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On the cover: YAMATO might as well appear next to "powerhouse" in the dictionary. Returning to Calgary by popular demand, these Japanese drummers always send their audiences home buzzing.
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Jun 6, 2022

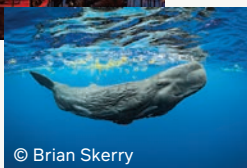
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featuring Charlie Hunter**

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WELCOME

You there! Yes, you!

Whether you're a longtime attendee of Arts Commons Presents or you've never stepped foot inside our building – hello. It's so nice to speak with you. We can't tell you how excited we are to welcome audiences back to Arts Commons Presents. We know it's been hard for everyone, so we made sure our 2021-22 season is a real treat! We have Japanese drums, a Disney princess, blues royalty, and a history-making jazz orchestra. And that's just the start. Read through to see what else we have in store.

But as we reopen our doors, your health and safety remain our top priority. Our new hospital-grade MERV-15A (as of Jan 2022) air filters trap everything from dust to bacteria and virus cells, ensuring the air in Arts Commons leaves cleaner than when it came in. We have doubled down on sanitizing all high traffic surfaces and require masks inside. And our mandatory vaccination policy keeps everyone within our walls as safe and healthy as possible. Precautions may change throughout the season, so you can find the most up-to-date details by visiting artscommons.ca/healthandsafety.

Thank you again for taking a look at what we have coming up in the 2021-22 season of Arts Commons Presents. Now that the world is opening up outside your home – we look forward to seeing you in ours!



Jennifer Johnson,
Vice President, Programming
Arts Commons



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BD&P WORLD STAGE

Timmy's Happy Christmas, 1974

FRI, DECEMBER 10, 2021

Tim Tamashiro and Arts Commons Presents invite you to revisit a time when the holidays meant TV specials, tinsel, and classic carols on your AM radio.

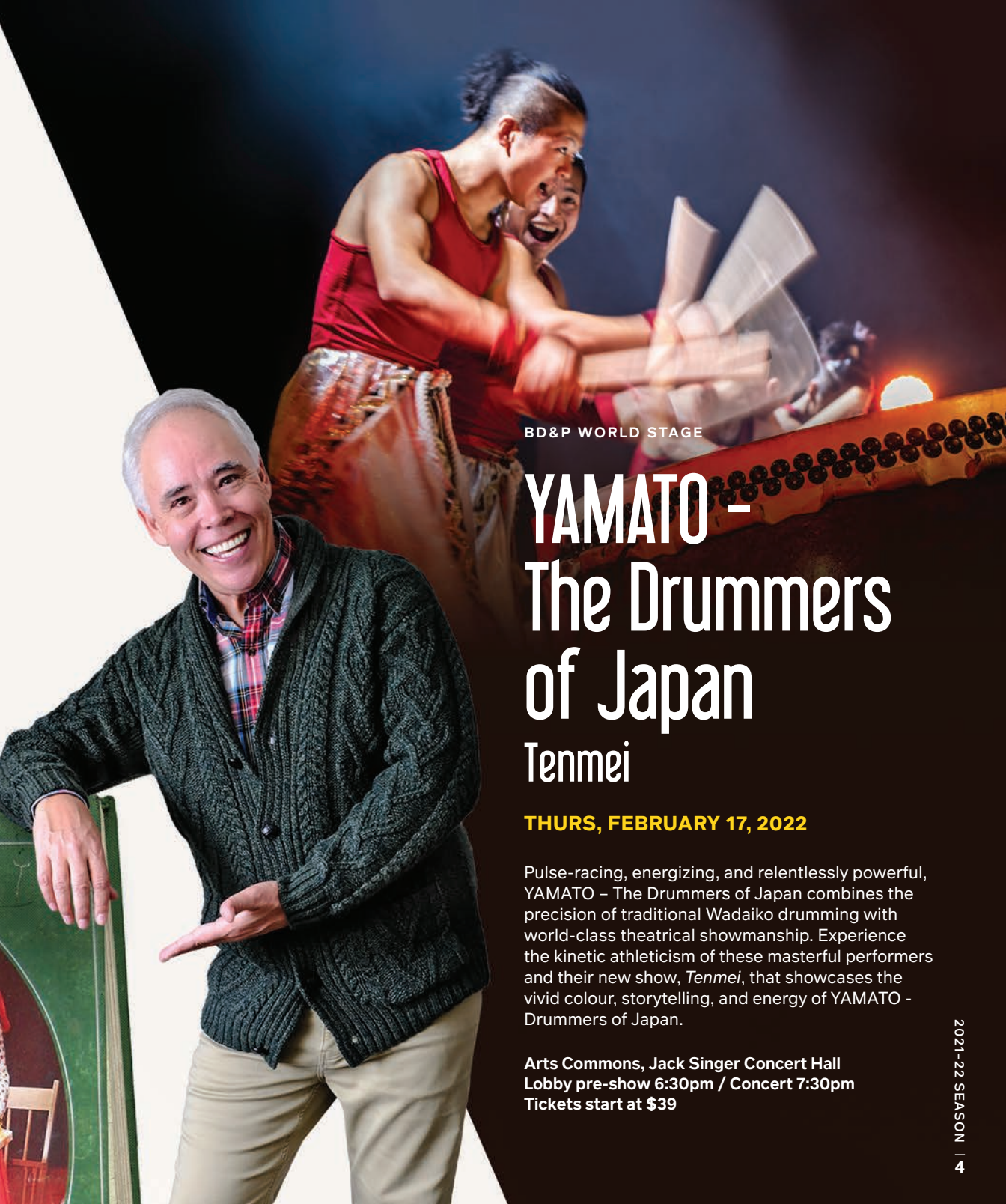
The year is 1974 and the Sears Wish Book has just landed on the front step of nine-year-old "Little Timmy's" house, kicking off his annual Christmas list-making and the countdown to the big day.

