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2024-25

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Message from the President and CEO

Thank you for being on this beautiful journey with us. It's hard to believe our centre has been around for almost 40 years. Much has changed since this building first opened its doors in 1985 and, like this city, we are growing and evolving. The Arts Commons Transformation and Olympic Plaza Transformation projects represent a bold new direction for our city which will make Calgary home to one of the largest cultural campuses in North America. But a wonderful new building and adjoining plaza would mean nothing if we weren't transforming on the inside as well as the outside.

In June of 2024, we became home to the largest philanthropic gift to the performing arts in Canadian history, thanks to a record-breaking gift of \$75 million from Albertans Dave Werklund and the Werklund Family. As we take on the Werklund Centre name in Fall 2025 and allow ourselves to be inspired by the Werklund legacy, it is our aspiration that we grow to become a destination that goes beyond just the arts. What's more, we have an opportunity to create something new that embodies the shared values between Arts Commons and the Werklund family.

Together, we will put the needs of our growing city at the centre of our work. Arts and culture are a key part of any thriving cosmopolitan city, providing a gathering space that nurtures conversation, energizes participation, and supports both emotional and intellectual growth. Arts Commons, soon to be Werklund Centre, will build towards being a modern, civic-minded performing arts centre that blends arts, education, social enterprise, and city-building, and we can't wait to continue on this path with you.

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Alex Sarian
President and CEO



WELCOME

Message from the VP of Programming

Our goal is to create conversations that you have told us you want to be part of. And with this in mind, I am thrilled to share my first full season of programming.

Collaboration is our north star. Partnering with the dynamic resident companies of Arts Commons– Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary Philharmonic, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary – connecting with local artists, community organizations, schools, and businesses, we're working on rooting all our choices in Calgary's unique identity. Collaboration taps us into the breadth of voices and experiences that make our city magnetic.

Dave Werklund and his family believe this too. In June, with the historic gift to the future of Calgary he said this:

“Picture this...a flywheel. At first, it is small and slow. As we push the flywheel clockwise, it starts to move and as more people join in, it gets larger and faster. That flywheel is the power of collaboration; where individual contributions coalesce to achieve something that might seem unattainable when tackled alone.”

This power of collaboration is evident in our expanded programming for the upcoming season. We are branching out, while honouring the deep roots of our very big tree and more people are joining in.

From the brilliant Michael Feinstein and the Carnegie Hall Ensemble in *Because of You* as part of BD&P World Stage, to discovering the mysteries of our gorgeous planet with the expertise of National Geographic Live, to our Special Presentations which include the great Jann Arden or the beloved Classic Albums live series, we have put together a season in the Jack Singer Concert Hall that is full of JOY, FUN and ADVENTURE.

And to this big tree we are adding new saplings, a denser forest with a series dedicated entirely to the flywheel effect: The Collaborations.

If you look closely, you will see collaborations that are happening with the wonderful companies within the Arts Commons ecosystem. They have so much artistry to share. If you like theatre you might consider seeing *The Lehman Trilogy*, a show we are presenting in collaboration with Theatre Calgary. If you loved *Due South* and phenomenal Calgary born and bred talent...maybe you will consider joining us at Alberta Theatre Projects where we co-present *In Conversation with Paul Gross*! Or what about a game-changing presentation celebrating Bob Marley's 80th birthday in *A Tribute to Bob Marley* co-presented with the Calgary Philharmonic! There are so many collaborations in our season, check them out in the brochure!

If you dream of a night where a local hip-hop artist performs alongside a classical string quartet and a comedian, then I encourage you to check out our TD Amplify Series or One Yellow Rabbit's legendary High Performance Rodeo, or both! The creative collisions that happen there are thrilling! Or if you envision a multimedia installation that combines digital art with live performance, check out the work of our RBC Emerging Visual Arts Program on view in our galleries, studio spaces, at our Art Parties and Scratch! Or how about phenomenal athletes who move like birds in the incredible *Murmuration*, a co-presentation with Springboard Dance happening during Chinook Blast in February at the Winsport Arena. These are the kinds of surprising and delightful experiences that can emerge when we embrace collaboration and cross-disciplinary exploration.

