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09 THURSDAY

Renee Van Halm

Burnaby Art Gallery, reception, 7 p.m.; to April 8

The way architecture shapes our social interactions is a primary theme of Vancouver artist and Emily Carr University instructor Renee Van Halm. This survey exhibition focuses on her works on paper, in which modern architectural design elements are layered with painterly abstraction.

THE CHERRYTREE POP ALTERNATIVE TOUR

Pacific Coliseum, 7 p.m.

As fans know, tour headliners LMFAO take the stage without Sky Blu, who's down with a bad back. Still, his better half, Redfoo, was able to get 13,000 people wiggle-dancing in the aisles Monday in Edmonton. Explaining Sky Blu's absence, despite his appearance at Sunday's Super Bowl, Redfoo pleaded: "They had to give him drugs and stuff. He was limping and stuff. He's really messed up, so he needs your support."

INTIMATE APPAREL

Granville Island Stage, to March 10

Guys will score with this date-perfect play, a love story set in 1905, concerning a black seamstress who makes lingerie for the rich but yearns for a reason to wear sexy underwear, too. Fabulous period corsets are buoyed by a thoughtful, affecting script by the Pulitzer Prize-winning Lynn Nottage. A 2004 production saw the off-Broadway premiere of Intimate Apparel star Viola Davis (The Help). Marci T. House brings the role to life for the Arts Club production.

10 FRIDAY

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Various venues, to Feb. 18

The annual festival celebrates adventure motion pictures with more than 50 films, many of them premieres, and guests including world-renowned climbers, skiers and paddlers. Friday's opening night peaks with legendary climber John Harlin recounting his circumnavigation of the Swiss borders, a 2,000-km odyssey with over a million vertical feet of climbing and descending.

ILLUMINATE YALETOWN

Yaletown, 6-11 p.m., also Saturday

The neighbourhood's buildings will glow with innovative and interactive light-art exhibits inside and out, musicians and performance artists will take the streets, and an ice-carving competition takes over Yaletown Park.

SECRETS CHIEFS 3/DENGUE FEVER

Rickshaw Theatre, 9 p.m.

This co-headlining show features the swirling jazz-jam-Casbah rock of Secret Chiefs 3, fronted by ex-Mr. Bungle multi-instrumental wunderkind Trey Spruance, and the psychedelic, Cambodian indie-rock sounds of L.A.'s Dengue Fever, whose luminous singer Chhom Nimol performed for the king and queen of Cambodia.

11 SATURDAY

WAYNE MCGREGOR/RANDOM DANCE

Vancouver Playhouse, 8 p.m.; also Feb. 10

One of the U.K. and Europe's most esteemed and exciting dance innovators, Wayne McGregor is resident choreographer at London's venerable Royal Ballet, and has created works for the Paris Opera Ballet and the Bolshoi. His company Wayne McGregor/Random Dance makes its Vancouver debut with Entity, a multimedia work for 10 dancers, with a soundscape by Coldplay and Massive Attack collaborator Jon Hopkins.

PAOLO PANDOLFO

Christ Church Cathedral, 8 p.m.

The silvery tone of the viola da gamba is an evocative memory of music's past and Paolo Pandolfo is one of the most expressive and imaginative of players on the instrument. His recital for Early Music Vancouver, which alternates masterworks from the past with original music by Pandolfo himself, promises to be one of the must-see events of the classical season.

12 SUNDAY

UBC OPERA: RUSALKA

Chan Centre, starts Feb. 9

Dvorak's romantic, hauntingly sad and sumptuously scored fairy tale can leave audiences spellbound, as when superstar Renee Fleming performed the title role for the Met in the late 1990s. When UBC last performed the otherworldly take on The Little Mermaid, it was 1977, and the cast was led by a young student tenor, Ben Heppner.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

BC Place and Granville Island, starts Feb. 8

Even if you don't own a yacht (yet) there's plenty to float your boat at the 50th anniversary of the renowned show, including free, 30-minute sailboat rides and featured speaker Russell Newberry, host of TV's The Deadliest Catch.

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