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Artforms Collide and Local Artists Shine as TD Amplify Unleashes a Season of Creative Experimentation

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Werklund Centre's signature performance series inspiring creative collisions and artistic experimentation is back with a new season. Launching the first installment as part of One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo, TD Amplify continues to push the boundaries of spoken word, dance, music, and performance art intersectionality in a live experience that defies definition. **TD Amplify** takes place monthly starting on **January 16, 2026** followed by **February 20, March 27, and April 24, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.** in the **Engineered Air Theatre at Werklund Centre** with a newly introduced **\$10 ticket**. Learn more at werklundcentre.ca/amplify.

For the 2025–26 season, Steven Conde returns as stage director for TD Amplify, bringing his extensive theatre experience to the program. In Calgary, Steven is recognized for founding FlipSide Theatre, Alberta's first Filipino Canadian theatre company, expanding representation for Filipino artists on Calgary stages.

"Returning to TD Amplify feels like returning to a space full of fire and possibility. I'm here to offer guidance, yes—but also to be inspired by the artists who continue to push our stories forward," says Conde.

Conceptualized by Conde and TD Incubator Fellow Kenna Burima, each TD Amplify performance builds upon the last. This episodic structure means that each piece is numbered, encouraging audiences to "tune into the next one" as the series unfolds. Although the series shows a clear progression, it doesn't follow a traditional narrative, so viewers can join at any point without feeling lost.

TD AMPLIFY: Episode 1 brings together three distinct but connected voices:

- the emotional alt-pop spectacle of [SHY FRIEND](#),
- the dark, abstract physicality of [Sierra Oszust](#), and
- the genre-defying live art and contemporary drama of [Rita Rebetskaya](#) and [Polina Káulio](#).

TD AMPLIFY: Episode 2 features:

- [\(un\)decided](#), an eight-piece band weaving R&B, neo-soul, and hip-hop through sound and storytelling,



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- [Gisele Ardosa](#), a dancer whose quiet fire conveys fragility and grace, and
- [Matthew Mooney](#), a magnetic storyteller whose charm and wit transform the stage into an intimate conversation.

TD AMPLIFY: Episode 3 highlights three visionary artists:

- the genre-bending musical imagination of [Aditya Chaudhuri](#),
- the visceral physical poetry of [Darya Piastrak](#), and
- the queer post-rock catharsis of [Jed Arbour](#).

TD AMPLIFY: Episode 4 concludes the season with:

- the vivid sonic worldbuilding of [Ashley Velvet](#),
- the electrifying rhythmic force of [Danny Nielsen](#), and
- the genre-spanning musical architecture of [Timothonius](#).

The TD Amplify series showcases artists from [TD Incubator](#), Werklund Centre's artist development program geared towards multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary artists. In addition to performance opportunities through TD Amplify, TD Incubator offers artists professional development workshops, mentorship, and networking opportunities provided by Werklund Centre. The vision for each season of TD Incubator is shaped by the program Fellow, and this year falls under the guidance of a cornerstone of Calgary's artistic community, Kenna Burima.

"Artists have an incredible ability to bridge gaps between disparate beliefs, hold multiple truths simultaneously, and champion new ways of understanding. The artists of this year's TD Incubator program are acutely aware of how their unique individual identities intersect with their responsibility as caring humans in a wild ever-changing landscape," says Burima. "This particular group of artists has the potential to not only be the vanguard of Calgary's performing arts community but also leaders in our global artistic community. I am honoured to work alongside director Steven Conde as we support these amazing artists in bringing their visions to life on stage."

Tickets available by calling 403-294-9494 or visit werklundcentre.ca/amplify

Werklund Centre offers our profound gratitude to TD, whose steadfast commitment as Naming Sponsor of TD Amplify and the TD Incubator program plays a pivotal role in advancing artist development in our community.

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