

ENTERTAINMENT LISTINGS

» **I am Someone: Walk to End Bullying**
Second annual walk/community event. Features a community walk, speakers and more. • Leigh Square, 1100-2253 Leigh Square Plc., Port Coquitlam • Dec. 8, 12:45-4 p.m. • Free, 604-939-8777, iamsomeone.ca

» **Handel's Messiah: Workshop/Symposium**
Join Maestro Leslie Dala and members of the Vancouver Bach Choir for a workshop highlighting choruses from Handel's cherished masterpiece. • Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 W. Georgia St. • Dec. 10, 7 p.m. • Free, 604-331-3603, vpl.ca

» **Social Butterfly Club Holiday Party**
Includes appies, drinks, live musical performance, keynote speech and networking opportunities. Speakers include Tom Jones and Jeffrey Armstrong. • B.C. Sports Hall of Fame, 777 Pacific Blvd. • Dec. 12, 6-9 p.m. • By donation, Alice: 604-773-5231 to RSVP, gracioushost.ca/upcoming.php

■ OUTDOORS/FITNESS

» **Casual Birding Walks**
Shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors and more on this 2.5 hour bird watching amble. Bring binoculars. • Boundary Bay Regional Park, meet at Cammidge House, Delta • Dec. 11, 9 a.m.-noon • Free, drop-in, 604-432-6359, metrovancoveronline.org

» **Robson Square Ice Rink**
Renew a classic Vancouver tradition and enjoy some old-fashioned fun. Come celebrate winter in style with free skating in the heart of downtown Vancouver. • Robson Square Ice Rink, 800 Robson St. • Free, 604-689-1889, RobsonSquare.com

» **Lower Mainland Green Team**
A hands-on way to conserve the environment by participating in activities like tree planting, harvesting, pulling invasive plants, river clean up and more. • meetup.com/The-Lower-Mainland-Green-Team

» **Richmond Nature Park**
This 100 acre park features a nature house, peat bog, bird pond, sawdust trails and boardwalks. • 11851 Westminster Hwy. • Open daily, dawn to dusk • Free admission, 604-718-6188

■ TRADE SHOWS/SHOPPING

» **Education and Career Fair**
One of the largest educational and career planning events in Western Canada, providing visitors the opportunity to develop a career path. • Vancouver Convention Centre, East • Dec. 6 • educationcareerfairs.com

» **Pop Culture Collectibles Fair and Computer Swap Meet**
A great selection of dealers carrying electronics and computer items, plus rare toys, current and vintage comics and all kinds of collectibles. • Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson St. • Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$3/adult, 604-521-6304, fun-promo.com

» **Annual Fine Art Show**
The North Shore Artists' Guild invites you to this annual sale. Features more than 600 paintings from 140 local artists. • Parkgate Community Center, 3625 Banff Court, North Van • Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free admission, 604-983-9870, nsartists.ca

» **Vancouver Flea Market**
Dealers and sellers offering all kinds of things from collectibles and memorabilia to everyday household items. • 703 Terminal Ave. • Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 604-685-0666, vancouverfleamarket.com

» **Vancouver's Winter Farmers Market**
Find delicious locally made food and enjoy knowing where your food comes from and who cultivates it. • Nat Bailey Stadium, W. 30th and Ontario Street • Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • 604-879-3276, eatlocal.org

» **White Rock Farmers' Winter Market**
Vendor-produced goods, including fresh fruits and veggies, with an emphasis on locally-grown farm produce, plus baked goods, crafts by local artisans and more. • Elks Club, 1469 George St., White Rock • Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Free admission, inwhiterock.com

■ LITERARY

» **Khaled Hosseini**
Bestselling author of The Kite Runner discusses his new book, And the Mountains Echoed, with the Globe and Mail's Marsha Lederman. • St. Andrews-Wesley United Church, 1022 Nelson St. • Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. • \$21/\$19, writersfest.bc.ca

» **TWS Reading Series**
Features a great lineup of readers, including guest author, Governor General's Literary Award winner, David Zelig. • Cottage Bistro, 4470 Main St. • Dec. 5, 8-10 p.m. • thewritersstudio.ca

» **Beverly Delich & Shelley Fralic**
Join co-authors Beverly Delich and Shelley Fralic as they celebrate the release of their new book, Come Fly with Me: Michael Buble's Rise to Stardom, a Memoir. • Black Bond Books, Royal City Centre, 102-610 Sixth St., New West • Dec. 7, noon • 604-528-6226, douglas-mcintyre.com/calendar/70

