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2011 Gift of Entertainment

Bugs Bunny, Russians and divas, oh my

by Brenda Jones
Contributing writer

Few times of year call for classical music more than the winter holiday season. The experience of listening to a symphony orchestra is a welcome respite from crowded malls, freezing rain, and hectic traffic.

For the next month, the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** (VSO) is offering a somewhat eclectic and unexpected line-up. Not the least of which is "Bugs Bunny at the Symphony," conducted and created by George Daugherty, Nov. 19 and 20. This experience features showing the classic Warner Bros. "Looney Tunes" on a big screen, with the exhilarating original scores played live in the beautiful Orpheum Theatre.

There are also opportunities to absorb the passion and power of Russian classics during a performance on Nov. 24, or take the kids to a special children's concert performance on Nov. 27, called "Tchaikovsky Discovers America," featuring a fictional tale about the great Russian composer's musical journey to Niagara Falls.

Another not-to-be-missed performance by the VSO is the breathtaking, epic choral masterpiece Brahms "Requiem," featuring vocals by the beautiful and superbly talented soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian (pictured, right), as well as the Vancouver Bach Choir, on Dec. 3 and 5. Bayrakdarian is admired as much for her stunning stage presence as for her exceptional voice. She burst onto the international opera scene after winning first prize in the 2000 Operalia competition founded by Plácido Domingo, and has since performed in many of the world's major opera houses and concert halls.

Many more performances featuring guest performers, as well as special children's concerts are planned for 2012. For more information about VSO's 2011- 2012 season, visit www.vancouversymphony.ca.



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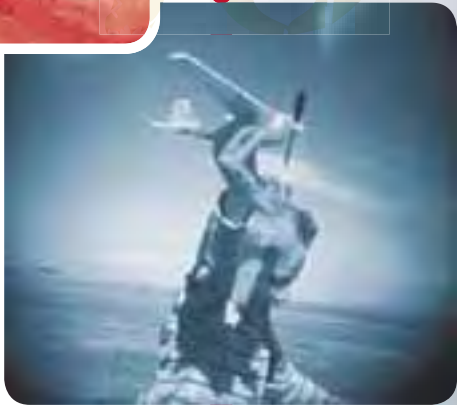
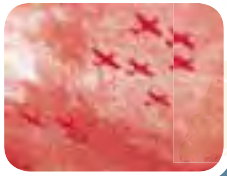
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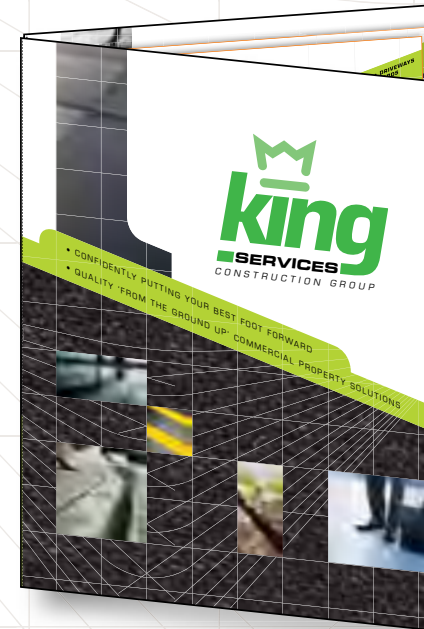


