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When we curate a season, we always have you in mind. Each show and artist is reviewed and assessed not only on its merits, but also on the unique and memorable experience it can provide to you as a patron and member of Calgary's wonderfully diverse community.

In the 2018-19 season, we have programmed 27 unique performances spread across five distinctive series and four special presentations.

Women dominate the stage this year, with folk music trio I'm With Her and sitar virtuoso Anoushka Shankar making waves in traditionally male-dominated genres. Female luminaries like Thornetta Davis, Eden Brent, and Cécile Doo-Kingué make up half of our PCL Blues season, while women like National Geographic's Cheryl Knott prove gender is no barrier when exploring the untamed wilds of our planet. Lea Salonga, the voice of your favourite Disney princesses and one of Broadway's leading women, also brings her powerful voice to the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage for a one-night-only performance.

Performers like Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Goran Bregović, and José James prove that sharing your culture with the world can be both a remarkable privilege and opportunity to connect with others.

No show in our lineup was chosen without purpose. I hope, in this season, there is a performer that represents you - but more importantly, I invite you to seek out shows that couldn't be further from your cultural norm. I promise you'll find them inviting, insightful, and a whole lotta fun.

See you at Arts Commons!



**Jennifer Johnson**  
Director, Programming

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# CIRQUE ÉLOÏZE SALOON

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018**

Swing open the saloon doors and lasso up some fun in the wild, wild west with Cirque Éloïze. Theatre and circus collide in a tale of romance and action. Under the spell of the Saloon's beautiful Belle, our hero sets off on a chase worthy of history's greatest westerns, using strength, agility, and original choreography.

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## OK Go – The Live Video Tour

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018**

More than a decade after breaking the internet by dancing on treadmills, OK Go's zany, impeccably choreographed act has only grown in complexity – and fun. The experimental rockers have turned a car into an instrument, built a giant Rube Goldberg machine, and even shot a video in zero-gravity, all of which they incorporate into their live show for an energetic, multimedia experience.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall  
Concert 7:30pm

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## Lea Salonga: The Human Heart Tour

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019**

You know her voice.

Lea Salonga provided the singing voices of Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* and Fa Mulan in *Mulan*. She played Kim in Broadway's *Miss Saigon*, becoming the first Asian woman to win a Tony award, and later the first Asian woman to play Éponine and Fantine in London's *Les Misérables* – and the list goes on. Hear the magic in person in the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

Arts Commons,  
Jack Singer Concert Hall  
Concert 7:30pm

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*Toronto Star*



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## Potted Potter

FEBRUARY 5 TO 18, 2019

Potted Potter, the New York and West End smash hit has garnered rave reviews from New York to Nashville, Chicago to Mexico City, and Critics' Picks from the New York Times, New York Magazine, Time Out London, Boston Globe, Chicago Daily Herald, and the New York Post!

Potted Potter takes on the ultimate challenge of condensing all seven Harry Potter books (and a real life game of Quidditch) into seventy hilarious minutes. This fantastically funny show features all your favourite characters, a special appearance from a fire-breathing dragon, endless costumes, brilliant songs, ridiculous props, and a generous helping of Hogwarts magic!

Even if you don't know the difference between a Horcrux and a Hufflepuff, Potted Potter will make you roar with laughter. This brilliant family entertainment is perfect for ages six to Dumbledore (who is very old indeed).

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*See website for all dates and times.  
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**I'm With Her -  
Sara Watkins, Sarah  
Jarosz, Aoife O'Donovan**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018**

An impromptu show at a Colorado opera house led to the formation of folk music's most heartfelt modern trio. Multi-GRAMMY® winners Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz, and Aoife O'Donovan create restless, romantic, and emotionally complex narratives with each song, woven together with a tight, family-like chemistry.

The Brother Brothers will open the show with their moody elements of Appalachian folk and bluegrass.

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## Goran Bregović Wedding and Funeral Band

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**

A high-energy trans-Balkan musical extravaganza, the Goran Bregović Wedding and Funeral Band is lauded worldwide for their fusion of rock and Balkan folk music. Combining a Gypsy brass band with Bregović's rock star stage presence, get ready for a raucous Balkan party that will have you dancing in the aisles!

