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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 BD&P World Music, PCL Blues, TD Jazz, Classic Albums Live, and the distinguished speaker series *National Geographic Live*, among other special presentations.

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.



Arts Commons
Presents
Potted Potter

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) BD&P World Music, *Cuba Vibra! Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba*. (Below) TD Jazz, Lisa Fischer.



TD Jazz, Ramsey Lewis © Will Young



“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.”

*Bob & Sue Benzen,
Founders – Platinum Tier*



PCL Blues, Mr. Sipp © Will Young



BD&P World Music, Pia! The Show © Will Young

“[Founders Circle allows me] to be part of a ‘family’ of like-minded people passionate about the arts.”

Susan Tyrrell, Founder – Silver Tier



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 ConocoPhillips 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 five resident companies (Alberta Theatre Projects, 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 bring you in closer than ever to a wealth of varied arts experiences.

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

Join the Circle

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1ST EVENT

Special Guests: **Band Members of OK Go**

Location: Arts Commons Jack Singer Concert Hall
Saturday, November 17, 2018

Event Partners: Arts Commons Presents

OK Go, the GRAMMY Award winning band famous for their wildly quirky and elaborate one-take music videos, brings their unique magic to the Jack Singer Concert Hall. As you might expect from the pioneering band who danced on treadmills and in zero gravity, their concert is unlike any we've seen before: it's a film screening and a rock concert rolled into one. Prior to their big show, get a sneak peak as the band does their sound check, and listen in on an animated conversation with these truly innovative artists, hosted by science broadcaster, writer, and Beakerhead co-founder Jay Ingram.

2ND EVENT

Special Guests: **Dr. Malu Celli**, Curator, The Calgary Zoo

Location: The Calgary Zoo
Sunday, January 13, 2019

Event Partners: The Calgary Zoo

In the spirit of *National Geographic Live*, Dr. Malu Celli, curator of the Calgary Zoo's Destination Africa and Penguin Plunge, will give you a private after-hours viewing of the Zoo's lowland gorillas. Learn more about the role the Zoo is playing in the conservation of these endangered animals, and get your own insider's look of Destination Africa.

3RD EVENT

Special Guests: **Potted Potter Company – Joseph Maudsley & James Percy**

Location: Arts Commons Martha Cohen Theatre
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Event Partners: Arts Commons Presents

★★★★★ **"It's the single funniest thing I have seen in ages. You're gonna love this show!"**
—*Toronto Star*

Join us for the Opening Night Performance and a Pre-Performance Reception with members of the touring company of *Potted Potter*. *Potted Potter – The Unauthorized Harry Experience – A Parody by Daniel Clarkson and Jefferson Turner* takes on the ultimate challenge of condensing all seven Harry Potter books (and a real life game of Quidditch) into seventy hilarious minutes. Even if you don't know the difference between a horcrux and a Hufflepuff, *Potted Potter* will make you roar with laughter. Ticket included in event.



Arts Commons Presents
OK Go – The Live Video Tour

"[Founders Circle gives us] an opportunity to directly engage with the premier aspects of Calgary's arts community."

*Rod Villanueva
& Jennifer Kingsbury,
Founders – Silver Tier*



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Arts Commons Presents *Potted Potter*





BD&P World Music, *Cuba Vibra!* Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba © Eduardo Patino

“Being a member cements community spirit and support of the integral arts community.”

Darrel Winter, Friend



Arts Commons Presents
Lea Salonga © Raymund Isaac



© Will Young

“The interviews with the artists are always enlightening.”

*Judy & Joe Osinski,
Benefactors*



4TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Dancers from Cuba Vibra!**

Location: Arts Commons
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Event Partner: **BD&P World Music**

Cuba Vibra! Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba is a dance party, a tribute to Cuban musical heritage, and a night of pure celebration all rolled into one amazingly immersive performance. On the night before the big show, presented as part of BD&P World Music series, get an exclusive and intimate look at traditional Cuban dance and music in a private workshop setting, and learn about how the passionate movements and sounds have evolved into the modern day.
Bring your dancing shoes!

5TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Lea Salonga and Stafford Arima**

Location: Arts Commons Engineered Air Theatre
Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Event Partners: **Arts Commons Presents**

Known across the world for her powerful voice and perfect pitch, Lea Salonga is a singer and actress who is best known for her Tony Award winning role in Miss Saigon. She was also the first Asian to play Eponine in the musical Les Misérables on Broadway and returned to the beloved show as Fantine in the 2006 revival. Theatre Calgary’s Artistic Director Stafford Arima joins us to interview Lea, discussing career highlights, and their time together on Broadway.

SPECIAL EVENT

Special Guest: **You!**

Location: Arts Commons
Friday May 31, 2019

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.
(Note, this event is open to Silver, Gold and Platinum Founders Circle Members only.)

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



FOUNDERS CIRCLE (FC) MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

	ASSOCIATE \$20 TO \$99	FRIEND \$100 TO \$499	FELLOW \$500 TO \$999	BENEFACTOR \$1,000 TO \$2,499	FOUNDER – SILVER TIER \$2,500 TO \$4,999	FOUNDER – GOLD TIER \$5,000 TO \$9,999	FOUNDER – PLATINUM TIER \$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 2018-19 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 2019-20 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 2019 Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to attend the Founders Circle Dinner with some of Calgary's most celebrated artists on May 31, 2019</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>							✓

Arts Commons wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the following resident companies and partners that have offered inspiration, encouragement, and most notably support of Founders Circle.

EVENT PARTNERS



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"I really enjoy the benefits I receive which are close to being priceless, but more than that, I know that I'm helping to create and maintain a stronger arts community in Calgary."

Brian Mills, Founder – Silver Tier

9 Membership is for a 12-month period; benefits are provided throughout that period.

* Includes all concerts in the BD&P World Music, Classic Albums Live, and TD Jazz.



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