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To attend the rest of the Games, there are day passes and Super Passes available. Tickets first went on sale in November.

"We've had a constant stream of people coming into the Crystal Gardens to buy tickets," says Yang. "There's a good healthy number of tickets sold and as we get closer to Games they're going to speed up and go."

Tickets for A Hero's Journey - the opening ceremonies - are \$40 for everyone. The same prices apply for the closing ceremonies. People should buy their tickets now, Yang says.

"The opening and closing ceremonies aren't your usual ceremonies. It's not, 'Hi, we're starting the Games,' it's going to be a spectacular show with people from the different regions coming to celebrate and perform."

Even with 2,000 tickets available for each ceremony, "we expect to fill it, we expect a sold-out show," she says.

The other can't-miss cultural events are the two cultural galas, held on Thursday and Friday (March 11 and 12) during the Games. The galas, which are priced at \$50 a ticket, will feature everything from throat singers to rock bands with both traditional and modern drumming, dancing and music from all nine contingents.

The big medal rounds - basketball, hockey, volleyball, curling and soccer - also require tickets, which sell at \$10 for adults and \$7 for youth and seniors. "You have to be very specific," reminds Yang, and select the sport, medal, gender and age group. For example, the juvenile male bronze medal volleyball round. "If you've got a child in one of these sporting events and you don't want to be disappointed you should buy those medal round tickets in the event they're going to be in them or else they're going to be sold out," she says, "Those have done very well in terms of sales."

For the rest of the Games competitions, a spectator must buy either a day pass - granting them access to any sport they desire on that day,

except events requiring specific tickets - or a SuperPass. The Super Pass gives a person access to all preliminary rounds during the entire week. Day passes are \$15 for an adult and \$12 for youth and seniors. SuperPasses are \$45 for adults and \$40 for youth and seniors.

"With a Super Pass, I can go every day, any time of the day. It gives you flexibility and the reassurance that you're able to go to all different types of events," says Yang. "You can step in to curling for 10 minutes and then go to basketball."

The Games committee spent a lot of time ensuring ticket prices were fair and had a range that was affordable for the community, Yang says.

Tickets are sold through the Crystal Centre box office, either in person, by phone or online, Yang says.

The Games website www.awg2010.org, is the best way to figure out which tickets to buy, she says, as all the events and schedules are there, with direct links to the Crystal Centre's online ticket sales.

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