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Becoming a member of Founders Circle is one of the most rewarding ways to support Arts Commons.

Arts Commons is more than just a building! It's an inspirational gathering place where creativity is expressed daily in immersive and engaging ways. This includes Arts Commons Presents the award-winning BD&P World Music, PCL Blues, TD Jazz and the distinguished speaker series *National Geographic Live*.

By becoming a member of Founders Circle, you help to grow our ability to share the transformative power of the arts with many more in our community. You also enhance your own experience by participating in unique and exceptional opportunities that bring you closer to the creative people who make it all happen through a series of exclusive Founders Circle Events. Please visit pages 5 & 8 for details.



NGL Explorer Mireya Mayor © Mark Thiessen

Ticket sales and other earned income only cover 65% of Arts Commons annual 12 million dollar operating budget, which means we must fundraise 35% annually to deliver the kind of excellence on stage and in our many programs for children, teachers, aspiring artists, resident companies, underserved and at-risk communities that you, and they, deserve. That's why your gift of membership in Founders Circle is truly vital to our mission and collective success!



On the Cover: (Centre) PCL Blues, Mr Sipp. (Below) PCL Blues, Reverend Peyton.



BD&P World Music, CHE MALAMBO



“Arts Commons is such a vital part of our community. Every event we attend is amazing. It’s an honour and a privilege to be part of Calgary’s cultural centre.”

*Founders Circle
Legacy Builder*



“We really enjoy every part of these one of a kind Founders Circle events.”

Founders Circle Associate Member



A gift of any amount nurtures and supports Arts Commons’ education programs. These programs make the arts more accessible to young minds, through a variety of original and impactful initiatives, such as the Hub for Inspired Learning that operates in collaboration with the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District.

Your gift also contributes to the sustainability of Calgary’s performing arts community and our six resident companies (Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary International Children’s Festival, Calgary Philharmonic

Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary) by helping to maintain our 560,000 square foot complex with its six performance venues, rehearsal halls, and production facilities.

Please help sustain the excellence of Arts Commons and the vast community we serve and support by joining Founders Circle, which is Arts Commons premier membership program designed to open you up to a wealth of varied arts experiences.

We thank you for your generous gift of membership in Founders Circle.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1ST EVENT

Special Guests: National Geographic's **Mireya Mayor**, Explorer, Primatologist & TV Correspondent; and the Calgary Zoo's **Dr. Malu Celli**, Curator of Land of Lemurs, Destination Africa and Penguin Plunge

Location: ENMAX Conservatory at the Calgary Zoo
Saturday, November 4, 2017

Event Partners: Calgary Zoo and National Geographic

Mireya Mayor co-discovered a rare new species of mouse lemur, then believed to be the world's smallest primate. Her discovery inspired the prime minister of Madagascar to establish a national park to help protect the new species, conserving the 10 percent that remained of the African island nation's once vast forest. Dr. Celli's newest responsibility is the care of the inhabitants of the Calgary Zoo's new Land of Lemurs habitat, which is home to black-and-white ruffed lemurs, red fronted lemurs, and ring-tailed lemurs. Join us for a conversation with these two celebrated conservationists as they discuss the current plight of the lemurs of Madagascar and role the Calgary Zoo has taken upon itself to help conserve the environment and protect these endangered species.

2ND EVENT

Special Guests: **Mr. Sipp** and **Tim Williams**

Location: Arts Commons Engineered Air Theatre
Saturday, January 20, 2018

Event Partners: PCL Blues

Dubbed the "Mississippi Blues Child" by his fans, Mr. Sipp's popularity has exploded, making him one of the most popular acts on the blues scene today. He is touring heavily and while he's visiting Calgary to perform as part of Arts Commons PCL Blues series, Mr. Sipp will sit down with Calgary-based bluesman, Tim Williams, for a chat to share their collective passion for the blues with our Founders Circle members.

3RD EVENT

Special Guests: **Artists from The Old Trout Puppet Workshop** and **Doug McKeag**

Location: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Founders Room
Monday, February 12, 2018

Event Partners: The Old Trout Puppet Workshop and Theatre Calgary

Theatre Calgary's production of *Twelfth Night* has been imagined by the world-renowned Calgary-based, Old Trout Puppet Workshop. Join us for an exceptional experience as actor Doug McKeag speaks with the Old Trouts Co-Artistic Directors Judd Palmer, Peter Balkwill, and Steven Kenderes about the creative process that led to the creation of the brilliantly inventive designs for *Twelfth Night*.