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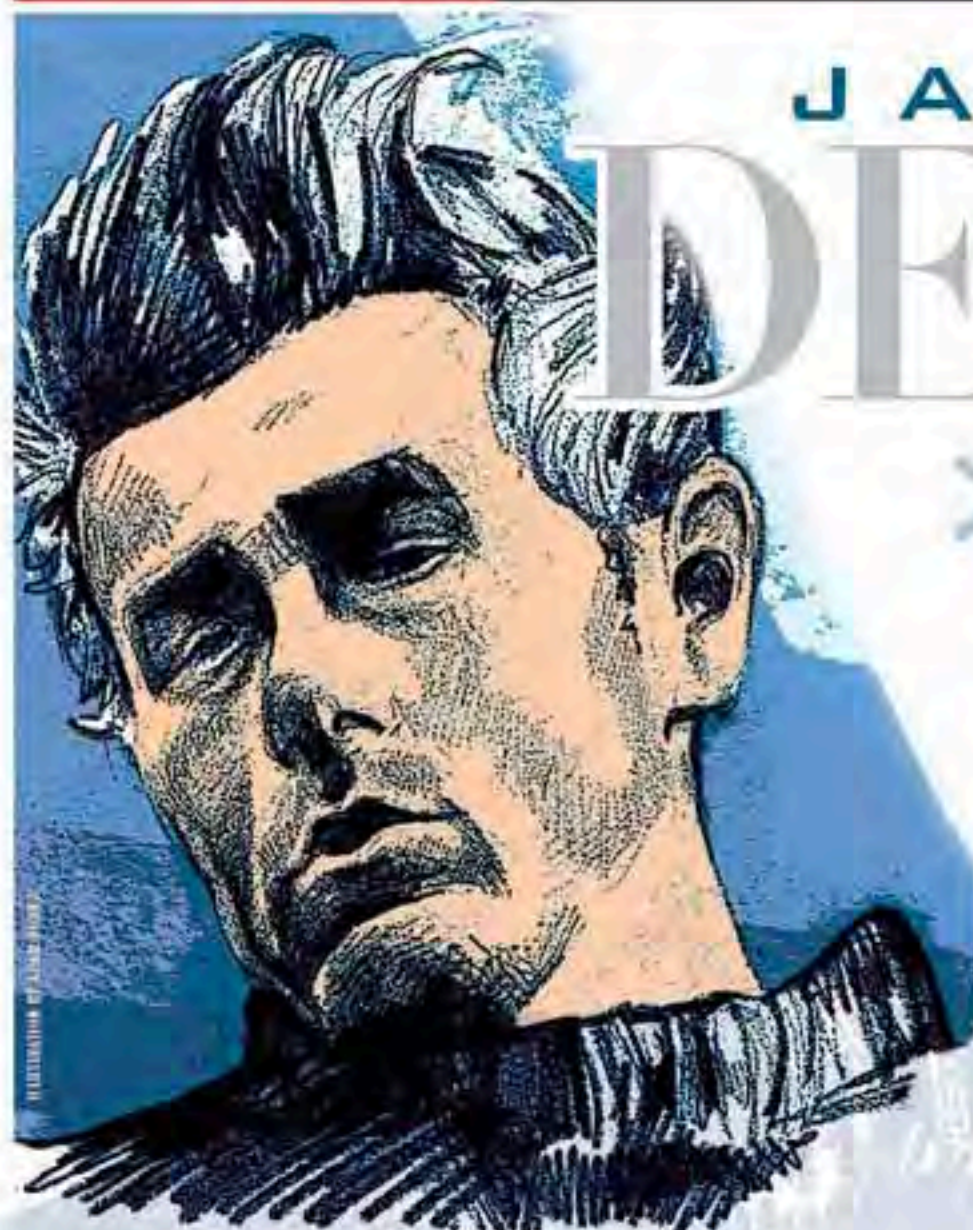
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BY MALCOLM GUNN

It's hard to fathom why some movie stars become better known after they reach that big sound stage in the sky. In the 1920s, it was the early demise of Rudolph Valentino, the consummate Latin lover who had achieved god-like status after his all too-early exit. Marilyn Monroe received similar status that far exceeded her earthly stature.

But perhaps the most celebrated deceased actor, and one who has influenced more generations of young adults than just about any other cult hero, is, unquestionably, James Byron Dean.

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What has Italian roots and purely American style?

BY ZACK SPENCER

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No, not the cast of the Jersey Shore, it's the Dodge Dart.

Dodge and Italy might not seem like logical pairing at first blush, but dig a



little farther and it all starts to make sense. Think back to 2008 and the collapse of Lehman Brother investment house, the stock market crash and the beginning of the Great Recession. The three domestic automakers were hit with huge losses and in the case of GM and Chrysler, enormous government bailouts. Chrysler's bailout was contingent on getting a partner to come in and shore up their business.

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