A nostalgic journey through Christmases past, join Tim Tamashiro for an evening of music, storytelling, and childlike anticipation of what's under the tree from one of Calgary's most beloved radio voices.

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Concert 7:30pm
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BD&P WORLD STAGE

YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan Tenmei

THURS, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Pulse-racing, energizing, and relentlessly powerful, YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan combines the precision of traditional Wadaiko drumming with world-class theatrical showmanship. Experience the kinetic athleticism of these masterful performers and their new show, *Tenmei*, that showcases the vivid colour, storytelling, and energy of YAMATO - Drummers of Japan.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39

BD&P WORLD STAGE

Battle of Santiago

THURS, MARCH 10, 2022

JUNO-nominated Battle of Santiago is a powerhouse group that combines ancient Afro-Cuban rhythms and vocals with a distinctly Canadian post-rock spirit. Known for the driving beat of their twin kit drums, Battle of Santiago's sound transitions from hypnotic to classic rock – and when the tenor sax, prog-style guitar, and haunting vocals kick in, you have a completely unique musical recipe for fun.

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Tickets start at \$39

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THIS TORONTO COLLECTIVE
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HYBRID OF AFROBEAT,
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~ Neil Spencer - The Guardian, UK



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LEA SALONGA HAS A
MUSICAL RÉSUMÉ THAT
CAN BE SUMMED UP IN
ONE WORD: WOW.

~The San Diego Tribune

BD&P WORLD STAGE

An Evening with Lea Salonga

FRI, APRIL 8, 2022

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

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets starting at \$39

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BD&P WORLD STAGE

Meow Meow

THURS, MAY 5, 2022

Meow Meow's "kamikaze cabaret" is a perfectly polished spectacle of a show gone wrong, in all the right ways. Labeled "One of the Top Performers of the Year" by The New Yorker, Meow Meow has been described as a rare combination of "devilishly funny" with "heavenly vocal cords" that makes for a sensational concert experience. With Meow Meow at the mic, you'll be wondering, "What could possibly happen next?"

