

what's out west

WINNIPEG

Royal Winnipeg Ballet

Val Caniparoli's A Cinderella Story

October 20-24, 2004 – Centennial Concert Hall

The 1950s is the setting for Val Caniparoli's A Cinderella Story. This retro retelling of your favourite fairy tale features electric choreography and Richard Rodgers tunes, all arranged for jazz orchestra. Tickets at 1-800-667-4792. www.rwb.org

SASKATOON

Premier, Saskatchewan's Wine, Spirits and Speciality Food Show September 29-October 2, 2004

Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre

Sample new high-end wines, spirits, liqueurs and more, as well as delicious foods, at this popular wine and food fest. Tickets at 306-975-7797. www.saskcent.com

Amati Quartet

September 11 & November 13, 2004 – Broadway Theatre

The University of Saskatchewan Amati Quartet in Residence presents two fall concerts. The September program features Haydn, Shostakovich and Smetana; the November program Haydn, Dvorak and Debussy. Tickets at 306-652-6556. www.amatiquartet.usask.ca

Sundog Handcraft Faire

December 3-5, 2004 – Credit Union Centre

The largest event of its kind in western Canada features a juried market with over 170 artisans and artists. Entertainment, craft demos and multicultural food court add to the fun. Tickets at the door. www.sundoghandcraftfaire.com

REGINA

Lend Me a Tenor

September 15 - October 2, 2004 – Globe Theatre

The Globe's season opener is a farce-de-résistance that features a three-ring circus of chaos, mayhem and general tomfoolery as outrageous characters attempt to resolve a case of mistaken identity. Tickets at 306-525-6400. www.globetheatrelive.com

Canadian Western Agribition

November 22-27, 2004 – Regina Exhibition Park

Western Canada's premier agricultural show and marketplace features six days of grandstand entertainment, pro rodeo and one of the best livestock shows in the world, including beef, horses and speciality livestock. Tickets at 306-565-0565. www.agribition.com

CALGARY

WordFest, Banff-Calgary International Writers Festival

October 13-17, 2004 – Calgary & Banff

Alberta's hottest literary event and the third largest festival of its kind in Canada is back for its 9th annual outing. The line-up includes more than 50 artists over five days. Visit www.wordfest.com for updates on who's coming.

Calgary Winter Antique Show

November 12-14, 2004 – Round Up Centre, Stampede Park

The 6th Annual Winter show and sale features top antique and

collectibles dealers from across Canada. See country furniture, glass and china, antique jewellery, vintage collectibles, toys, rare and antiquarian books, more. Toll Free 1-800-667-0619.

www.antiqueshowscanada.com

EDMONTON

Edmonton International Film Festival

October 14-19, 2004 – Old Strathcona District

Six intense days of life at 24 frames per second. The Edmonton International Film Festival celebrates the spirit of independent cinema as films from every genre un-spool day and night. Call 780-423-0844. www.edmontonfilm.com

Canadian Finals Rodeo

November 10-14, 2004 – Northlands Park

With the richest purse in Canada at stake, the competition is extreme at the Canadian Finals Rodeo. Join over 90,000 spectators for wild, edge-of-your-seat performances. Toll Free 1-888-800-7275.

www.canadianfinalsrodeo.ca

KAMLOOPS

Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships

October 7-11, 2004 – Mount Paul Centre

This five day event is one of the most colourful and exciting family events to come to British Columbia's interior. 30 balloon pilots are expected to compete, plus another 10 flying for fun and some commercial balloons as well. See it all up close. www.aces-kamloops.ca

VANCOUVER

Norah Jones

September 27, 2004 – General Motors Place

Norah Jones continues to enchant audiences with her award-winning blend of jazz, pop and R&B vocal styles. Tickets at all Ticketmaster outlets: 604-280-4444 or www.ticketmaster.ca.

Vancouver Home & Interior Design Show

October 14-17, 2004 – B.C. Place Stadium

The marketplace for home owners! Shop for new ideas, expert advice and a wide selection of home-related products. Call 604-661-7373. www.bcplacestadium.com

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Eternal Egypt, Royal BC Museum

until October 31, 2004 – Victoria, B.C.

Eternal Egypt: Masterworks of Ancient Art from The British Museum features over 140 masterworks selected for their rarity, beauty and historical significance from the time of the great pyramids through the era of Cleopatra. Call Toll Free 1-888-447-7977.

www.rbcm.gov.bc.ca

7th Annual Clayoquot Oyster Festival

November 20, 2004 – Tofino, B.C.

Held in Tofino at the Tin Wis Conference Centre, the Festival begins with boat tours to oyster farms in Clayoquot Sound. Enjoy food and wine, great music, the slurping contest and Chef cook-off. Call 250-725-4222 or visit www.oystergala.com