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***"It is a mind-blowing return trip with no destination or port of arrival... A magnificent concert, one of the greatest marvels to be heard on stage today."***

~ La Vanguardia



## Celtic Nights – Oceans of Hope

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019**

Celtic Nights – Oceans of Hope brings an exhilarating and energizing combination of Celtic music, dance, and powerful storytelling to the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage direct from Ireland as we revisit the Irish immigrant story. Join Celtic Nights and Arts Commons Presents for a vibrant celebration of Irish history, dance, and music, brought to life by some of Ireland's greatest performers.

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# Habib Koité, Bassekou Kouyate & Ladysmith Black Mambazo

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Mali's pop icon Habib Koité has a deep and varied musical vocabulary, blending Afro-pop with jazz, rock, and even classical. Koité is joined by a 6-piece band including: Malian musician and master of the traditional African lute, Bassekou Kouyate. In a double-bill performance, multi-GRAMMY® Award winning group Ladysmith Black Mambazo will also grace the stage for a night of modern African music.

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Lobby pre-show 6:30pm  
/ Concert 7:30pm**



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**“AMAZING... STRIKING...  
DAZZLING...”**

**~ The New York Times**

## Cuba Vibra! Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

Cuba Vibra! Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba is a dance party, a tribute to Cuban musical heritage, and a night of pure celebration all rolled into one amazing night. Featuring a full Cuban big band and a huge cast of dancers with vibrant costumes, this tremendous production is a must-see. Lizt Alfonso Dance has received numerous honours including being the first Cuban dance group to perform a run on Broadway.

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**“[Anoushka] is taking the sitar to a new level of accessibility with a fresh and original fusion sound rooted in strict indo-classical norms.”**

~ The Telegraph ‘Hot Ticket’

© Anoushka Shankar

## Anoushka Shankar

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

Multiple GRAMMY® Award nominee and virtuoso sitar player Anoushka Shankar knows how to transfix an audience. Daughter of the legendary Ravi Shankar, she pairs classical ragas with creatively experimental work to create a cross-cultural dialogue that showcases the versatility of the sitar across musical genres.

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**David Sanborn**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018**

With six GRAMMY® Awards, one Platinum, and eight Gold albums, David Sanborn Jazz Quintet blends instrumental pop, R&B, and traditional jazz to create a sound unlike any other. A collaborator with artists such as Paul Simon, James Taylor, and David Bowie, Sanborn is an artist who pushes the limits and continues to make music that challenges the mind and goes straight to the heart.

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## Lean On Me: José James Celebrates Bill Withers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Suave and eclectic, José James fills stages large and small with his warmth, charisma, and soulful voice. His jazz has a unique flavour, infused with hip-hop and R&B, attracting a new generation of jazz lovers. For this concert he honours the late and great Bill Withers with his refreshing take on classics like *Ain't No Sunshine*, *Just the Two of Us*, and, of course, *Lean On Me*.

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**“It’s the power of performance: you can make those songs come alive again and people feel it in a way they can’t on a record.”**

~ José James

**Audience participation encouraged!**

## Bobby McFerrin & Gimme5: Circlesongs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Ten-time GRAMMY® Award winning musician Bobby McFerrin takes audiences on a life-changing musical adventure. Bobby’s exhilarating vocal vocabulary – call and response, polyphonics and percussion, global rhythms, soaring melodies, lush harmonies, funny noises, invented language, silence, prayers, and laughter - reminds us all of how much fun it is to be alive. Be prepared to become part of this joyful performance.

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Concert 7:30pm



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## Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

The Monterey Jazz Festival comes to Calgary, starring the GRAMMY® Award winning vocal talents of Cécile McLorin Salvant and JUNO Award-winning trumpeter and vocalist Bria Skonberg in a jubilant celebration of jazz and jazz musicians. The longest continuously-running jazz festival in the world, which has presented masters like Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Dave Brubeck, Oscar Peterson and so many more, features an all-star band that represents the future of jazz nationwide. In 2007, more than 40,000 attended the 50th Golden Celebration. Don't miss your chance to be part of the 60th Anniversary.

