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

As a member, you help us create a home where audiences, artists, and organizations can experience excellence on stage and behind the scenes: in our many programs for children, teachers, and aspiring artists; for the companies who call Arts Commons home; and to the hundreds of community-based organizations that depend on our support and facilities. Your gift of membership is vital to our mission and our collective success, making world-class arts and culture experiences accessible to all Calgarians!



1 FOUNDERS CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

Artists from *We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* at a Founders Circle Event, BD&P World Stage, 2019-20 Season. © Will Young



China Forbes and Thomas Lauderdale, Pink Martini, TD Jazz © Chris Hornbecker

“Every year we look forward to more wonderful times as part of the Founders Circle and being able to support all of these awesome shows that we are so fortunate to get in Calgary.”

*Leigh-Ann Duke & Rob Nipp
– Benefactors*



Founders Circle members Leigh-Ann Duke & Rob Nipp (right) backstage of the Jack Singer Concert Hall with members of The Hot Sardines, TD Jazz, 2019-20 Season. © Mike Hopkins



Tim Tamashiro gets a hug from Lisa Fischer, TD Jazz, 2017-18 Season. © Will Young

Ticket sales, venue rentals, and other earned income only cover 63% of our operating budget. Your membership in Founders Circle will help us raise \$4 million from the community so we can bring you arts experiences that create lasting memories, offer inspired learning opportunities, and invest in artists whose mission, like ours, is to bring the arts to life.



Members of Founders Circle gather in the Founders Room in advance of a members-only Event, 2019-20 Season. © Will Young



Roxanne Dunlop, Greg Robertson, Lance Olson, and Dave Dunlop at a Founders Circle event. © Will Young

“Founders Circle brings people together to share something grand. It’s like a family. We’re all different, but we get together through giving and the job of being a part of something bigger than ourselves — the Arts.”

Maureen Williams, Founder, Gold Tier



Michelle Moss with Maureen Williams (seated) during her first Founders Circle Event, BD&P World Stage, 2016-17 Season. © Will Young



Arts Commons also recognizes the significant impact the arts will have on the City of Calgary as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Certainly, they will be key to an economic recovery. But they will be even more crucial to building back a desired quality of life for Calgarians across the city, helping improve their mental health, and strengthening their sense of community.

To begin this process, and to show our appreciation for the perseverance of our neighbours in helping us through this pandemic,

Arts Commons and our resident companies will undertake **A Season of Gratitude** throughout the 2021-22 Season. This program will provide up to 10,000 tickets to Calgarians identified as essential workers, enabling them to attend performances, at no cost.

A Season of Gratitude is made possible by a generous gift from the **Rodney & Karen McCann Family**. We hope you will decide to lend your support of the Arts Commons ecosystem and *A Season of Gratitude* by joining Founders Circle for the 2021-22 Season.



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FOUNDERS CIRCLE EVENTS

1ST EVENT

Special Guests: **The Rondel Roberts Band**
Location: **Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall**
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm
Event Partner: **Arts Commons**

Arts Commons is eager to share with you the outcome of \$6 million that has been invested to create new and innovative ways for performances to be experienced and enjoyed. Join us for an exclusive introduction to the new audio, lighting and cinematic technologies that our industry peers consider to be the best new technology in the country that will also culminate with a celebratory concert featuring the tube driven guitar tones and sultry vocals of The Rondel Roberts Band.

2ND EVENT

Special Guest: **Tim Tamashiro**
Location: **Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall**
Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00pm
Event Partner: **Arts Commons Presents and BD&P World Stage**

Calgary musician Tim Tamashiro brings old-fashioned holiday charm in an evening of Christmases past. Sit back and enjoy a behind the scenes look by attending the dress rehearsal for the concert, *Timmy's Happy Christmas, 1974*. Listen in as "Little Timmy" dives into a classic department store catalogue and waxes nostalgically.

3RD EVENT

Special Guests: **Members of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**
Location: **Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall**
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00pm
Event Partners: **Arts Commons Presents and TD Jazz**

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by Wynton Marsalis, is made up of 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers in jazz music today. Join us for an evening with Arts Commons' President & CEO, Alex Sarian, and the members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra as they explore jazz history, discuss new and classic tunes, and discover listening methods that will improve your concert experience.

“Founders Circle allows me to be part of a family of like-minded people who are passionate about the arts and always eager to learn more about the artists and art forms being presented.”

*Susan Tyrrell,
Founder – Silver Tier*



Members of The Rondel Roberts Band.



Tim Tamishiro, BD&P World Stage



Members of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, TD Jazz. © Frank Stewart



Lea Solonga © Troi Santos

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

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



Classic Albums Live band members performing *Eagles, Hotel California*

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4TH EVENT

Special Guest: **Lea Salonga**

Location: **Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre**
Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:00pm

Event Partner: **Arts Commons Presents and BD&P World Stage**

Back by popular demand, Lea Salonga returns to share stories from her illustrious career with members of Founders Circle ahead of her one-night-only performance of her best-loved songs. Whether you know her as a Philippines pop idol, a Disney princess, or as a Tony Award-winning Broadway star, Lea Salonga's career proves she has the star power to do it all!

5TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Artists from Classic Albums Live**

Location: **Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre**
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:00pm

Event Partners: **Arts Commons Presents and Classic Albums Live**

The chart-topping work from the *Eagles, Hotel California* is one of the best-selling albums of all time. Conceptualized as a dark and dystopic microcosm of the United States, it contains some of the most singable tracks (and air guitar-playing riffs) ever recorded, and firmly moved the Eagles out of country music and into classic rock. Spend the evening in intimate conversation with the artists who bring the *Eagles' Hotel California* to life.

FOUNDERS CIRCLE DINNER

Special Guest: **You!**

Location: **Arts Commons**
Friday, June 3, 2022 at 5:30pm

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.)*

Make your membership go further!

All contributions to Founders Circle will be matched up to 50%, through Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink!

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
<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
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name on the Arts Commons website</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name in Arts Commons 2021-22 Report to Community</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<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
<i>Complimentary parking to attend Founders Circle Events</i>		One FC Event	One FC Event	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>			Two Arts Commons Presents Concerts	All Arts Commons Presents Concerts	All Arts Commons Presents Concerts
<i>Concierge Services - Priority Seating through the Development Office</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Grateful acknowledgement on the Honour Wall in the lobby of the Jack Singer Concert Hall throughout the 2021-22 Season</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Front of the line ticket purchasing privileges for select performances at Arts Commons</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Private Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Arts Commons</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Invitation to attend the 2022 Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions</i>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Invitation to attend the Founders Circle Dinner with some of Calgary's most celebrated artists on June 3, 2022</i>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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>					

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

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



FOUNDER – GOLD TIER	FOUNDER – PLATINUM TIER
\$5,000 TO 9,999	\$10,000+

Donation Amount less \$250	Donation Amount less \$250
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“The interviews with the artists are always enlightening.”

Judy & Joe Osinski, Benefactors



Founders Circle Members and their guests gather for a Founders Circle Event, 2019-20 Season. © Lisa Amos



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