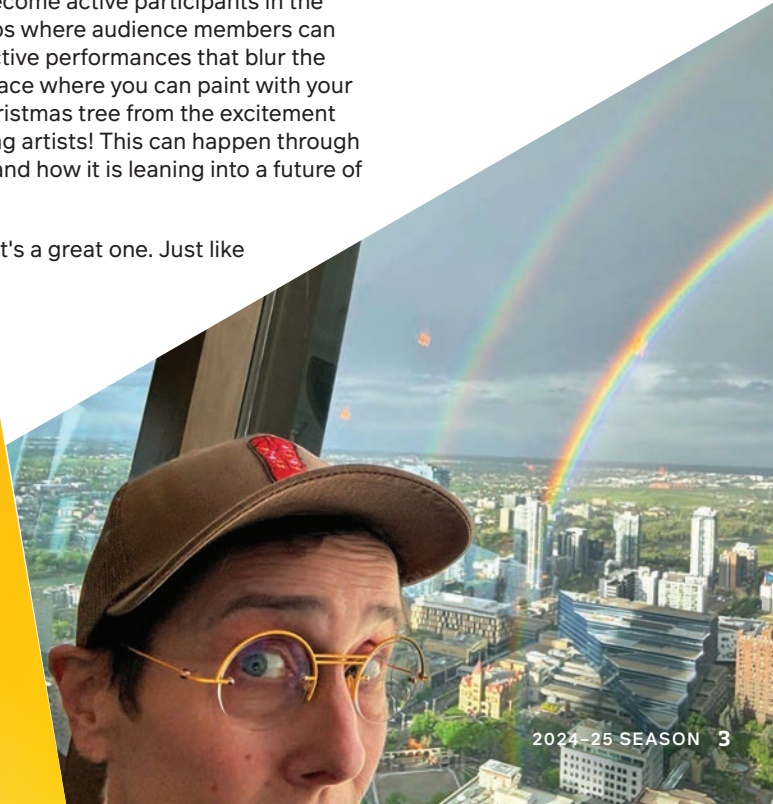
Plus, we're continuing to widen our support of artists with new collaborations like Radiate happening in partnership with AIRI and Marriott Residence Inn.

Our commitment to collaboration extends to how we engage with our audience. We're moving beyond the traditional model of passive spectatorship, inviting our community to become active participants in the artistic process. This might mean workshops where audience members can learn directly from visiting artists, or interactive performances that blur the line between performer and spectator. A place where you can paint with your kid, or where your kid can light up like a Christmas tree from the excitement of creating something new with our teaching artists! This can happen through the incredible work of our education team and how it is leaning into a future of Arts ReimaginED.

I really hope you will join the conversation. It's a great one. Just like the blue sky city we call home!



Sarah Garton Stanley



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Each fan-favourite series delivers something for every arts lover in Calgary: iconic classic rock, the world's leading environmental voices, thought-provoking underground artists, and an eclectic mix of internationally renowned performers.

BD&P World Stage features a rich diversity of performances from music and dance to high-octane circus in the name of sharing something surprising and new with you, our Calgary community.

Classic Albums Live invites you to witness history-making albums like you've never experienced them before, expertly recreated by an all-Canadian cast of musicians live on stage, note for note, cut for cut.

National Geographic Live takes you into the field with the leading Explorers of National Geographic as they share their powerful, life-changing experiences accompanied by high resolution images and video projected on a screen that spans the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons.

TD Amplify is fast becoming one of Calgary's favourite underground art events. Now in its seventh season, every TD Amplify show features a new roster of must-see local artists. Expect the unexpected with these lineups that span comedy, spoken word poetry, dance, all genres of music and more. And here's an insider tip: stick around for the secret after-party.