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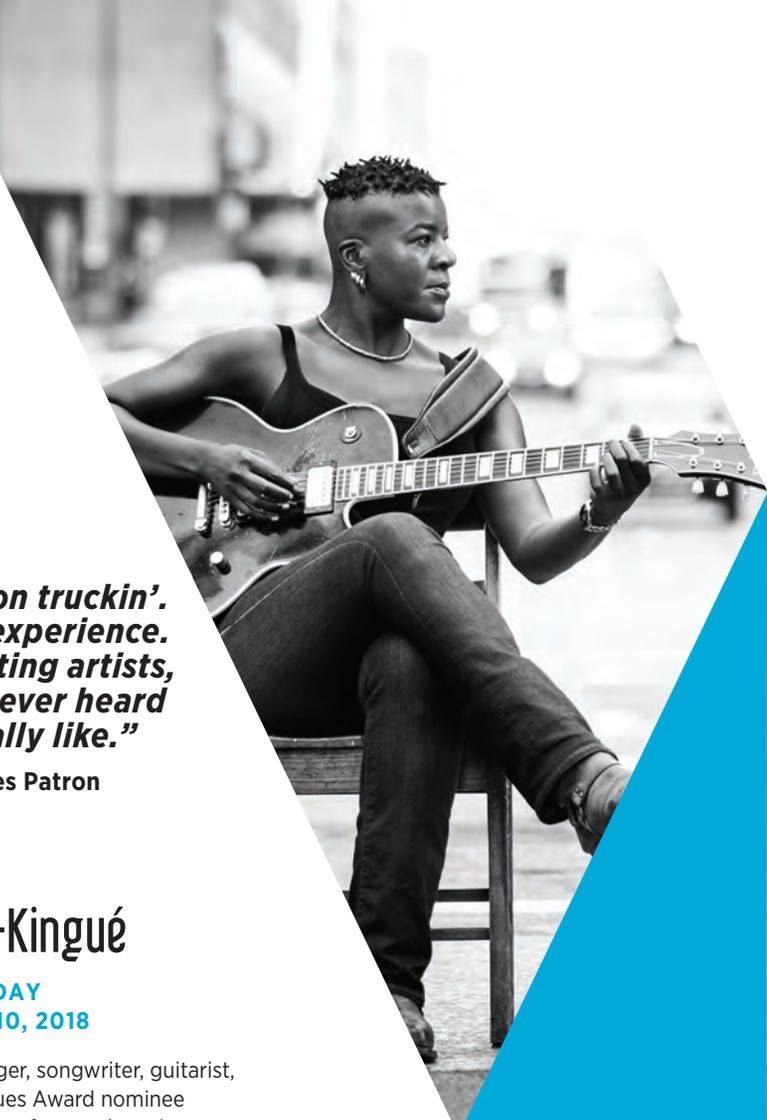


## R L Boyce

FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2018

Widely recognized as a Mississippi Hill Country blues master, R L Boyce polished his craft in the juke joints and porches of his Southern upbringing, fostering a loose and free style that is undeniable, improvisational, and simultaneously meditative and toe-tappingly groovy.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm / Concert 8pm



***“Just keep on truckin’.  
Loving the experience.  
Very interesting artists,  
many I’ve never heard  
of and really like.”***

~ PCL Blues Patron

## Cécile Doo-Kingué

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2018**

Montreal-based singer, songwriter, guitarist, and multi-Maple Blues Award nominee Cécile Doo-Kingué performs a brand of blues that is irrefutably captivating. Described as “one of Canada’s most electrifying and versatile guitarists” by CBC, Doo-Kingué has made a name for herself as a powerful and raw talent.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm / Concert 8pm

## The Duke Robillard Acoustic Trio

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
JANUARY 18 & 19, 2019**

In a one of a kind opportunity, Duke Robillard comes to Calgary with his acoustic trio, performing takes on songs spanning his illustrious 50 year career in blues, including several selections from The Acoustic Blues & Roots of Duke Robillard, which won the 2016 Blues Music Awards Acoustic Blues Album of the Year.

