

Join the Kidney Walk! Aug 28, 2011. Registration starts 11am; walk begins 12pm at the Athlete's Village Square. The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC Branch is holding its annual Kidney Walk to raise funds and awareness of organ donation that will help support the work of The Kidney Foundation. Be a Hero. Save Lives. Register Today! Website: www.kidney.ca/bcwalk

Sunday Afternoon Salsa: Annual series of FREE, outdoor salsa dances held at Robson Square in downtown Vancouver. The dances are open to everyone and you are welcome even if you've never danced a day in your life. Try the free lessons at 3pm, watch the performances at 5pm, or just check out the social dancing throughout the afternoon and see how much fun it is! Event is on every Sunday afternoon in July and August!

Artful Sundays: 5 Sundays from Aug 7-Sept 4. An outdoor, visual arts market in the heart of Commercial Drive featuring the work of local artists, workshops, special events, community groups, live music and more! Located in Napier Square (Napier St @ Commercial Drive). Hours: Noon-5pm. Info: 604-718-5800/www.britanniacentre.org

Sunset Dinner & Dance Cruise: Mercy Touch Mission International presents Sunset Tropical Dinner & Dance Boat Cruise Fundraiser on September 3rd from 6-10pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance and a tax receipt will be issued for a portion of ticket price. For details & tickets call: 604-533-4622 or 604-496-1309, or visit mercytouch.net

NightVision Toastmasters OPEN HOUSE: Sept 8 from 7pm-9pm at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1440 W 12 Ave. Conquer your fear of public speaking! Learn how to improve your communication skills! On this evening, you will get a chance to observe a regular meeting (with no obligation to participate) and learn all about what Toastmasters has to offer. Doors open at 6:45pm. For more info, visit nvtoastmasters.org

The Writer's Studio Reading Series: Sept 8 from 7pm–9pm at Rhizome Cafe (317 East Broadway @ Kingsway). Join us for a great evening of storytelling and poetry. This month's feature author is Melanie Jackson, a suspense-adventure writer for children and young adults. Presented by The Writer's Studio at Simon Fraser University. For more info, visit: thewritersstudio.ca/readings

New Forms Festival 2011: Sept 9-11 at the Waldorf Hotel, 1489 East Hastings. The 11th Annual New Forms Festival presents an extravaganza of music, visual and multimedia art at the Waldorf Hotel and environs. For more info, please visit newformsfestival.com

4th Annual Walk Now for Autism Speaks: Sept 25 from 8:30am-12pm at Nat Bailey Stadium, 4601 Ontario St. Participate in this fun filled family event and autism resource fair that unites the community in support of those affected by autism to raise funds for autism research, awareness and outreach services. Please join us on Walk Day - register your team today at walknowforautismspeaks.ca/bc

Big Sisters Thinks "It's Time"! Learn more at www.bigsisters.bc.ca or call 604-873-4525 ext 300.