» **Stealing Light: Columpa C. Bobb**
Join aboriginal storyteller in residence Columpa C. Bobb for her final program at the Vancouver Public Library. • Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 W. Georgia St. • Dec. 11, 7 p.m. • Free, 604-331-3603, vpl.ca

■ SEASONAL: CRAFT FAIRS/MARKETS

» **Christmas in Cloverdale**
A unique gift and craft marketplace featuring more than 100 vendor tables. • Cloverdale Fairgrounds, 6050A 176th St. • Dec. 6-7 • Free admission, accepting donations to the Surrey Food Bank, 778-385-3769, cic.gizmothetown.com

» **Toque: Western Front Annual Fundraiser and Craft Sale**
Features works by local crafters and artisans, ranging in price from \$5-\$500. All proceeds support Western Front's year-round programming. • Dec. 6: Opening night shopping party, 6-10 p.m., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. • Western Front, 303 E. 8th Ave. • 604-876-9343, toque2013.tumblr.com

» **5th Annual Collingwood Artisans' Village Market**
Features artist demos, music, food and 25 local artisans displaying their wares for sale. • Collingwood Neighbourhood House, 5288 Joyce St. • Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free admission, 604-435-0323, rcmancraftfair@gmail.com

» **Aberthau Potters Winter Show & Sale**
Functional pottery, whimsical creatures, raku fired sculpture — the show covers the gamut and with prices that will delight. • Aberthau Mansion, 4397 W. 2nd Ave. • Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Free, 604-528-1442, aberthauptotters.com

» **Crafty Affaire Holiday Market**
Shop for local handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts. • Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Rd., Surrey • Dec. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • craftyaffaire.com

» **Deck the Hall Craft Fair**
More than 50 craft vendors offering



Festival of Lights, the annual holiday spectacle at VanDusen Botanical Garden, includes photos with Santa, shadow-puppet performances by Mind of a Snail, the VOC Sweet Soul Gospel Choir and more, Dec. 11 to Jan. 4.

unique handmade items perfect for gift giving. • Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St. • Dec. 7-8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • \$2 admission

» **Holy Trinity Christmas Fair & Bake Sale**
Features crafts, home baking, a book sale, hamper raffle, jewelry and lunch (sandwiches, goodies, tea & coffee, \$7/\$4) • Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 15115 Roper Ave., White Rock • Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free admission, 604-531-0884

» **Kensington Community Centre Holiday Craft Fair**
Hand crafted items, doors prizes and food. Free parking and free admission • 5175 Dumfries St. • Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • 604-718-6201

» **Portobello West: Holiday Market**
Shop from up to 75 local artisans with products ranging from art, fashion, accessories, jewelry, baby and kids items. • Creekside Community Centre, 1 Athletes Way • Dec. 7-8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • portobellowest.com

» **North Shore Artists' Guild: Christmas Art Show**
Browse 700 works of art by more than 100 talented local artists. • Parkgate Community Centre, 3625 Banff Court, North Van • Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • nsartists.ca

» **Texture + Surface Holiday Sale & Party**
Eat, drink, and shop until you drop. Find bags and jewelry from regular Fivelft and Roberto Fioravanti collections as well as discontinued items and one-off prototypes. • Milano Coffee Lounge & Tasting Bar, 156 W. 8th Ave. • Dec. 10, 5:30-9 p.m. • Nicole: 778-997-1944

» **VCC's Jewelry Art & Design Christmas Sale**
This popular Christmas sale features pieces created by VCC's Jewellery Art & Design students. • Downtown campus atrium, 250 W. Pender St. • Until Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 604-871-7000, ext. 8571

» **The Vancouver Christmas Market**
This annual market offers all the old-world tradition and cultural festivities of a traditional German Christmas market. Features more than 45 traditional wooden huts showcasing an assortment of vendors. • Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza • Until Dec. 24, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily • \$6/\$3, vancouverchristmasmarket.com

» **Christmas Artisan Gift Fair**
Original, locally-handmade artwork including pottery, woven and painted scarves, jewelry, clothing and much more. • Kariton Art Gallery, 2387 Ware St., Abbotsford • Until Dec. 21 • 604-852-9358, abbotsfordartsandcraftsociety.com