Arts Commons,  
Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm /  
Concert 8pm



# Dom Flemons

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
MARCH 8 & 9, 2019**

GRAMMY® Award-winning singer-songwriter Dom Flemons brings a modern sensibility and engaging charm to old-time acoustic blues. Playing the part of traditional troubadour with over 100 years of American ballads, folksongs, and melodies at his fingertips, Flemons embodies his nickname of *The American Songster*.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm / Concert 8pm**

*Experience  
something new  
this season!*



# Eden Brent

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
APRIL 5 & 6, 2019**

Singer, songwriter, and boogie-woogie pianist Eden Brent comes to Calgary with her spontaneous and electric style of juke-joint blues. Multi-blues award winner including Acoustic Artist of The Year and Acoustic Album of The Year from the Blues Foundation, Brent's style borrows from everything from blues and jazz, to pop and rock 'n' roll for a sound that's irresistibly fresh.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm / Concert 8pm**



# Thornetta Davis

FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
MAY 3 & 4, 2019

It's easy to see why Thornetta Davis is commonly called the *Queen of Detroit's Blues*. With over 30 Detroit Music Awards to her name, and having opened for some of the biggest names in the business including Ray Charles, Gladys Knight, and Buddy Guy, Davis performs with an incredible delivery that leaves her audiences wanting more.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Doors open 7pm / Concert 8pm



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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

## Supertramp – Crime of the Century

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

After two flops, Rick Davies and Roger Hodgson doubled down to create a tight, pop-heavy album that really put the super in Supertramp. With well-known hits like *Dreamer* and *Bloody Well Right*, Classic Albums Live will synthesize you back into the 70s with *Crime of the Century*.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall  
Doors 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

# Led Zeppelin IV

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

*Stairway to Heaven* became the stairway to rock royalty for Zeppelin with their fourth, untitled album, which also included hits like *Black Dog*, *Rock and Roll* and *Going to California*. Feel every kick, snare and strum thunder through the Jack Singer's amazing acoustics.

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Note for note.  
Cut for cut.™



***“Great seats,  
great sound, and the  
artists are wonderful.”***

~ Classic Albums Live Patron



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# AC/DC – Back in Black

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

An album born from grief – but with the energy of a raucous wake – members of AC/DC began working on the guitar riffs just days after lead singer Bon Scott's funeral. The band ended up creating one of the best-selling albums of all time. Hear every thunderous beat and electric riff perfectly recreated by Classic Albums Live!

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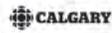
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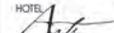
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**Social By Nature  
with wildlife  
photographer  
Ronan Donovan**

**\*SUNDAY/MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2018**

Charismatic, beautiful, and often strikingly like ourselves, social mammals build relationships, communicate, reproduce, establish territories, and adapt to shrinking resources. From Yellowstone to Uganda, biologist turned photographer Ronan Donovan has captured images and studied the lives of social mammals, their relationship to their ecosystem, and how we can save them.

Join Donovan as he takes you into the lives of wolves, chimpanzees, gorillas, and bears to discover our fellow social mammals and what we can learn from them.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall  
Sunday 2pm / Monday 7pm

*\*Don't forget Daylight Savings Time!*



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**The Search for Life  
Beyond Earth**  
with astrobiologist  
**Kevin Hand**

**SUNDAY/MONDAY  
JANUARY 27 & 28, 2019**

Astrobiologist and Planetary Scientist Kevin Hand works with NASA to search for life beyond Earth. His mantra, “follow the water,” has led to him investigate Europa, Jupiter’s fourth largest moon. Although his focus is a world millions of miles away, Hand also explores the extremes of Earth, like the north slope of Alaska and the glaciers of Mount Kilimanjaro, to see how microbes survive in harsh climates.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall  
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***“The fundamental  
questions we’re trying  
to answer are... what is life  
and could it exist out there  
beyond Earth?”***

~ Kevin Hand

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**Wild Seas, Secret Shores**  
with photographer  
**Thomas Peschak**