AND MORE

Arts Commons Presents always has more surprises in store – watch out for pop-up special presentations, lobby acts, behind-the-scenes chats, and more in the 2024-25 season!

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OCTOBER 2024
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Led Zeppelin: //

Thur. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
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Experience the timeless power of *Led Zeppelin II* in the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons in this electrifying tribute to one of rock music's heaviest albums. Immerse yourself in the guitar riffs that changed the rock 'n' roll game for generations and kick off the 2024-25 season of Classic Albums Live with Arts Commons Presents!

Turn to
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the next
show in the
series.



NOVEMBER 2024
03

Sun. 4pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

Social Tango

Experience the history, passion, and artistry of tango in an immersive show of dance, film, and participation, coming to Calgary straight from South America. Acclaimed around the world, *Social Tango* transports audiences into the heart of Buenos Aires complete with an interactive *milonga* following the show. Don't miss this fiery trip to Argentina!

NOVEMBER 2024
17 & 18

Sun. 2pm
Mon. 7pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

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Nalini Nadkarni: Roots to Canopy

Climb into the clouds with tree canopy ecologist and National Geographic Explorer Nalini Nadkarni to explore the magnificent wildlife and scientific landscape in the vast, hidden worlds suspended above our heads. Through stunning high-def photos and videos, check out the view from the top of the most remote forests of the world in the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons.



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NOVEMBER 2024
29

Fri. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

360 ALLSTARS

Hang on to your cowboy hats for an explosive fusion of circus, sports, dance and hip-hop live on stage. 360 ALLSTARS is a high-octane ensemble of World Champion and World Record holding artists and athletes that celebrates the skill and precision – and yes, the artistry – of street culture.

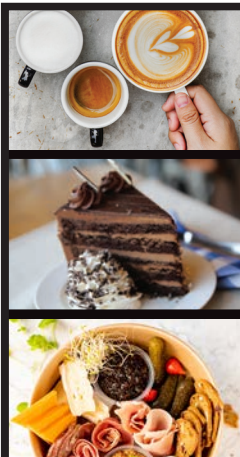
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National Geographic Live presentation ©Kim Gordon

DECEMBER 2024
19 & 20

Thur. 7:30pm
Fri. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

Jann Arden Christmas Tour

The smash-hit event of the holiday season returns by **popular demand** this December with Calgary's own Jann Arden as she puts her unique stamp on the holiday classics that you know and love. Cozy up with Arts Commons for an evening of festive music and heartwarming stories.



“Perfect from start to finish.”

– Arts Commons Presents patron,
A Jann Arden Christmas



“The Boiling River is a testament to the beauty and complexity of the natural world, and it reminds us of how much we still have to learn.”

– Andrés Ruzo, Geothermal Scientist and Educator

JANUARY 2025
26 & 27

Sun. 2pm
Mon. 7pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

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Andrés Ruzo: Hunt for Sleeping Giants

Growing up, National Geographic Explorer Andrés Ruzo was captivated by the idea of a “boiling river.” As an adult, he found out it was real. Join Ruzo as he explores where the Earth’s core meets our world on the surface: the Amazon’s Boiling River, far-off lava fields, the legendary Mt. Vesuvius, and other phenomena that have captured our imaginations for generations.



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FEBRUARY 2025
08

Sat. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

A Tribute to Bob Marley

In celebration of his 80th birthday, hear Bob Marley's music like never before. His sound and message deepened by beautiful new orchestrations performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra accompanied by visuals created by Calgary's own art and production house FOREIGNERZ. Let's get together and feel all right!