» **Delta Hospital Auxiliary: Christmas Thrift Shop**
A winter wonderland full of well-priced seasonal items, including trees, lights, decorations and more. Proceeds go to patient care and medical equipment at Delta Hospital. • 4830 Delta St., Ladner • Runs until Dec. 21 • 604-946-1455, deltahospitalauxiliary.org

» **Port Moody Arts Centre: Christmas Marketplace**
The Blackberry Artist Society's annual Christmas marketplace features unique hand-crafted gifts. • 2425 St. Johns St. • Until Dec. 23 • 604-931-2008, ext. 102, blackberrygiftshop.ca

» **Seymour Art Gallery: Winter Gift Gallery**
Buy from local artists and help support the arts in your community. Features a wide variety of hand crafted items for unique, one-of-a-kind gift giving. • 4360 Gallant Ave., North Van • Until Dec. 24, 8 p.m. • 604-924-1378, seymourartgallery.com

» **Windows on the World: Winter Art Market at the Museum of Anthropology**
Features a selection of festive gifts from Mexico and Peru. Fair Trade jewelry and accessories from international markets, holiday decorations and much more. • Museum of Anthropology, 6393 NW Marine Dr., UBC • Until Dec. 24 • 604-827-4810, moa.ubc.ca

» **White Rock Museum: Christmas Craft Fair**
Find a great selection of unique gifts for every member of the family. • 14970 Marine Dr., White Rock • Until Dec. 22 • 604-541-2221, whiterock.museum.bc.ca

■ SEASONAL: FAMILY

» **16th Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park**
More than three million twinkling lights transform the forest and train areas of Stanley Park, plus live entertainment, dozens of delightful animated displays, and of course, Santa. Accepting donations to the Burn Fund and the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. • Stanley Park Miniature Railway • Dec. 5-Jan. 5 • 604-257-8531, vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/bright-nights-trains.aspx

» **A Spontaneous Seasonal Soiree**
An evening of seasonal celebration promising spontaneous music, entertainment, libations by donation and much more. • Presentation House Theatre, 333 Chesterfield Ave., North Van • Dec. 5, 7 p.m. • Free, accepting Food Bank donations, phtheatre.org



The Vancouver International Children's Festival helps families get into the holiday spirit with A Holiday Celebration, Dec. 8, at the Vancouver Playhouse, featuring singer Charlotte Diamond and her Hug Bug Band, and Perry Ehrlich's ShowStoppers Youth Choir.

» **Bear Creek Park Christmas Train**
Visit with Santa and receive a candy cane, and take a train ride through the Christmas forest. • 13750 88th Ave., Surrey • Dec. 6-Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$7/\$5.50, bcctrains.com/christmas-train

» **Carol Ships Parade of Lights**
This annual Christmas tradition features more than 50 boats decorated with 100,000+ twinkling lights gliding through Vancouver's waterways. December 6th is the Inner Harbour Grand Opening and the lighting of the sails at Canada Place. • Dec. 6-23 • carolships.org

» **Lighting of the Queensborough Firehall**
This festive evening includes carolling, hot chocolate and fun. Have your picture taken with Santa and enjoy complimentary treats. • 1011 Owen Ave., New West • Dec. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. • Free, 604-525-7388, newwestcity.ca

» **Mission Candlelight Parade**
Santa Claus comes to Mission for the largest nighttime Christmas parade in B.C. • Lougheed Highway between Murray Street and Haig, Mission • Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. • Collecting donations for the Mission Christmas Bureau, MissionChamber.bc.ca

» **A Lantern Affair: Celebration of Light**
Usher in the warmth of light in a multicultural lantern ceremony. Visit with Father Christmas, enjoy arts & heritage activities, a winter carnival and more. • Carre Heritage Square, 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam • Dec. 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m. • Free, accepting donations for the Food Bank, 604-664-1636, placedesarts.ca

» **Christmas Sail Past**
'Tis the Season...to light up the bay! The International Yacht Club's brings their Annual Boat Light Parade to White Rock Beach. • Dec. 7, 5-6 p.m. • inwhiterock.com

» **Festive Film Screenings**
Get in the holiday spirit with three festive films throughout December. Enjoy The Polar Express (Dec. 7), Arthur Christmas (Dec. 14) and Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Dec. 21) on the big screen for only \$2.50 per ticket. See website for details. • Cineplex Cinemas • 11 a.m. • Cineplex.com/Family

