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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 Stage, 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 through 8 for details.



Jazzmeia Horn,  
TD Jazz, 2019-20 © Carlos Ortiz

**Ticket sales, venue rentals, and other income only cover 65% of the annual 12 million dollar operating budget of Arts Commons, leaving a 4.2 million dollar fundraising gap.**

By joining Founders Circle, you help us deliver excellence on stage and behind the scenes: in our many programs for children, teachers, and aspiring artists; for resident companies and under-served communities. Your gift of membership is vital to our mission and collective success, making world-class arts and culture experiences accessible to all Calgarians!



CADME students with Bobby McFerrin, TD Jazz, 2018-19



Founders Circle event in the Engineered Air Theatre, 2018-19



Founders Circle event at the Calgary Zoo, 2018-19

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“The Founders Circle provides us an opportunity to support Calgary’s avid arts community while enjoying incredible performances and unique experiences.”

*Dave & Roxanne Dunlop,  
Founders - Gold Tier*



A Conversation with Lea Salonga, Arts Commons Presents, 2018-19



Founders Circle event in the Engineered Air Theatre, 2018-19



Founders Circle event at the Calgary Zoo, 2018-19

“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*



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 six resident companies (Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, 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, our 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.**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 1ST EVENT

Special Guests: **Maria Muldaur & Holger Petersen**

Location: Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Saturday, November 2, 2019

Event Partners: Arts Commons Presents PCL Blues & CKUA

Maria Muldaur has netted seven GRAMMY nominations for her work, including a 2019 nod for her album Don't You Feel My Leg – The Naughty Bawdy Blues of Blue Lu Barker. Let's kick off the 2019–20 Season of Founders Circle by spending some time with Edmonton-based journalist and CKUA host, Holger Petersen, who will facilitate a conversation with Maria about her music career.

### 2ND EVENT

Special Guests: **Cirque Flip Fabrique Artists**

Location: Arts Commons, Jack Singer Rehearsal Hall  
Monday, January 20, 2020

Event Partner: Arts Commons Presents BD&P World Stage

★★★★★ *“Flip Fabrique projects an irrepresible spirit of fun and, yes, it’s catching.”*  
—*The New York Times*

In the words of Founder Bruno Gagnon, “Adults seem to have forgotten how to play and have fun. To play in their bath, to make noise while cooking, to make a mess while throwing eggs in the air... Adults are losing their childish heart.” Let's have some fun together and get to know the artists of Cirque Flip Fabrique at a members-only Founders Circle event.

### 3RD EVENT

Special Guest: **Damien Sneed, Musical Director of *We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Location: Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Event Partners: Arts Commons Presents BD&P World Stage

★★★★★ *“Damien is an extraordinarily talented, intelligent and well-rounded musician as well as a human being of depth and passion.”*  
—*Jessye Norman*

The words and actions of Dr. King continue to electrify generations of civil rights activists and defenders. Musical Director Damien Sneed, known for his work as Musical Director of the Aretha Franklin band, bottles that energy, and unleashes it on-stage through a living lineage of music with spoken word from Dr. King's recorded speeches. Join us for a conversation and reception with Damien Sneed in celebration of Black History month.

Maria Muldaur, PCL Blues,  
2019-20 © Dynamic Artists  
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“[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*



*Cirque Flip Fabrique: BLIZZARD, BD&P World Stage, 2019-20 © Cirque Flip Fabrique*



*We Shall Overcome, A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., BD&P World Stage, 2019-20 © IMG Artists*



“Our arts community is vital to enriching our lives. Supporting it is important.”

*Greg Rogers & Leianne Vye-Rogers,  
Founders – Silver Tier*

Jazzmeia Horn, TD Jazz, 2019-20  
© Jacob Blickenstaff

#### 4TH EVENT

Special Guest: **Jazzmeia Horn**  
Location: Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
Event Partner: Arts Commons Presents TD Jazz

★★★★★ *“Without a doubt among the jazz world’s most exciting young vocalists... her sound is explosive and bright and rich, catnip for audiences looking for boldness that’s still traditional.”*  
—*Billboard*

A shooting star in the jazz world, Horn spent the last few years picking up jazz vocalist awards left, right, and centre, including top place in the vaunted Thelonious Monk Institute International Jazz Competition. Join us for an evening of conversation with Jazzmeia Horn.

#### 5TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Classic Albums Live: The Beatles – Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band Musicians & Singers**  
Location: Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre  
Saturday, May 2, 2020  
Event Partners: Arts Commons Presents Classic Albums Live

Sgt. Pepper is 50 years old! For many of us, we don’t know a world without it. Classic Albums Live will be honouring the Sgt. Pepper album with a ‘note for note – cut for cut’ performance featuring 12 of the world’s best musicians. Spend the evening in intimate conversation with the artists who bring the Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper masterpiece to life.

#### SPECIAL EVENT

Special Guest: **You!**  
Location: Arts Commons, Jack Singer Rehearsal Hall  
Friday June 5, 2020  
Event: Founders Circle Dinner

Celebrate a remarkable year of memorable experiences at Arts Commons by joining fellow members of Founders Circle and many of Calgary’s celebrated artists for an exquisite dining experience at Arts Commons. *(Please note that the Founders Circle Dinner is open to Silver, Gold and Platinum Founders Circle Members.)*

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



Classic Albums Live  
The Beatles – Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band

Founders Circle Event,  
2018-19



Founders Circle Event,  
2018-19

“The interviews with the artists are always enlightening.”

*Judy & Joe Osinski,  
Benefactors*

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## 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 2019-20 Report to Community</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitations to attend exclusive Founders Circle Events (See pages 5 through 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 &amp; 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>Grateful acknowledgement on the Honour Wall in the lobby of the Jack Singer Concert Hall throughout the 2020-21 Season</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Front of the line ticket purchasing privileges for select performances at Arts Commons</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Private Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Arts Commons</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to attend the 2020 Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions</i>					✓	✓	✓
<i>Invitation to attend the Founders Circle Dinner with some of Calgary's most celebrated artists on June 5, 2020</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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### EVENT PARTNERS



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Founders Circle event in the Engineered Air Theatre, 2018-19

"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*



Founders Circle event in the Engineered Air Theatre, 2018-19



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