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~The New Yorker





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The most talented woman in Australia?
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Aussie chanteuse and whirlwind comedic force Meow Meow has done it all, from crowd-surfing and costume malfunctions (on purpose of course) to performing Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre. She's a woman of talent and charisma who can make you laugh just as easily as gawp when she pulls out that high C. According to the Telegraph, "There is, in fact, nothing that this woman cannot do." After you see her performance, you might be inclined to agree.

Self-labelling as post postmodernist, Meow Meow delights in the unexpected and revels in catching her audience off guard. She'll interrupt her own performance to pull a viewer onstage or narrowly miss disaster in a moment of carefully choreographed calamity – all to share a moment of laughter with her audience. It's more than a concert, and it's more than a sketch, rather, it is a delightful and unique combination of both.

"The brain doesn't work in a linear way," says Meow Meow. "So the kinds of performances I do are in a way more true to the way the brain functions because I may be singing at the same time as I'm dancing — or I'm thinking politically and then I realise I've got a great pair of shoes on. I really try to assault the senses in as many ways as I can. Because I think if we pretend that we've got something figured out— we haven't. I think through comedy, you can obviously get to greater tragedy."

If you haven't seen a Meow Meow performance, you're in for a rare treat and as much as you might want to prepare yourself for the unexpected, the surprise is half the fun!

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Meow Meow



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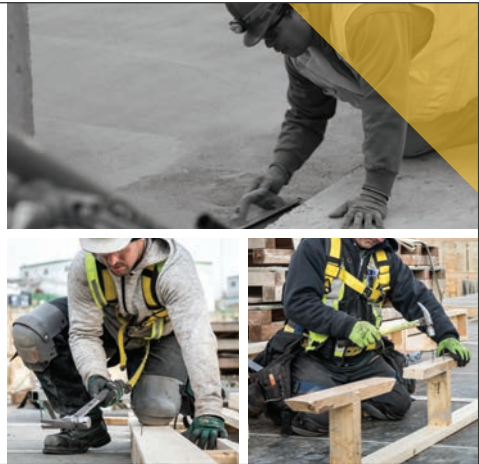
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Jazz

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Jazz at Lincoln Center Songs We Love

THURS, MARCH 3, 2022

The Jazz at Lincoln Center ensemble performs *Songs We Love*, a celebration of the inception of jazz music in the United States. Featuring songs from legendary jazz greats Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, and Judy Garland, *Songs We Love* is an evening for the quintessential jazz aficionado.

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TD JAZZ

Canadian National Jazz Orchestra

Premiere Performance

THURS, APRIL 28, 2022

What is the sound of Canadian jazz? We're about to find out. Thanks to our beautiful but very, very large landscape, local jazz scenes have been historically isolated. But this spring, because of a groundbreaking partnership between Arts Commons Presents and JazzYYC, the first Canadian National Jazz Orchestra will unite musicians from across the country on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage.

Guided by artistic director and JUNO Award winner Christine Jensen and the theme "Stories of Canada," the orchestra will perform original works composed by a roster of top Canadian jazz composers: Brian Dickinson, Darcy James Argue, Derrick Gardiner, Marianne Trudel, Phillippe Côté, and Jaelem Bhate. It's Calgary meets Montreal meets Edmonton meets Vancouver meets Toronto to prove once and for all that nowhere tops Canadian jazz.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39





TD JAZZ

Pink Martini

featuring China Forbes

THURS, MAY 19, 2022

It's an unlikely combination: one band, one concert, 25 languages sung in a style that defies genre and classification. What is it? A band called Pink Martini, founded by Thomas Lauderdale in Portland, Oregon over 25 years ago, that has been delighting audiences around the world ever since.

**Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39**





“SINCE THE MID-1990S, NO SINGER IN JAZZ HAS BEEN AS DARING, DYNAMIC OR INTERESTING AS KURT ELLING. WITH HIS SOARING VOCAL FLIGHTS, HIS EDGY LYRICS AND SENSE OF BEING ON A MUSICAL MISSION, HE HAS COME TO EMBODY THE CREATIVE SPIRIT IN JAZZ.”