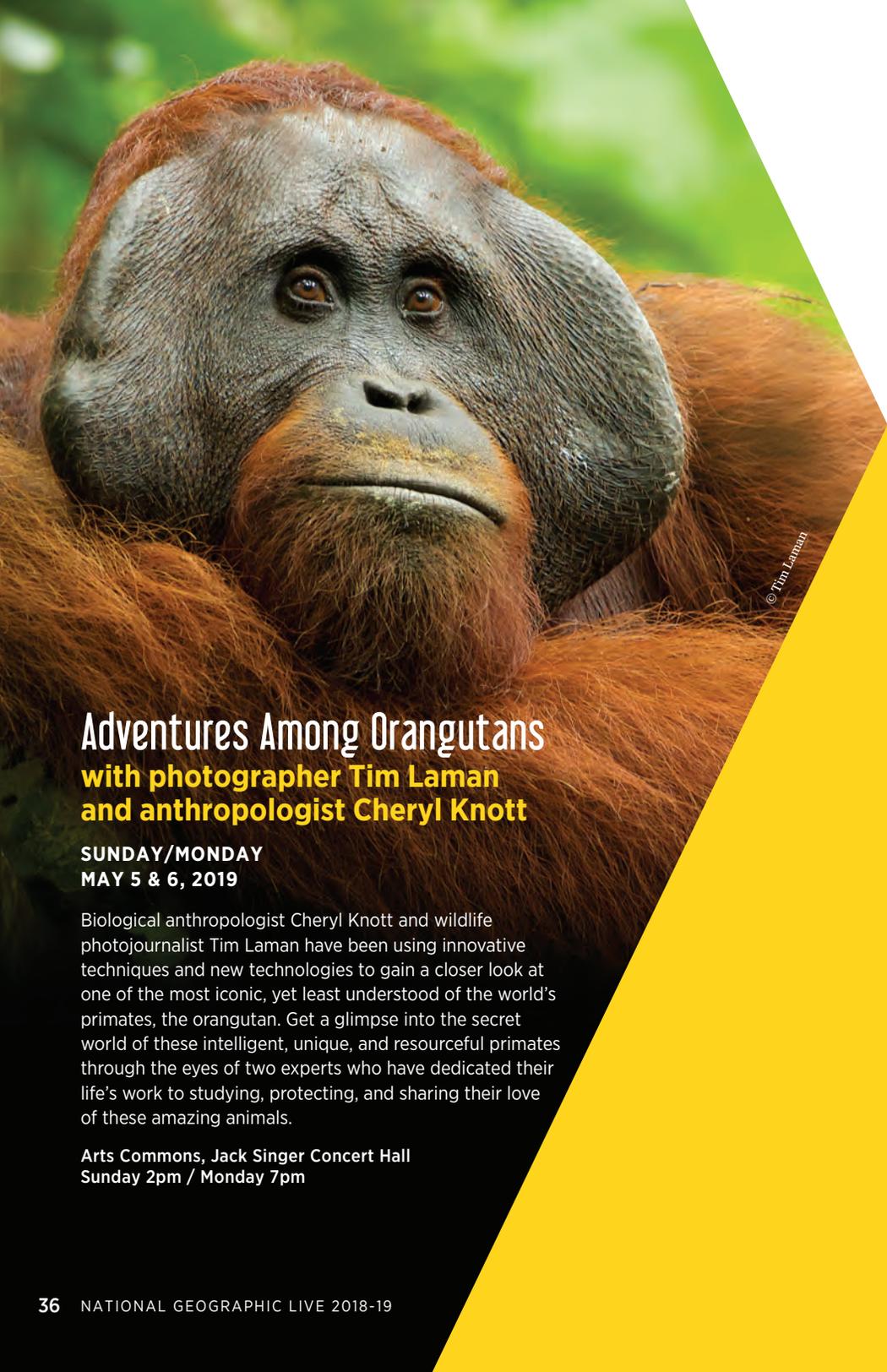
**\*SUNDAY/MONDAY  
MARCH 10 & 11, 2019**

Dive beneath the waves and come face to face with hammerhead sharks, bottlenose dolphins, and black-footed penguins as marine biologist and photographer Thomas Peschak brings you up close and personal with both the charming and daunting animals found in the world’s oceans.

Peschak shares his passion for conservation and environmental action through award-winning photography and powerful stories of his work in the field.

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Sunday 2pm /  
Monday 7pm

***\*Don’t forget Daylight  
Savings Time!***



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# Adventures Among Orangutans with photographer Tim Laman and anthropologist Cheryl Knott

**SUNDAY/MONDAY  
MAY 5 & 6, 2019**

Biological anthropologist Cheryl Knott and wildlife photojournalist Tim Laman have been using innovative techniques and new technologies to gain a closer look at one of the most iconic, yet least understood of the world's primates, the orangutan. Get a glimpse into the secret world of these intelligent, unique, and resourceful primates through the eyes of two experts who have dedicated their life's work to studying, protecting, and sharing their love of these amazing animals.

