



what's out west

WINNIPEG

Royal Winnipeg Ballet's - The Nutcracker

December 22, 2003 - Centennial Concert Hall

Set on the prairies in 1913, the RWB's Nutcracker reworks a classic tale with typical Canadian panache. The dancing mice, waltz of the snowflakes and sugar plum fairy are still there, but they come alive at a time when Winnipeg was the trading hub of North America. Other dates, tickets at www.rbw.org

SASKATOON

The SIGA Enchanted Forest until January 11, 2004

Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

Canada's largest outdoor drive-through Christmas light display is back with more than 900 brilliantly lit images, animated displays and giant Christmas trees. 5:30-11:00 p.m. nightly. Car pass available at gate, advance passes at Saskatoon Canada Safeway stores.

Transforming Presence: The Landscape of the Spirit until January 18, 2004 - Mendel Art Gallery

Drawn from the holdings of the Mendel Art Gallery, this exhibition of painting, photography, weaving and sculpture is a veritable who's who of artists of Canadian, American and British artists. Mendel Art Gallery. Call (306) 975-7610. www.mendel.ca

Fame - The Musical - February 6-8, 2004 Centennial Auditorium

Inspired by the Academy Award winning film and Emmy Award winning TV series, Fame-The Musical is an emotionally charged, red hot, spectacular new musical. It chronicles the 4-year odyssey, from audition to graduation, of a group of talented and dedicated students at New York City's High School of the Performing Arts. For tickets, call (306) 938-7800 or 1-800-970-7328. www.saskcent.com

REGINA

Rory Allen Band - A Rockin' Elvis Christmas December 17-21, 2003 - Casino Regina Showlounge

World-class entertainer and Elvis tribute artist Rory Allen is back and ready to rock your holiday season. For tickets, call (306) 565-3000 or 1-800-555-3189. www.casinoregina.com

SaskPower Festival of Lights until January 7, 2004 - Wascana Centre

Regina's annual drive-through light festival in beautiful Wascana Centre will delight both the young and young at heart. Nightly from 6-10 p.m.

Sylvia - January 28 - February 14, 2004 The Globe Theatre

It's puppy love when's Kate's husband Greg brings home a stray dog. Can Kate learn to love Sylvia? Will Sylvia ever stop scooting on the white living room carpet? Two paws up for this hilarious romp by A.R.Gurney. Call (306) 525-6400. www.globetheatrelive.com

CALGARY

Calgary Flames vs Edmonton Oilers

December 23, 2003 - Pengrowth Saddledome

For tickets, call (403) 777-4646 today! www.calgaryflames.com

David Bowie with Macy Gray - January 21, 2004 Pengrowth Saddledome

Bowie's first full-fledged world tour since 1995 includes songs from every era of his remarkable career. He changes set lists from night to night, so buckle up. Tickets available online at www.ticketmaster.ca

EDMONTON

Edmonton Oilers vs Minnesota Wild

December 30, 2003 - Rexall Place

For tickets, call (780) 414-GOAL (4625) or Toll Free 1-866-414-GOAL (4625). www.edmontonoilers.com

2004 BMO Financial Group Canadian Figure Skating Championships January 5-11, 2004 - Rexall Place

Canada's best compete for national honours in ladies, men's, pairs and dance, junior and senior categories. For tickets, call (780) 451-8000. www.ticketmaster.ca

VANCOUVER

42nd Street - December 16, 2003 - January 3, 2004

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts

42nd Street tells the timeless, inspiring tale of small town Peggy Sawyer's rise from chorine to Broadway star. Lullaby of Broadway, We're in the Money, I Only Have Eyes For You, and the spectacular title number add up to a smiling, sparkling, tapping, back-flipping classic Broadway production! For tickets, call (604) 602-0616 or visit www.centreinvancouver.com

Vancouver Canucks vs. Colorado Avalanche

January 2, 2004 - General Motors Place

For tickets, call (604) 280-4400 or Toll Free 1-800-663-9311. www.canucks.com

VICTORIA

Polar Bear Swim

January 1, 2004 - Elk Lake

What better way to start the year than with an invigorating dip in Elk Lake. Join countless other daring dippers on a memorable first day of the year ... or just watch the lunacy. Find out more at www.tourismvictoria.com

Jann Arden - Love is the Only Soldier

January 9-10, 2004 - The Royal Theatre

Canada's premier chanteuse performs two nights in Victoria during her cross country tour. An intimate, inspiring, hilarious, soulful and moving concert experience. Get your tickets soon. Call (250) 386-6121.