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MARCH 2025
04

Tue. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
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Trailblazing Women of Country

A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta and Dolly

Trailblazing Women of Country elevates the voices of women who changed the face of country music forever, leaving an enduring legacy of powerful lyrics, timeless melodies, and a message of empowerment. Featuring country music rising stars Rissi Palmer and Kristina Train, and backed by an all-women band, they will lovingly perform Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, and Dolly Parton's hits with "Walking After Midnight," "The Pill," and "9-to-5."

**Read more about how
soloists Rissi Palmer and
Kristina Train were inspired
by the legendary trio**



MARCH 2025
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Thur. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

Michael Feinstein in Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble

A must-see for any fan of the Great American Songbook, Michael Feinstein, Tony Bennett and Carnegie Hall is the fusion of three iconic names in contemporary music. Created by award-winning vocalist and music historian Michael Feinstein, hear the **legendary music of Tony Bennett like never before**, with new arrangements and personal stories born out of the friendship between these two musical stars. Standards like "The Way You Look Tonight" performed by the Carnegie Hall Ensemble are what the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons was made for.



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APRIL 2025
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Thur. 7:30pm

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David Bowie:

The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars

Enter a glittery, dreamy realm and blast off with David Bowie's iconic masterpiece! It's the most immersive sonic landscapes in rock music history, *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars* took the idea of the concept album to galactic heights. Draw on your lightning bolts and join the "Starman" in an unforgettable celebration of Ziggy Stardust, glam rock, and free expression.

**Tickets
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for this
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series



APRIL 2025
27 & 28

Sun. 2pm
Mon. 7pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

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Doug Smith: Wild Wolves of Yellowstone

Explore Yellowstone's rich wilderness through the eyes of National Geographic Explorer Doug Smith. Join his enduring and successful mission to reintroduce wolves to America's first national park and witness the beauty and resilience of its ecosystem.



MAY 2025
03

The Rolling Stones: Sticky Fingers

Sat. 7:30pm

Jack Singer
Concert Hall at
Arts Commons

Experience rock 'n' roll history live with Classic Albums Live's faultless recreation of this Rolling Stones masterpiece. With iconic hits like "Wild Horses" and "Brown Sugar", – and the instantly recognizable Tongue and Lips logo – this is when the Stones were cemented in the record books as one of the world's sexiest, most rebellious, and revolutionary rock bands of all time.



“The band was so talented and their performance was top notch - wish I could see this show again!”

– Classic Albums Live patron

MAY 2025
25 & 26

Sun. 2pm
Mon. 7pm

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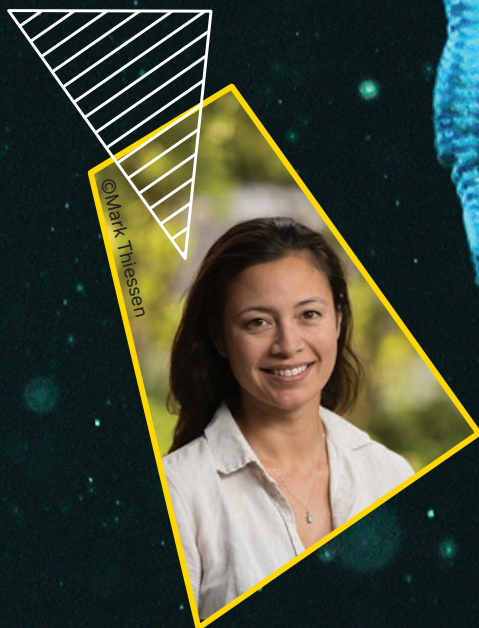


Kakani Katija

Designed by Nature

Bioengineer and National Geographic Explorer Dr. Kakani Katija takes a dive into the midwaters of the ocean—one of the least explored ecosystems on our planet—to share how its inhabitants inspire breakthroughs in design and technology.

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NOVEMBER 22, 2024
FEBRUARY 7, 2025
APRIL 11, 2025
JUNE 6, 2025

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Show: 8pm

Engineered
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Come down into the Engineered Air Theatre for a night of interdisciplinary performance that will leave you energized! Wrap it up with Scratch featuring the best local DJs, specialty cocktails, and dancing!