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# Outreach and Engagement

Our aim is to engage with local artists and communities by supporting arts-based projects at every stage of development. Through our growing engagement initiatives, we're reaching out to ethno-cultural communities, ability-based communities, sexual minorities, gender-diverse communities, age-defined groups, and other under-represented communities.

Expect us to be curious, attentive listeners, ready to respond to opportunities, challenges, and barriers.

Raise your voice and engage in the arts, because we're in this together – your uniqueness is vital to growing our society, and our Arts Commons family.

Check our website for more information and calls for submission to these programs.



## COMMONSPACE

We're offering access to basic rehearsal, workshop, and community gathering spaces for arts-based activities at little to no cost.

## PREAMP

For early to mid-career artists, this one-week residency provides the time and resources needed for artists to test an idea, create opportunities to collaborate, and focus on the process over the product.

## AMPLIFY

A celebration of artistic collisions and perspectives, this informal cabaret is a platform for artists from all backgrounds and disciplines to try-out short pieces with an audience hungry for the unexpected.

You're invited  
(IT'S FREE!)

## UNCOMMONS RESIDENCY

This longer-term residency for independent artists and artistic collectives will build capacity by supporting a specific project, as defined by the artist. We provide space, expertise, and the resources needed to get the project in front of an audience.

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Submit your community initiatives, projects, and events, and help us build a creative and compassionate society, inspired through the arts.

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

*(June 21, 2019)* A FREE, ALL-AGES celebration of the contributions and achievements of Indigenous Peoples through performances, music, and activities.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH *(February, 2019)*

During Black History Month 2019, Arts Commons celebrates the contributions of black artists with events from home and abroad.

# Galleries of Arts Commons

At Arts Commons, we present, support, and promote over 120 local emerging and professional artists through: exhibitions, site specific projects, workshops, screenings, residencies, and artist receptions.

Art is a universal language, and we make it universally available through the hallways and public areas of our building.

Curated by Arts Commons, our five exhibition spaces include the Ledge Gallery, Lightbox Studio, Broadcast Lab, +15 Soundscape, and Window Galleries. We are also proud to provide nine exhibition spaces to local Artist-Run Centres and organizations in the +15, that are curated by some of Calgary's most vibrant, cutting edge galleries.

We foster a diverse and inclusive community, where emerging and professional artists are empowered to engage and inspire meaningful discussions with the community.

The Visual and Media Arts at Arts Commons is FREE and open to the public so please, drop by and join the conversation!



## GALLERY THEMES:

### HOME AND CULTURE

September to November, 2018

Our artists explore the notion of home and how we make these spaces significant through food, traditions, and signifiers of cultural experiences.

### RELATIONSHIPS

December 2018 to February 2019

Connections take on a variety of forms, from romantic relationships, to friendships, to stranger encounters, and to artist/audience relationships. There are many ways we connect with each other, and these art projects provide context to these impactful encounters.

### DREAMS AND FANTASY

March to May 2019

These incredible exhibitions explore the theme of dreams and fantasy, geared for our youth and family programming.

### PERFORMANCE

June to August 2019

Artists can actively remove barriers to connect with the public through performance art. Time spent in these spaces urges viewers to question their own sense of participation and belonging in the world.

### ARTIST RECEPTIONS

The Hub, 7-10pm

FALL	Friday, November 30, 2018
WINTER	Friday, March 1, 2019
SPRING	Friday May 31, 2019
SUMMER	Friday August 30, 2019

Meet and mingle with artists, curators, and fellow art lovers at our recurring public artist receptions. This is a chance to celebrate our current exhibitions, presentations, projects, and residencies, and take part in a deeper conversation about contemporary art in Calgary.

Look forward to a cash bar and light refreshments.

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TO THE  
PUBLIC

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# HAPPENINGS

## at Arts Commons

Part art-party, part community celebration, and a whole lot of fun, *Happenings* is our chance to open the doors and thank our incredible community! With something different at each event, plan to arrive curious – you never know what will happen at *Happenings*.



### HAPPENINGS: CITIZENS MARKET

Thursday, December 6, 2018  
4 - 9pm

Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby /Founders Room

This one day pop-up market and art-party will showcase the work of grassroots artists, craft makers, and artisans from diverse communities. We're welcoming families, newcomers to Calgary, and anyone with an adventurous streak to join us! There will be music, a bevy of activities, and maybe even that perfect something to take home. Arts Commons supports cross cultural exchange and celebrates arts and crafts with those who pour their hearts and souls into making it.