~ The New York Times

TD JAZZ

SuperBlue

Kurt Elling featuring
Charlie Hunter

THURS, JUNE 23, 2022

Referred to as “the standout male jazz vocalist of our time” by The New York Times and “a kind of Sinatra with superpowers” by The Guardian, GRAMMY Award-winning Kurt Elling is one of the world’s most prominent jazz vocalists. He’s joined by another legend of the genre, guitarist Charlie Hunter, in the unmissable *SuperBlue*, a foray into full-on funk.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39



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TD Amplify Cabarets

If you know, you know. Venture down to the Engineered Air Theatre for the uncategorizable, underground hit series from Arts Commons Presents, the TD Amplify Cabarets. Now in its fourth season, this collection of cabarets will once again feature local artists in conversation with our most urgent social issues through the form of live performance.

The 2021-22 season of TD Amplify Cabarets are curated by Calgary cultural icons Jae Sterling and Contra. Each of the four cabarets will be performed twice in one evening – at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. – live and in-person on the Engineered Air Theatre stage.

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THIS SEASON'S CABARETS

Sat, February 26, 2022

Sat, April 30, 2022

Sat, June 4, 2022

Two Doors Dispatches from the In-Between

SAT, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

The world has felt suspended, inert. We've entered one door but haven't yet exited another. This place is uncomfortable, stressful, but also liberating - and artists are embracing this liminal world and welcome audiences to join them. Focusing on themes of transformation, transitory spaces and the unknown, the *Two Doors: Dispatches from the In-Between* cabaret explores where we are when we're neither here nor there, and what pathway can lead us over the threshold to the world waiting on the other side.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
7pm & 10pm
Tickets \$15

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some kind of peace

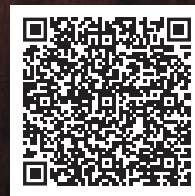
MON, JUNE 6, 2022

Ólafur Arnalds and his band put on a spellbinding performance that blends the past, present and future of music. Haunting, and often intensely emotional, Ólafur's shows are an exercise in intimacy between the artist and the audience — and a space to share their vulnerability.

Following the release of his monumental new album *some kind of peace*, Ólafur Arnalds' latest tour features his signature string quartet, a live percussionist and Ólafur's arsenal of pianos and synthesizers. His ground-breaking, self-playing Stratus pianos will be along for the ride — creating unexpected harmonies and surprising melodies that make every performance unique. Join Arts Commons Presents for this special presentation in the magnificent Jack Singer Concert Hall.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
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GA-20

FRI/SAT
NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2021

Meet the fresh faces of old-school blues. GA-20 set out to make the music they weren't hearing – a contemporary spin on icons like Lazy Lester, J.B. Lenoir, and Earl Hooker. And with their newest album, Try It...You Might Like It! GA-20 hit #1 on the Billboard Charts for Blues. These unstoppable players are now set to blow unsuspecting Calgary blues lovers away.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm
Tickets \$46



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PCL BLUES

Steve Strongman

FRI/SAT
JANUARY 21 & 22, 2022

JUNO and multi-Maple Blues Award winner Steve Strongman has been delighting audiences around the globe with his swampy swagger, smooth ballads, and driving rhythmic chuggers for decades. Bringing his stellar solo acoustic style, Strongman is a triple-threat guitar-slinger, songwriter, and vocalist. He has proven his mettle both on the road and with his seven acclaimed albums – with an eighth on the horizon. Join Arts Commons Presents to celebrate Canadian blues in the Engineered Air Theatre this January.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm
Tickets \$46

PCL BLUES

James "Blood" Ulmer

**FRI/SAT,
MARCH 18 & 19, 2022**

Free funk, jazz, and blues artist James "Blood" Ulmer has been called "a guitar god" and "the most original guitarist since Jimi Hendrix and Wes Montgomery." Returning to Calgary for the first time since his sold-out appearance in 2006, James "Blood" Ulmer will show us why he's a living legend of blues.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm
Tickets \$46**