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360 ALLSTARS

November 29, 2024

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October 24, 2024

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from Mars

April 3, 2025

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November 17 & 18, 2024

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January 26 & 27, 2025

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Wild Wolves of Yellowstone

April 27 & 28, 2025

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Kakani Katija:
Designed by Nature

May 25 & 26, 2025

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Social Tango
- 2 BD&P WORLD STAGE
*Trailblazing Women of Country:
A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly*
- 3 CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE
The Rolling Stones: Sticky Fingers

Greatest Hits Package

- 1 BD&P WORLD STAGE
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A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly*
- 2 CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE
Led Zeppelin: Led Zeppelin II
- 3 BD&P WORLD STAGE
*Michael Feinstein in Because of You:
My Tribute to Tony Bennett featuring
the Carnegie Hall Ensemble*



Family Fun Package

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- 2 BD&P WORLD STAGE
360 ALLSTARS
- 3 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE
*Andrés Ruzo:
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ELDERS STORY PROJECT

Members of the Elders Knowledge Circle Society share
their stories of survival and resilience in this powerful event.

Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons | 6:30 PM | Registration Required

INDIGENOUS MAKERS MARKET

Explore traditional and contemporary Indigenous crafts and artistry.

Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby | 12 - 5:30 PM

ARTS COMMONS GALLERY TOURS

Meet the artists featured in the *Building Bridges and ReconciliACTION*
exhibition and tour Arts Commons visual arts galleries.

Gallery Tours | 2pm & 4pm | Registration Required

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COLLABORATIONS

Arts Commons Presents is thrilled to feature a variety of **collaborations** in the 2024-25 season. We are partnering with the incredible resident companies of Arts Commons and other companies from across the city. A season filled with adventure!

Q&A with VP of Programming Sarah Garton Stanley

What excites you the most about collaborating with Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary Philharmonic, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary?

The Arts Commons ecosystem is truly unique in Canada. As one of the six resident companies, **Arts Commons Presents** gets to share creative and artistic space with some of the most innovative artists in North America. It's a thrilling environment. Collaborating with these companies on creative projects is one of the major perks of this storied place. Collaboration offers all our audiences the opportunity to learn more about the incredible work happening in rooms they might not normally visit and provides audiences with a broader spectrum of possibilities because we are all working together.

How do these collaborations come about?

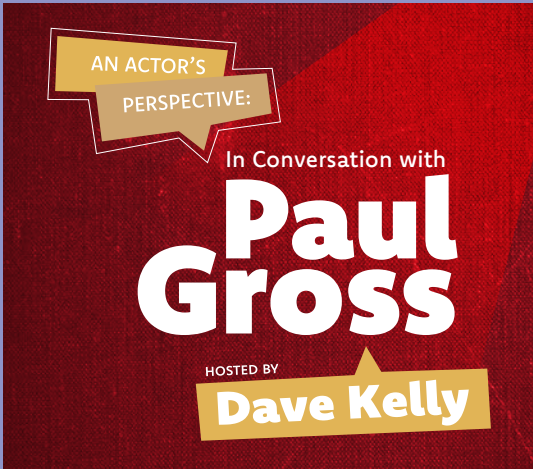
Sometimes it boils down to things like timing, space, or the size of production. But more often than not, collaboration is about sharing excitement with another company about a shared goal and wanting to work together to bring the goal to life. Some shows fit perfectly in the Jack Singer Concert Hall, while others are way better suited to the Big Secret Theatre. With such an incredible gathering space like Arts Commons, it makes sense to offer as many opportunities as possible to explore all that this building has to offer.

Why do you feel that this is an important creative direction for Arts Commons Presents?

We want to bring you the best. Working with a larger and incredibly talented pool of artists and companies - through collaboration - makes this all the more possible. Working together, across differences, sews together a gorgeous fabric for us all to enjoy.