You're  
invited  
(IT'S FREE!)

### HAPPENINGS: ADULT LATE NIGHT

Friday, May 17, 2019  
8pm - midnight!

Engineered Air Theatre/  
Arts Commons Parkade

Taking its cues from the Surrealist and Dadaist events of the 1940's, this late night art-party is for adults with an appetite for the unusual. Performances, music, and activations will bring two distinct environments to life – but you'll have to join us to find out more. Come as you are – or even better, in period attire!



# Arts Education

Education at Arts Commons creates memorable learning opportunities that support more than 12,000 students, teacher, and education professionals each year by teaching core subjects through the arts, inspiring students to engage meaningfully with the world around them.

Young minds ignite as math, science, social studies, and language arts are investigated through theatre, dance, music, and visual arts. Learn about global citizenship through Ukrainian, Bollywood, or Indigenous dance; enrich literacy development through drama, puppetry, and visual journaling; and ignite a passion for science, the environment, and conservation through compelling storytelling and photojournalism by the world's most notable Explorers.

Book your class with our education team at [education@artscommons.ca](mailto:education@artscommons.ca) or call 403-294-7455 ext. 1458 for more info.

## ARTS FOR THE EARLY YEARS (INFANTS - KINDERGARTEN):

From first steps to six-years-old, our early years programming creates meaningful opportunities for kids to connect and socialize in a unique, playful way.

**Itty Bitty Arts Day** – On September 29, 2018, let your little one loose at Itty Bitty Arts Day: a Teddy Bear Picnic and open house art party for the very young, complete with theatre, music, dance, and art activities.

**One Day Arts School** – A half day or full day field trip exploring arts and curriculum for pre-schools and Kindergarten classes.

**Early Years Drop-In** – Parents and caregivers with babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers can explore the world of the arts in a fun workshop with an early arts educator. Great for families and day home providers, this event runs every fourth Friday of the month from January to May 2019.

## SCHOOL PROGRAMMING (GRADES 1-12):

**National Geographic Live** – Real National Geographic photojournalists, Explorers, and scientists engage with students on curriculum-based presentations, followed by Q&A sessions.

**ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning** – In partnership with Campus Calgary Open Minds, schools bring students in grades 1-12 to Arts Commons for a week of arts inspired inquiry and learning.

**One Day Arts School** – Curriculum-linked, multi-disciplinary, day-long field trips for students K-12.

**Artist-in-Residence** – From a single day to multiple weeks, these arts, drama, dance, and music residencies include customized, curricular themed projects – right in your classroom. Available to communities outside of Calgary.

**Professional Development** – Transform your toolkit through arts enrichment resources with professional artists and arts educators. Join us for the 2019 Calgary City Teacher's Convention or inquire about customizing your own staff PD.



ConocoPhillips Hub for  
Inspired Learning Sponsor



# 2018-19 SEASON



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## SEPTEMBER 2018

PCL BLUES  
**RL Boyce**  
Sept 21 & 22, 2018



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## OCTOBER 2018

BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**I'm With Her**  
(Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz,  
Aoife O'Donovan)  
Oct 2, 2018



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SPECIALS  
**Cirque Éloize – Saloon**  
Oct 6, 2018



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TD JAZZ  
**David Sanborn**  
Oct 18, 2018



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BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**Goran Bregović  
Wedding  
& Funeral Band**  
Oct 23, 2018



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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE  
**Social By Nature**  
with wildlife photographer  
Ronan Donovan  
Nov 4 & 5, 2018



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PCL BLUES  
**Cécile Doo-Kingué**  
Nov 9 & 10, 2018



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TD JAZZ  
**Lean On Me:  
José James Celebrates  
Bill Withers**  
Nov 15, 2018



© Gus Powell

SPECIALS  
**OK Go – The Live  
Video Tour**  
Nov 17, 2018



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE  
**Supertramp  
– Crime of the Century**  
Nov 28, 2018



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## JANUARY 2019

PCL BLUES  
**The Duke Robillard  
Acoustic Trio**  
Jan 18 & 19, 2019



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE  
**The Search for Life  
Beyond Earth**  
with astrobiologist  
Kevin Hand  
Jan 27 & 28, 2019



