

what's out west

WINNIPEG

International Wine Festival - October 17-19, 2003

The Forks

A stellar selection of fine wine from over 300 wineries around the world, accompanied by exquisite cheese and patés, soothing music, great company and barrels of fun. Free tickets call (204) 947-9084.

www.theforks.com

The Matrix Reloaded: the IMAX Experience

IMAX Theatre at Portage Place

The Matrix Reloaded has been digitally re-mastered into the unparalleled image and sound quality of the IMAX Experience. For tickets, call Select-a-Seal at (204) 780-SEAT. www.imax.com/winnipeg/

SASKATOON

Daring Confessions: Romance and the Modern-day Girl until November 16
Mendel Art Gallery

New works by emerging female artists from across Canada explore the literary, commercial and cinematic genre of romance, investigating how young women negotiate their sexual and emotional needs and desires within (or without) constructed notions of love. Call (306) 975-7610.

www.mendel.ca

George Carlin with Dennis Blair - November 18, 2003

Centennial Auditorium

One of North America's most popular and irreverent comedians comes to town for a one-night only performance. Carlin's unconventional take on life recently earned him a third Grammy, adding to his six CABLEACE Awards and five Emmy nominations. For tickets, call (306) 938-7800 or 1-800-970-7328. www.saskcent.com

The SIGA Enchanted Forest - November 28, 2003 – January 11, 2004
Canada's largest outdoor drive-through Christmas light display is back with more than 900 brilliantly lit images, animated displays and giant Christmas trees. Nightly at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo. Car pass available at gate, advance passes at Saskatoon Canada Safeway stores.

REGINA

Pavlo in Concert - October 31 - November 1, 2003

Casino Regina Showlounge

The 'Greek god of the guitar' brings his signature Flamenco guitar and Latin style to the Showlounge. For tickets, call (306) 565-3000 or 1-800-555-3189. www.casinoregina.com

Grey Cup 2003 - November 12-16, 2003

Take a weeklong wild ride through the greatest festival the CFL has ever seen. Activities include the Downtown party tent, venues of different CFL teams, flag football championship, the Grey Cup Parade on Saturday and the big game itself on Sunday, the 91st annual Grey Cup at Taylor Field. Call 1-866-GREY-CUP. www.greycup2003.com

Canadian Western Agribition - November 24-29, 2003

Regina Exhibition Park

Western Canada's premier agricultural show and marketplace features six days of grandstand entertainment, pro rodeo, industry showcases and one of the best livestock shows in the world, beef to horses and speciality livestock. For tickets, call (306) 565-0565. www.agribition.com

The mother of all parades, the 77th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, happens November 27, 2003 in NYC.

CALGARY AND AREA

George Thorogood & the Destroyers - October 19, 2003

Outlaws Niteclub

Legendary rockers George Thorogood & the Destroyers return to their hard-driving roots with a high-energy gig at Outlaws. For tickets, call 565-3000 or 1-800-555-3189.

Banff Mountain Festivals - November 4-9, 2003

Spend a week in the Rockies enjoying mountain stories, films, videos and speakers from around the world at the Banff Mountain Book Festival and Banff Mountain Film Festival. For tickets, call 1-800-413-8368 or (403) 762-6301. www.banffmountainfestivals.ca

EDMONTON

Pink Floyd - October 16, 2003

Jubilee Auditorium

270,000 watts of light, 20 tonnes of quadraphonic sound, 6 musicians and one epic concert. Get comfortably numb with Pink Floyd. For tickets, call (780) 451-8000. www.ticketmaster.ca

Just for Laughs Comedy Tour - November 13, 2003

Jubilee Auditorium

Rick Mercer, Adam Ferrara, Mitch Fatel, Derek Edwards, John Moloney and Joey Elias take their show on the road as part of a riotous whirlwind cross-Canada tour. For tickets, call (780) 451-8000. www.ticketmaster.ca

VANCOUVER

Dracula - October 22 – November 2, 2003

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts

Bram Stoker's spine-chilling tale is reinvented in this eerie, captivating rendition of the classic gothic horror, just in time for Halloween. For tickets, call (604) 602-0616 or visit www.centreinvancouver.com

Eastside Culture Crawl - November 21-23, 2003

Your chance to visit more than 200 studios and meet painters, potters, sculptors, photographers, glass blowers, furniture makers and others in western Canada's largest studio exhibition and sale. And it's free! More information and directions at www.culturecrawl.bc.ca

VICTORIA

Salmon Run - October 26 – December 31, 2003

Goldstream Provincial Park

Annual migration of some 20,000 salmon making their journey from the Pacific Ocean up Finlayson Arm to spawn in the river they were born in. Park naturalists offer hourly weekend programs at the park Nature Centre. For more information, call 478-9414.

The Fall Of The House Of Usher - October 29 - November 1, 2003

Craigdarroch Castle

Join Roderick, Madelaine Usher, the Doctor, Butler and our intrepid Narrator for an evening of thrilling entertainment as Giggling Iguana Productions brings Usher back to Craigdarroch Castle for the fourth and possibly final year. For tickets, call (250) 592-5323.