How does making collaboration a priority for Arts Commons Presents allow for new, unique things to happen?

At Arts Commons we are always thinking about being in conversation with the citizens of Calgary. We want to respond to the changing city and offer new avenues of experience for all to participate in and enjoy. Arts Commons Presents shares this mission. Our signature subscription series are - in many ways - reflective of past and present collaborations. The work we do with National Geographic, for example, is a lively collaboration that continues to make each year a new and unique adventure for everyone. The opportunity to work with Jann Arden again reflects a wonderful collaborative spirit. Calgary loves Jann, we love Jann, and we'd like to believe that her returning for a second year means she loves us! Collaboration is quite simply an opportunity to stretch and grow, and quite often to surprise and delight!



An Actor's Perspective: *In Conversation with Paul Gross*

Hosted By Dave Kelly

September 23, 2024

Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons

Share an intimate evening of stories and conversation with renowned actor Paul Gross, hosted by local icon Dave Kelly. Gain a behind the scenes perspective of Gross' legendary career as he returns to his Calgary roots in a candid 60-minute dialogue. Audience members will have the chance to participate with their own questions during the 20-minute post-show Q&A.

Co-Produced by:



The Lehman Trilogy

By Stefano Massini, Adapted by Ben Power,
Directed by Sarah Garton Stanley,
Associate Directed by Tracey Erin Smith

October 15 - November 3, 2024

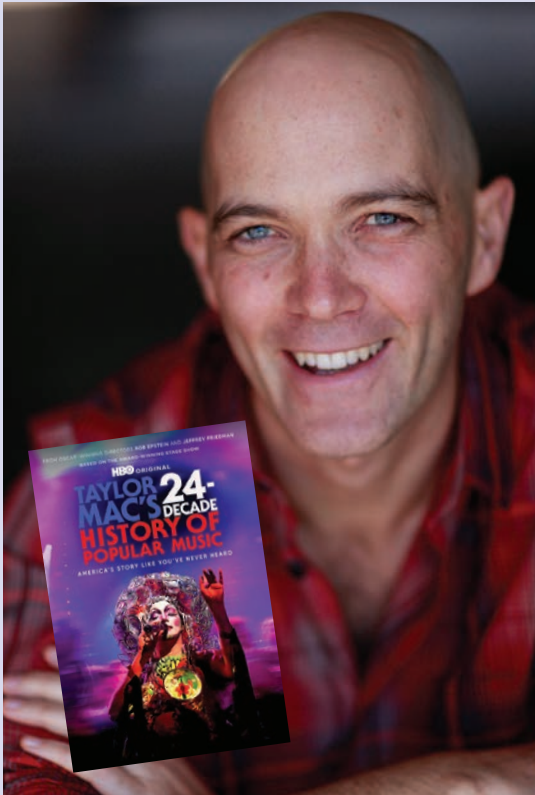
Max Bell Theatre at Arts Commons

Winner of five Tony Awards including Best Play, this American epic tells the story of the dramatic rise and fall of Lehman Brothers Inc., from its immigrant origins in pre-Civil War Alabama to its Wall Street peak and the crash that followed.

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Taylor Mac in Conversation

January 18, 2025

Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons

Rich with stunning musical performances, the HBO documentary, Taylor Mac's *24-Decade History of Popular Music*, captures a tour-de-force performance that was performed only once in Brooklyn, New York. See the film live in the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons followed by a riveting discussion with Taylor Mac on the groundbreaking concert event. Presented as part of the High Performance Rodeo.



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Hot Dyke Party

January 16-18, 2025

Engineered Air Theatre at Arts Commons

Hot Dyke Party is a theatre-rock-concert celebrating dykes, butches, femmes, and queers of all sorts. With original music by Arthi Chandra, Blue Chu, Cindy Kao, Hannah Meyers, Hayley Sullivan, and Thule van den, and with lights and visuals by Alexandra Caprara. Presented as part of the High Performance Rodeo.

