe), vocals, a five-piece techno rock band, still and moving images, laser lighting, live feed and more Oct. 27-Nov. 20 at H.R. MacMillan Space Centre (1100 Chestnut), 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$22-\$27.50 (FBO). Info: TheWarOfTheWorlds.ca

ABC SPOOK SHOW Halloween art show by Ryan Heshka, artist and illustrator, including 26 new paintings, at FI Kartel 121-a Robson Oct. 28.

A FABULOUS DISASTER Ruby Slippers Theatre presents one-woman show written and performed by internationally acclaimed Denise Clarke Nov. 1-5 at Firehall Arts Centre (280 E. Cordova), 8 p.m. Tickets \$24/\$20 at 604 689-0926.

REFUSESREWINDSREPLAY! BC Short Film festival Nov. 2 at Pacific Cinematheque (1131 Howe), 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$6, \$5 Cinematheque members, free for Cineworks members, Info CineWorks, ca.

LITTLE MERCY'S FIRST MURDER Film noir musical based on the life of crime scene photographer Arthur Fellig with a score that pays tribute to the music of the 30s and 40s Nov. 3-12 at VECC (1895 Venables), 8 p.m. Mats: Nov. 6 & 12, 2 p.m. Tickets \$22/\$18 (TM).

ESCAPE TO NIRVANA A non-profit "organic" couture show presented by John Casablancas Fashion Arts Graduates and benefitting Doctors Without Borders Nov. 4 at Vancouver Club (915 W. Hastings), 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 adv. at John Casablancas (150-220 Cambie), \$25 door.

UNDER COVER 1st annual wine-tasting benefit for the Shooting Stars Foundation, with blind tastings of wine under \$13.95 a bottle. Featuring dinner, dance and music. Nov. 4 at Vancouver Rowing Club (Stanley Park), 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 at 604 687-3400. Info: ShootingStarsFoundation.org

DORA'S PIRATE ADVENTURE! New musical production based on the popular Nickelodeon kids TV show. Nov. 10 (7 p.m.) 11 (10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.), 12 (11 a.m., 2 & 5 p.m.) and 13 (11 a.m., 2 & 5 p.m.) at Queen Elizabeth Theatre (Hamilton & Georgia). Tickets: \$14.50-\$47.50 (TM).

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST The Arts Club Theatre Company presents a musical adaptation of the Academy Award-winning animated film Nov. 17 - Jan. 15 at Industrial Alliance Stage (Granville at 12th) Tues. 7:30 p.m., Wed. - Sat. 8 p.m. Mats: Wed., Sat. & Sun 2 p.m. Tickets \$29-\$59.50 (TM).

ECIAD STUDENT SHOW AND SALE 25th annual event features original paintings, photos, prints, ceramics and more, Nov. 25 to 27, Concourse Gallery, Emily Carr Institute, 1399 Johnston St., Granville Island,

GREY CUP Canada's largest sporting event. Nov. 27 at BC Place Stadium. (TM), Info: 2005GrevCup.com

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