» **Heritage Christmas at the Farm**
Get in the holiday spirit with a visit to the Farm. Sample fresh baking, make a decoration and tour the Victorian farmhouse all decked out for a pioneer Christmas. • Historic Stewart Farm, 13723 Crescent Rd., Surrey • Dec. 7, noon-4 p.m. • All ages, by donation, 604-592-6956, surrey.ca/heritage

» **Jack Poole Plaza Tree Lighting Celebration**
Don't miss the official launch of the 2013 holiday season with live music and sweet treats at the 2013 Vancouver Tree Lighting Celebration. • Jack Poole Plaza, Canada Place • Dec. 7, 5:30-7 p.m. • Free, vancouvertreelighting.com

» **New Westminster Santa Claus Parade**
Kick off the holiday season with the

Santa Claus Parade in Downtown New Westminster. The parade is followed by Christmas-themed interactive activities at the River Market, Shops at New West Station and the Fraser River Discovery Centre. • New West • Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • \$3-\$7, 604-777-7000, centre.nikkeiplace.org

» **North Vancouver Christmas Festival**
The square will be transformed into a sparkling Christmas wonderland complete with lights and carolers. Enjoy fun family entertainment and activities. • Shipbuilders' Square, Foot of Lansdale, North Van • Dec. 7 • Free, vancouvernorthshore.com

» **Surrey Museum: Shook Up Snowmen**
Tots learn about pioneer winter sports and leisure activities as they sing snowman songs, make a snow globe to take home and frost a cupcake. For ages 3-5. • Venue, 17710 56A Ave., Surrey • Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m.-noon • \$10.50, pre-register at 604-592-6956, surrey.ca/heritage

» **The Polar Express**
One hour train ride with cookies, hot chocolate and Christmas singalongs. Then visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the North Pole inside the Roundhouse. • West Coast Railway Heritage Park, Squamish • Dec. 7-8 • wcra.org

» **Big Rigs for Kids Lighted Truck Parade**
Central City's Big Rigs for Kids Lighted Truck Parade consists of more than 40 decorated trucks and big rigs. They will start the Surrey Santa Parade in Cloverdale at 5 p.m. and arrive in Holland Park at 6:30 p.m. Trucks will be on display until 8 p.m. • Dec. 8

» **Charlotte Diamond: A Holiday Celebration**
A fun-filled morning of favourite tunes and seasonal fare featuring Charlotte Diamond and the Hug Bug Band with Perry Ehrlich's ShowStoppers Youth Choir. • Vancouver Playhouse, 600 Hamilton St. • Dec. 8, 11 a.m. • \$25, ticketsonight.ca, 604-708-5655, childrensfestival.ca

» **Homes for the Holidays**
Tour some of your favourite New Westminster heritage homes beautifully decorated for Christmas. Proceeds go to the Queen's Park Health Care Foundation. • New West • Dec. 8, 4:30-8 p.m. • \$20, qphf.org

» **Karaoke Christmas Lights Trolley Tour**
Grab a mic and sing your heart out to holiday tunes while enjoying three hours of Christmas family fun. Features stops at Stanley Park's Bright Nights and VanDusen Botanical Garden's Festival of Lights. • Departs from Canada Place • Dec. 11-30 • \$25-\$40, 604-801-5515, vancouvertrolley.com

» **VanDusen Botanical Garden: Festival of Lights**
The garden is transformed into a holiday wonderland. Features seasonal displays and 1.4 million sparkling lights wrapped around trees and trellises. Cozy up for story time with Santa and enjoy holiday favourites sung by roving carollers. • 5251 Oak St. • Dec. 11-Jan. 4, 4:30-9 p.m. • \$7.75-\$14.25, 604-257-8335, vandusengarden.org

» **27th Annual Festival of Trees**
Check out this display of creativity and vote for your favourite tree. • Four Seasons Hotel and upper level of Pacific Centre Mall, 791 W. Georgia St. • Until Jan. 2 • bcchf.ca/events/

» **Burnaby 8 Rinks Winterfest**
Burnaby 8 Rinks has transformed one of their rinks into a Winterfest Holiday Rink, complete with live Christmas trees, festive lights, decorations and more. • Burnaby 8 Rinks, 6501 Sprout St., Burnaby • Until Jan. 1 • 604-291-0626, icesports.com/burnaby8rinks/winterfest.aspx

