

KIDS + PARENTS

# AMAZING SPACE

WOODLAND PARK ZOO'S NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY FACILITY IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE PLAYGROUND

Follow the *yippees!* and *hurrahs!* at the Woodland Park Zoo (750 N 50th St.; 206.684.4800; zoo.org) and you'll find **ZOOMAZIUM**, a spankin' new, spankin' cool nature-themed play and learning space for children. The 8,500-square-foot indoor facility, free with regular zoo admission, offers interactive areas for kids of all ages. In the Mountain Play Area, kids ages 4 and up can climb rock walls and run across a rope bridge. In the Toddler Zone, little ones can crawl through cave and log replicas, and come face to face with fishy friends in the



Zoomazium aquarium. The highlight is a 20-foot-tall mock strangler fig tree, which older kids can climb up, crawl through and slide down. In addition, kids can enjoy interactive nature-themed computer games and occasional live-animal presentations by zoo staff. Finally, zoo-lovin' parents will dig The Parent Place, a café-style sitting area located near the toddler play area for easy supervision. You might as well buy a zoo membership now, because when it's raining this winter and your kids need to blow off some steam, Zoomazium will be your solution. *Maureen N. Mintkeski*

## FAVORITE THINGS



### Linda Hartzell

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

During her 21-year tenure as artistic director of Seattle Children's Theatre, Linda Hartzell has introduced kids to gutsy, sophisticated productions such as *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *The Red Badge of Courage*, and has helped SCT develop into one of the top children's theater companies in the country. At Bumbershoot's opening ceremonies this month, Hartzell will receive a Mayor's Arts Award (other recipients include Reggie Watts and the Rainier Vista Cambodian Youth Program) for her contributions to the local theater community. Hartzell recently took time out from planning SCT's upcoming season to share some of her favorite things. *Dave Johnston*

## THE PULSE

WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT THIS MONTH IN THE EMERALD CITY



## IN

ADOPTING SMALL DOGS

CRASHING THIS MONTH'S STAR TREK CONFERENCE AT THE SCIENCE FICTION MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME, 9/8-9/10

MARTINIS MADE WITH AVIATION GIN DISTILLED IN PORTLAND

GAS WORKS PARK AS THE STARTING POINT FOR CBS'S *THE AMAZING RACE 10*

JOINING THE CULT OF GOOGLE

## OUT

ADOPTING WEIRD HYBRID DOGS (DID SOMEBODY SAY LABRADOODLE?)

CRASHING THE CONFERENCE ON NONLINEAR WAVES AND COHERENT STRUCTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 9/9-9/12

MARTINIS MADE WITH GIN DISTILLED IN ENGLAND

THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING GAS WORKS PARK AND THE SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

JOINING THE CULT OF MICROSOFT

- **LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT:** I love all local playwrights! It would be suicide for me to pick one over another.
- **SUBJECT FOR A SEATTLE-THEMED PLAY THAT HASN'T BEEN DONE YET:** I think it's time to do an allegory about the environment and its beauty and how much we depend on it.
- **PART OF YOUR JOB:** Watching the looks on the faces of young people who watch our shows.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD:** Ballard.
- **RESTAURANT AND DISH AT SAID ESTABLISHMENT:** Stumbling Goat's roasted cauliflower and morel salad.
- **PASTRY:** Danish pastries at Nielsen's Pastry in Lower Queen Anne.
- **SALON:** Transitions in Ballard.
- **GROCERY STORE:** Ballard Market because of their fresh organic food and great seafood.
- **HARDWARE STORE AND LAST ITEM PURCHASED:** Hand-held grass clippers from Crown Hill Hardware.
- **STREET FOR DIVE BAR HOPPING:** Ballard Avenue.
- **UNIQUELY SEATTLE MOMENT:** After 28 straight days of rain last winter, everyone ran outside to soak up the first rays of sun. It was like a festival.