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE  
**Led Zeppelin IV**  
Jan 31, 2019



SPECIALS  
**Potted Potter**  
Week 1: Feb 5 – 10, 2019  
Week 2: Feb 12 – 18, 2019



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BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**Celtic Nights  
– Oceans of Hope**  
Feb 8, 2019



TD JAZZ  
**Bobby McFerrin &  
Gimme5: Circlesongs**  
Feb 19, 2019



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BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**Habib Koité, Bassekou  
Kouyate & Ladysmith  
Black Mambazo**  
Mar 1, 2019



PCL BLUES  
**Dom Flemons**  
Mar 8 & 9, 2019



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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE  
**Wild Seas, Secret Shores**  
with photographer  
Thomas Peschak  
Mar 10 & 11, 2019



BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**Cuba Vibra!**  
Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba  
Mar 20, 2019



## APRIL 2019

PCL BLUES  
**Eden Brent**  
Apr 5 & 6, 2019



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TD JAZZ  
**Monterey Jazz Festival  
on Tour** featuring Cécile  
McLorin Salvant, Bria  
Skonberg, Melissa Aldana,  
Christian Sands, Yasushi  
Nakamura & Jamison Ross  
Apr 11, 2019



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SPECIALS  
**Lea Salonga  
– The Human Heart  
Tour**  
Apr 17, 2019



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE  
**AC/DC – Back In Black**  
Apr 18, 2019



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BD&P WORLD MUSIC  
**Anoushka Shankar**  
Apr 26, 2019

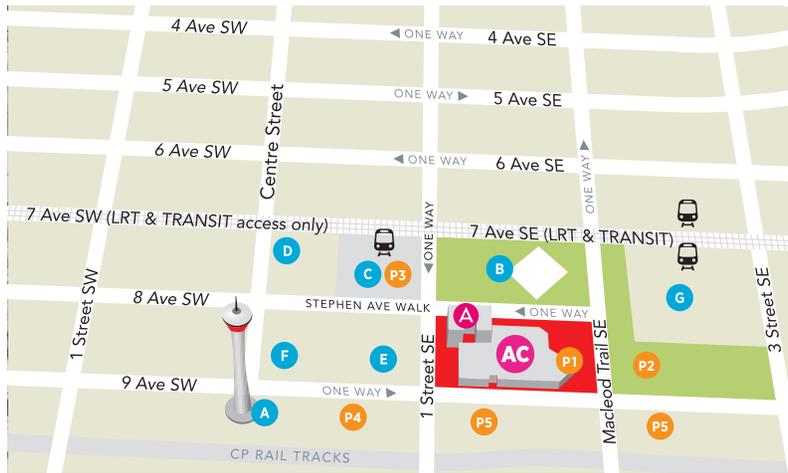


PCL BLUES  
**Thornetta Davis**  
May 3 & 4, 2019



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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE  
**Adventures Among  
Orangutans**  
with photographer Tim  
Laman & anthropologist  
Cheryl Knott  
May 5 & 6, 2019



#### OUR LOCATION

**AC** Our address is 205 8th Ave SE. Our main entrance is located on Stephen Avenue, one block east of the Calgary Tower and across from Olympic Plaza.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

All Arts Commons venues offer wheelchair accessibility and wheelchair seating. Please phone ahead so we can accommodate your special needs.

#### LANDMARKS

- A** Calgary Tower
- B** Olympic Plaza
- C** TELUS Convention Centre
- D** Hyatt Regency Hotel
- E** Glenbow Museum
- F** Marriott Hotel
- G** City Hall

#### GETTING HERE BY LRT

Calgary's LRT (light rail train) service has a station one block north of Arts Commons.

#### GETTING HERE BY CAR

**P1** Arts Commons offers underground parking. Enter off Macleod Trail between 9th and 8th Avenues.

#### \$5 EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

Other parking options include:

- P2** Civic Plaza Parkade
- P3** TELUS Convention Centre
- P4** Palliser Square (access Arts Commons via the +15 network)
- P5** Surface parking lots in the 200, 300 and 400 blocks on the south side of 9th Avenue SE

**NEW!** Arts Commons is proud to be awarded the **Ultimate Host City Designation by Tourism Calgary!**



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 225 8TH AVE SE

*Monday to Saturday*

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 AM PM

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