» **Heritage Christmas at Burnaby Village Museum**
The Village is illuminated for the festive season with spectacular displays of lights. Stroll through the streets and enjoy the traditional sights and sounds of Christmases past. • 6501 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby • Until Jan. 3 • burnabyvillagemuseum.ca

» **The Peak of Christmas**
Bring the family to Santa's Workshop and meet reindeer, enjoy a sleigh-ride through the alpine forest, skate on the 8,000 square foot mountaintop ice skating pond and enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities. • Top of Grouse Mountain, North Van • Until Dec. 24 • \$79.95/family, grousemountain.com

» **Luminescence: A Celebration of Aquatic Light**
New feature examines how animals create light through bioluminescence and fluorescence. • Vancouver Aquarium, 845 Avison Way, Stanley Park • Until Jan. 22 • 604-659-3563, vanaquarium.com

» **Christmas at FlyOver Canada**
Help Santa Save Christmas at FlyOver Canada. Features a holiday-themed pre-show experience, live entertainment, Santa's Arctic Workshop display and the FlyOver Canada flight-ride experience. • Canada Place • Until Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • \$14.95-\$19.95, flyovercanada.com

» **12 Days of Christmas in Leigh Square**
Leigh Square Community Arts Village is offering a dozen days of festive holiday events, including musical and theatre performances, workshops, Christmas movies and a visit from Santa. • Leigh Square Community Arts Village, 2100-2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam • Until Dec. 12 • Free or low-cost, 604-927-8400, portcoquitlam.ca/leighsquare

» **13th Annual Winter Wonderland**
32 Christmas trees on display, complete with the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Proceeds benefit programs offered by the Rotary Club of Richmond

Sunset. Includes free Saturday matinee musical performances on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 • Richmond City Hall Galleria, 6911 No. 3 Rd., Richmond • Until Jan. 5 • 604-214-8832, richmond.ca

» **Canyon Lights**
Hundreds of thousands of lights adorn the rainforest canopy, the Suspension Bridge and Cliffwalk, plus the world's tallest living Christmas tree, a children's scavenger hunt, singalong carols and much more. • Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, 3735 Capilano Rd., North Van • Until Jan. 4, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • \$31.95/\$12, \$65/family, 604-985-7474, capbridge.com

» **Dundarave Festival of Lights**
The spirit of the community blazes out in the darkest time of the year. Features performances, decorated trees and special events. • Dec. 7: Nativity and Paddle Songs • Dec. 14: World Christmas • Dec. 22: Christmas Wassail and Bonfire Night • Dundarave Village and Dundarave Beach, West Van • Until Jan. 4 • Free, accepting donations for the Lookout Shelter, westvancover.com

» **Christmas at Canada Place**
Skate under the Northern Lights, ride the holiday train, tour the historic Woodward's Windows and more. • Until Dec. 31 • Free, accepting donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society, canadaplace.ca

» **Winter Wonderland Puppet Show**
Festive fun at the library with seasonal stories, songs and puppetry. • Lynn Valley Main Library, 1277 Lynn Valley Rd., North Van • Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m. • Free, registration required, 604-984-0286, ext. 8144, nvdppl.ca

■ SEASONAL: MUSIC

» **Seasonal Showcase**
Pianist Annabelle Paetsch and soprano Alexandra Hill present a pre-Christmas program of selected Messiah arias, salon music by Chopin and Enrique Soró, leader of Richard Strauss and Benjamin Britten's Cabaret Songs. • Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave., West Van • Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. • \$15/\$12, 604-925-7292, silkpurse.ca

» **Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir: Christmas Concert**
100-member choir presents their annual Christmas concert. • Dec. 5: Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St. • Dec. 6: Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 W. 33rd Ave. • Dec. 10: Surrey Arts Centre • Dec. 13: Centennial Theatre, North Van • vwmc.ca

» **Pandora's Vox and Espiritu: Only Joy Allowed**
A kaleidoscope of seasonal songs to warm the heart and lift the spirit. Suitable for the whole family. • Kay Meek Centre, 1700 Mathers Ave., West Van • Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 • 604-981-6335, kaymeekcentre.com