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A Tribute to Bob Marley

February 8, 2025

Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons

One love. One heart. Let's get together with the Calgary Phil, Arts Commons Presents, and Jones & Jones Productions — through their Legends of Reggae series — for a brand-new orchestral and visual experience celebrating the 80th birthday of reggae icon Bob Marley!

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Le Patin Libre: Murmuration

February 11 & 12, 2025

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Fascinating in their precision, enthusiasm and virtuosity, the artists of Le Patin Libre are faster on their skates than ever! Their new work – inspired by the mysterious phenomenon of flocking birds – is choreographed from simple algorithms that are made more and more complex: gliding, darting, and moving in unison, *Murmuration* is an adrenaline rush for the whole family!

Co-producers:

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Tomorrow is inspiring.

Tomorrow is on.

We can't talk about tomorrow without talking about the environment and sustainability. That's why we're proud supporters of the National Geographic Live Series presented by Arts Commons. The conversation about our natural world must continue. And we'll continue championing the arts with programs like these that highlight our path to a better tomorrow.

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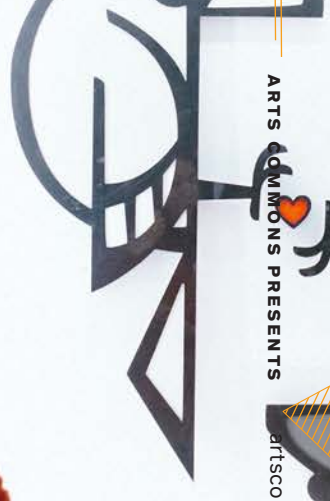
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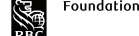
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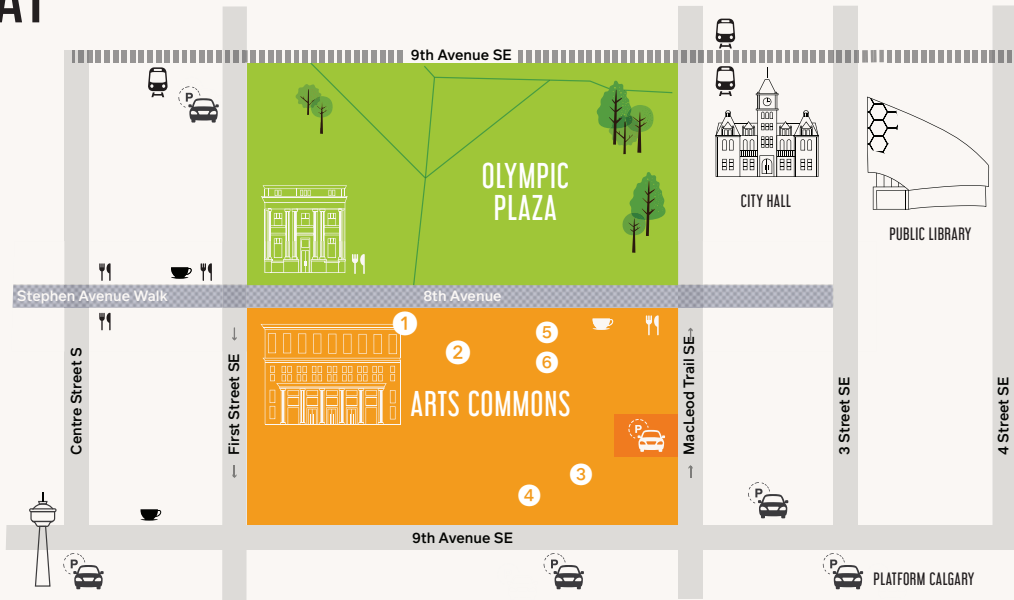
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- ③ Max Bell Theatre
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