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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

Nick Walsh from Classic Albums Live performs
Led Zeppelin 1, 2021-22 Season. © Kim Gordon



Catheryn Salvo and Crislyn Pham at a Founders Circle Event with Lea Salonga. @ Sam Obadero

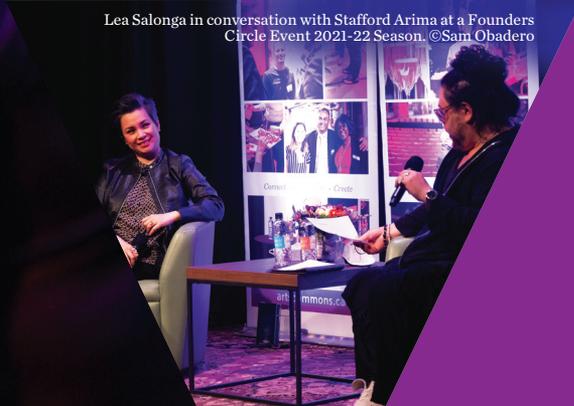
“We have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with the vibrant community of Arts Commons as new members of Founder’s Circle this past year.”

*Glen & Brenda Andrews
Founders – Silver Tier*



Brenda & Glen Andrews at a Founders Circle Event. © Sam Obadero

Lea Salonga in conversation with Stafford Arima at a Founders Circle Event 2021-22 Season. ©Sam Obadero



“Founders Circle gives me an opportunity to directly engage with the premier aspects of Calgary’s arts community.”

*Rod Villanueva
Founder – Silver Tier*



Jennifer Kingsbury & Rod Villanueva
at the Founders Circle Dinner. © Will Young



Singer , songwriter Selci and Sandra Steven
at a Founders Circle Event.© Will Young



Leigh-Ann Duke & Rob Nipp at a
Founder's Circle Event. © Sam Obadero

Ticket sales,
venue rentals,
and other earned
income only cover 50%
of our operating budget.

Your membership in Founders
Circle will help us raise \$5.1 million
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.

The arts inspire, enlighten, and entertain. We are grateful to the following members of Founders Circle that support our work in performance, learning, and community engagements. Enriching the lives of Calgarians through the arts and championing our city's artists, young people, resident companies, and underrepresented communities, is our shared aspiration.

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FOUNDERS CIRCLE EVENTS

1ST EVENT

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

Location: Jack Singer Concert Hall Rehearsal Room
Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 1:00pm

Event Partner: **Arts Commons Presents & Classic Albums Live**

The smash-hit series, *Classic Albums Live*, relies only on great music and some of the world's best musicians to create a faithful concert reproduction of an original album, note for note, cut for cut. Join us for a behind the scenes glimpse into the rigors of preparing to perform Billy Joel's album, *The Stranger*, which is considered Joel's critical and commercial breakthrough album.

2ND EVENT

Special Guest: **Arts Commons' President & CEO Alex Sarian**

Location: Stage of the Jack Singer Concert Hall
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00pm

Event Partner: **Arts Commons**

As our city embraces its future as a centre of innovation and creativity, Arts Commons is evolving to meet the demands of an increasingly global community through the Arts Commons Transformation (ACT) project, the largest cultural infrastructure project in Canada. Join President & CEO, Alex Sarian, for a deep dive into this comprehensive investment in Calgary's downtown core that will do far more than expand and modernize Calgary's premier performing arts centre—it will revitalize our downtown by fundamentally changing the way people perceive, experience, and talk about the arts.

3RD EVENT

Special Guests: **National Geographic Photographer & Filmmaker Ami Vitale**

Location: Jack Singer Concert Hall Rehearsal Room
Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 11:00am

Event Partners: **Arts Commons Presents and National Geographic Live**

Join us for an intimate conversation with the award-winning National Geographic photographer and filmmaker, Ami Vitale, as she shares highlights from her career of documenting the heartbreaking realities of war to witnessing the inspiring power of individuals who are effective protecting our world's wildlife.



Artists from Classic Albums Live.



Arts Commons' President & CEO Alex Sarian. ©Will Young

"I can't wait to tell you about the Arts Commons Transformation (ACT) project, the most ambitious cultural infrastructure project in recent Canadian history. Our shovel-ready project is already playing a pivotal role in catalyzing Calgary's cultural, social, and economic renaissance.

Alex Sarian
Arts Commons' President & CEO



National Geographic Photographer and Filmmaker, Ami Vitale. ©Bryan Liscinsky



Strings for Peace, BD&P World Stage. ©Suvo Das



Step Afrika!: Drumfolk, BD&P World Stage. ©Sekou Luke

“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



Sydney Fielding and Maureen Williams at the Founders Circle Dinner. ©Will Young

4TH EVENT

Special Guest: **Amjad Ali Khan and Sharon Isbin**

Location: **Engineered Air Theatre
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00pm**

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

Join us for an evening of conversation with multiple Grammy Award winner, Sharon Isbin, and sarod master, Amjad Ali, as they discuss Strings for Peace, their ground-breaking album steeped in the tradition of ragas and talas of North Indian classical music that vastly enriches the repertoire for guitar. The Times of India, raved how the musicians “crossed barriers of language, culture, uniting people through music and melody ... the power of their performance rocked the hall!”

5TH EVENT

Special Guests: **Artists from Step Afrika!**

Location: **Stage of the Jack Singer Concert Hall
Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00pm**

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

Step Afrika! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Gather with the artists from Step Afrika! in the rehearsal hall as they prepare for their residency at Arts Commons and learn why their blend of technique, agility, and pure energy leaves the audience with their hearts pounding.

FOUNDERS CIRCLE DINNER

Special Guest: **You!**

Location: **Stage of the Jack Singer Concert Hall
Friday, May 26, 2023 at 6:30pm**

Celebrate a remarkable season 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.

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	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>					
<i>Grateful acknowledgement of your name in Arts Commons 2022-23 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
<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>					
<i>Grateful acknowledgement on the Honour Wall in the lobby of the Jack Singer Concert Hall throughout the 2022-23 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 2023 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 26, 2023.</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>					

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 Jazz Series.

Members Rod Wade, Betty Wade and Thabo Chinaki at the Annual Founders Circle Dinner. @ Will Young

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“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*

Bryan Mills, Susan Tyrrell, and R. Scott Hutcheson gather at Founders Circle Dinner. ©Will Young





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Cover photo, top: Founders Circle Members Mike and Mirielle Robinson with their daughter at a Founders Circle Event @Will Young;
Cover photo, center: Members of Step Afrika! performing “Drumfolk”;
Cover photo, bottom: Reteti Elephant Sanctuary wildlife keeper Banki is greeted by Shorty the giraffe, ©Ami Vitale.

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