» **Strings & Swing, Our Favourite Things**
Canadian crooner and pianist Jesse Peters teams up with fiddle sensation Lizzy Hoyt and acoustic bassist Travis Switzer for a seasonal celebration of Christmas classics. • Evergreen Cultural Centre, 1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam • Dec. 6, 8 p.m. • \$15-\$30, 604-927-6555, evergreenculturalcentre.ca

» **Vancouver Chamber Choir: A Baroque Christmas**
Celebrate the festive season with a program of baroque music presented by the Vancouver Chamber Choir, the Vancouver Chamber Orchestra, the Pacific Singers and conductors Jon Washburn and Kevin Zakresky. • Orpheum Theatre, 601 Smith St. • Dec. 6, 8 p.m. • \$20.50-\$50, 1-855-985-2787, vancouverchamberchoir.com

» **A ROCA Family Christmas**
The Richmond Community Orchestra and Chorus will perform a variety of seasonal repertoire for the whole family. • Fraserview Mennonite Brethren Church, 11295 Mellis Dr., Richmond • Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. • \$6-\$18, 604-276-2747, roca.ca

» **Carol of the Child**
The Vancouver Children's Choir celebrates their 30th anniversary season. This annual holiday show will feature guest readers, VCC alumni and members of the Christ Church Cathedral Choir. Program includes music by Handel and Britten, plus a selection of seasonal favourites. • Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St. • Dec. 7, 4 p.m. • \$20/\$10, 604-682-6363, vancouverchildrenschor.ca

» **Folk for the Holidays 2013**
An evening of music and festive-festival fundraising, featuring a night full of holiday fun that supports the many good works of the Vancouver Folk Music Festival. • Ukrainian Orthodox Hall, 154 E. 10th Ave. • Dec. 7, 8 p.m. • \$25, thefestival.bc.ca, 604-602-9798

» **Glorial!**
The North Shore Chorus invites you to their annual Christmas concert featuring Vivaldi's Gloria, Noel Ayisien, Star Carol, a gospel version of Handel's Hallelujah and more. • Mt. Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Van • Dec. 7, 7 p.m. • \$5-\$15, nschorus.com

» **Handel's Messiah**
Featuring the Handel Society Choir with orchestra and soloists, conducted by Johan Louwersheimer. • Good Shepherd Church, 2250 150th St., Surrey • Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. • \$20/\$15, 604-585-9102, handelsociety.ca

» **Lyrical Singers: Celebrate the Season**
Music for the holidays, including Aurora, Canticle of Mary, Ubi Charitas, Lo how a Rose and more. • Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2350 148th St., Surrey • Dec. 7, 7 p.m. • \$15/adult, 604-340-4353, lyricalingers.ca

» **Pacific Baroque Orchestra: Es ist ein Ros entsprungen**
Renowned soprano Suzie LeBlanc joins PBO for a program of Advent and Christmas pieces by Vivaldi, Handel and Lully, combined with traditional Acadian and Gregorian repertoire. • Dec. 7, 8 p.m. • Pyatt Hall, 843 Seymour St. • Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m. • Rose Gellert Hall, 4899 207th St., Langley • \$10-\$35, pacificbaroque.com

» **Randy Elvis Friskie: Blue Christmas**
Celebrate the Christmas season with classics, rockin' favourites and the gospel music of Elvis Presley. • Abbotsford Pentecostal Assembly, 3145 Gladwin Rd. • Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. • Tickets at OnTourTickets.com, 1-855-411-7500, randyelvisfriskie.com

» **Westminster Church Choir: Hallowed Manger Ground**
A selection of new songs and seasonal favourites to usher in the Advent of Christ. • Westminster SDA Church, 7925 10th Ave., Burnaby • Dec. 7, 7:15 p.m. • 604-524-6969, westminstersda.org

» **12th Annual Danny Burns Memorial Feed the Hungry Benefit**
Entertainment includes the Rogues & Tinkers, Blackthorn, B.C. Regiment Irish Pipes and Drums and many more. • Wolf and Hound, 3617 W. Broadway • Dec. 8, doors 4:30 p.m. • \$10 minimum donation, all proceeds going to the Union Gospel Mission, 604-738-8909

» **Amanda Wood Christmas Concert**
Local vocalist celebrates the release of her Christmas album, Celebrate the Love at Christmas, with a holiday concert. • Kay Meek Centre, 1700 Mathers Ave., West Van • Dec. 8, 7 p.m. • \$20, kaymeekcentre.com