NGL Explorer Mireya Mayor © Brent Stirton

"Music is significant in our lives, and the Founders Circle gives us a chance to ensure the community is able to enjoy this art form."

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PCL Blues, Mr. Sipp

Tristan D. Lalla, Bruce Dow, Janelle Cooper
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Classic Albums Live

“The most incredible behind-the-scenes experience in Calgary.”

*Founders Circle
Visionary Member*



TD Jazz, Ms. Lisa Fischer



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“We appreciate the attention to detail and care everyone takes to ensure a quality Founders Circle experience.”

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4TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Touring Artists from Classic Albums Live - Fleetwood Mac - Rumours and Stephen Hunt**

Location: **Opera Room at Teatro Ristorante
Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

Event Partner: **Classic Albums Live**

Arts Journalist Stephen Hunt will host an intimate reception and conversation in the Opera Room at Teatro with the artists performing in Arts Commons new series, Classic Albums Live, in which musicians perform Fleetwood Mac’s acclaimed album *Rumours*. Join us as we learn more about the great lengths that the artists go to faithfully recreate every sound on the original album.

5TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Ms. Lisa Fischer and Tim Tamashiro**

Location: **Arts Commons Big Secret Theatre
Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

Event Partners: **TD Jazz**

GRAMMY Award winning artist, Ms. Lisa Fischer, is stepping into the spotlight at last. After four decades of singing background for icons like the Rolling Stones, Tina Turner, Chaka Khan, and Nine Inch Nails, Lisa is finally offering her own humble, heartfelt song, accompanied by her inventive new band Grand Baton. Calgary-based Jazz evangelist, Tim Tamashiro, will host a reception and conversation with Ms. Fischer so Founders Circle members get an intimate look at her exceptional career!

SPECIAL EVENT

Special Guest: **You!**

Location: **Opera Room at Teatro
Friday, June 1, 2018**

Event: **Founders Circle Dinner**

Celebrate a remarkable year of memorable experiences at Arts Commons by joining President & CEO, Johann Zietsman, fellow members of Founders Circle and many of Calgary’s celebrated artists for an exquisite dining experience in Teatro Ristorante’s Opera Room.

All Founders Circle events (special guests, dates, times and locations) are subject to change.



**FOUNDERS CIRCLE (FC)
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

	ASSOCIATE (FRIEND) \$20 TO \$99	ASSOCIATE (PATRON) \$100 TO \$499	ASSOCIATE (MEMBER) \$500 TO \$999	MEMBER \$1,000 TO \$2,499	VISIONARY \$2,500 TO \$4,999	PIONEER \$5,000 TO \$9,999	LEGACY BUILDER \$10,000*
<i>Official receipt for tax purposes pursuant to Canada Revenue Agency regulations</i>	Donation Amount	Donation Amount	Donation Amount less \$50	Donation Amount less \$150	Donation Amount less \$250	Donation Amount less \$250	Donation Amount less \$250
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name on the Arts Commons website</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name in Arts Commons 2017-18 Report to Community</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitations to attend exclusive Founders Circle Events (See pages 5 & 8 for details)</i>		One FC Event	One FC Event	All FC Events	All FC Events	All FC Events	All FC Events
<i>Complimentary Parking to attend Founders Circle Events</i>		One FC Event	One FC Event	All FC Events	All FC Events	All FC Events	All FC Events
<i>Complimentary bar & beverage service in the Jack Singer Concert Hall Founders Room when the member is attending select Arts Commons Presents performances*</i>			For two Arts Commons Presents Concerts	For All Arts Commons Presents Concerts	For All Arts Commons Presents Concerts	For All Arts Commons Presents Concerts	For All Arts Commons Presents Concerts
<i>Concierge Services - Priority Seating through the Development Office</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Subscription to Arts Commons Magazine, Calgary's premier arts and culture publication</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name in Arts Commons Magazine</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Grateful Acknowledgement on the Honour Wall in the lobby of the Jack Singer Concert Hall throughout the 2018-19 Season</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Front of the line ticket purchasing privileges for select performances at Arts Commons</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Private Behind-the-Scene Tour of Arts Commons</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to attend the 2018 Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to attend the Founders Circle Dinner with some of Calgary's most celebrated artists at Teatro on Friday, June 1, 2018</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to dedicate a performance presented by Arts Commons Presents</i>						✓	✓
<i>Complimentary use of the Founders Room for a private event (subject to availability)</i>						✓	✓
<i>Invitation to align your gift towards a programming priority at Arts Commons</i>							✓

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