

ON THE TOWN

Since Michael Schratter is off for a month travelling the beautiful country of France, Paul Duchart will be taking his place *On The Town*, keeping you in the loop.

Imagine an old trailer parked in front of giant video screens. Hypnotic cirque acrobats, hot models painted like deranged dolls and dressed in one-of-a-kind fashions. The Commodore Ballroom came alive Thursday night with the **Deuce's Wild Carnival**. Presented by L2 Leone and Z95.3, the **Carnival** was the official launch of **Deuce Custom Ink**, a gritty line of street wear designed by local fashion phenomenon, Jason "Deuce" Dussault. The party lit up with the **Swollen Members** rapping as chiselled and perfectly symmetrical Greek gods paraded the runway in their dangerous looking exclusive urban hoodies and "mack-daddy" skull tattoos. Abusive and obnoxious, **Spuzzum the Clown**, proved to be perfect as a dark and hilarious bad-mannered emcee. The freak show finished, the fashionable dispersed, and the soiree continued with **Corey Lee** and the **Members** rapping late into the night.



And on the other side of the coin we had the annual **Dhir Garden Party**. It was a beautiful Friday evening, and the **Dhir** family hosted a societal affair of one hundred or so of the elite Indian business establishment and their politically conservative friends. Social Credit legend **Dr. Grace McCarthy** attended, as did **MLAs Dave S. Hayer** and **John Nuraney**. The Indian food was fine and the lubricious drink was plentiful. It was a well designed networking event that allowed East to meet West, for old friends to be reunited, and most importantly, for the conservatives to engage in non-partisan political activity. And the moral of the story ... damn, the butter chicken was good!



Keep your eyes out next week for coverage of **Rouge**, which promises to be Hollywood North's hottest outdoor annual film and television summer bash at the Queen Elizabeth Plaza put on by the **Red Light Lounge**.

Paul Duchart, 24 hours

Garden parties in the Hamptons with the Swollen Members and Shakespeare



1 Party host Robin Dhir, left, Consulate General of India, Ashok Kumar, party co-host Narinder Dhir, and John Nuraney, MLA Burnaby-Willingdon, take a break from the political game. **2** The Dhir Garden Party has uber hostesses, Rena Dhir and Prem Dhir amongst distinguished women, Officer of the Order of Canada Recipient and Social Credit Queen Dr. Grace McCarthy, middle-left, and President/Owner of Purdy's Chocolates, Karen Flavell, far right. **3** Backstage with Spuzzum the (dirty) Clown, Lia Holberg and Geralyn Gage may be in some sort of jeopardy? Deuce's Wild Carnival, The Commodore. **4** From left to right, Trish Metcalfe of the Van Playhouse Wine Fest and her husband Colin Metcalfe Dir. Regional Affairs to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, John Aisenstat of Hy's Steakhouse and Marko Dekovic Sr. Regional Ass. Vancouver-Whistler Olympics thoroughly enjoyed the Dhir Garden Party Saturday night. **5** Deuce Custom Ink founder, Jason "Deuce" Dussault is flanked by genetically gifted Richard's models, left to right, Stan Chiu, Brandon Blue, Nathaniel Martin, and Woody during the Deuce's Wild Carnival at the Commodore. **6** Everyone's got a Swollen Members, Mad Child and Prevail with groupies Jade, Bailey and Amanda, backstage at The Commodore Ballroom, Thursday night.