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~Chicago Reader



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PCL BLUES

Sue Foley

**FRI/SAT,
APRIL 22 & 23, 2022**

JUNO and multi-Maple Blues Award-winning guitarist Sue Foley is as red-hot as they come, shredding the blues scene north and south of the border for the past 25 years. Her latest album, *Ice Queen*, is an affectionate reference to her Canadian heritage rather than her cool personality. Her most exceptional quality? Matchless guitar skills that takes blues rock to the next level.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm
Tickets \$46**



PCL BLUES

Crystal Shawanda

**FRI/SAT,
MAY 27 & 28, 2022**

With six albums under her belt, Crystal Shawanda has defined her gritty, soulful sound with a north meets south sensibility, capturing the resilience of the human spirit in her heart-wrenching lyrics and deep, grounded vocals. Lauded by critics and fans alike, Rock and Blues Muse magazine said of Crystal, "This is one fiery, exhilarating singer who digs deep."

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm
Tickets start at \$46**

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Proving Them Wrong – Crystal Shawanda

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It was Crystal's oldest brother who introduced her to the blues. Sitting in the basement of their home on the Wikwemikong reserve on Manitoulin Island in Ontario, he would crank Muddy Waters, B.B. King, and Etta James so that the soulful sounds of the blues legends would vibrate up the vents and hum through the floors. For Crystal, the blues was more than music, it was about catharsis and healing.

When she turned twelve, her truck driver father started a ritual of taking her with him to Nashville, and by 13 years old, she'd recorded her first album in the iconic homeland of country music. It was during a chance meeting with a well-respected music executive shortly after that Crystal was told, "I just don't know if Native Americans make sense in country music. I don't know if fans would be receptive and I wouldn't even know how to market you."

The critique was a massive blow to Crystal's dream. But after she moved back home, abandoning her hopes of becoming a blues musician, she realized what was bothering her. "If I was out of tune, I could take voice lessons. If my song was bad, I could write another. But I couldn't change the colour of my skin." She returned to Nashville with the mission to prove him wrong.

Her seventh album, Church House Blues released in 2020, won Crystal her first JUNO Award for Blues Album of the Year, making her the first Indigenous person to win the category. And she's just getting started.

"I don't want us to be invisible. I want our voices to be heard because we're speaking up for those children who don't have any voices," she said.

Don't miss your chance to meet this rising star of Canadian blues on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 in the intimate Engineered Air Theatre at Arts Commons.



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~Rock and Blues Muse

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– Craig Martin, founder of
Classic Albums Live

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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Led Zeppelin

Led Zeppelin I

FRI, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Led Zeppelin took the rock & roll made popular by The Beatles and infused the genre with an edge that influenced generations of hard rock and heavy metal musicians. From Robert Plant's classic howl on *Babe I'm Gonna Leave You* to Jimmy Page's ecstatic guitar on *Communication Breakdown*, it was unlike anything that had ever come before.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39

CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

The Beatles

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

SAT, APRIL 16, 2022

A masterpiece that pushed recording technology to the limit, The Beatles' eighth studio album was a groundbreaking achievement in modern music. The fictional Sgt. Pepper band became their alter ego and gave them the freedom to experiment musically, resulting in the number one position in Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. Lean into *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds* after the band gets by *With a Little Help From My Friends* in the four-time GRAMMY-winning album that helped The Beatles define rock music as art.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm
Tickets start at \$39



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Eagles

Hotel California

THURS, MAY 26, 2022

Choc-a-bloc full of chart topping hits, 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-playable riffs) ever recorded, and firmly moved the Eagles out of country music and into the classic rock history books.

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From folk, salsa, pop, and electronica, to drag queens for kids and queer cowboys, ArtsXpeditions demonstrated the incredible spectrum of talent from our local artists. Plus, it brightened the days of so many Calgarians with an extra dose of good vibes, warm temperatures, and groovy tunes.

ArtsXpeditions will be back in 2022! And who knows what we'll have in store. So keep your eyes and ears open for an outdoor artistic surprise, and visit artscommons.ca/artsx to see where we're popping up next!



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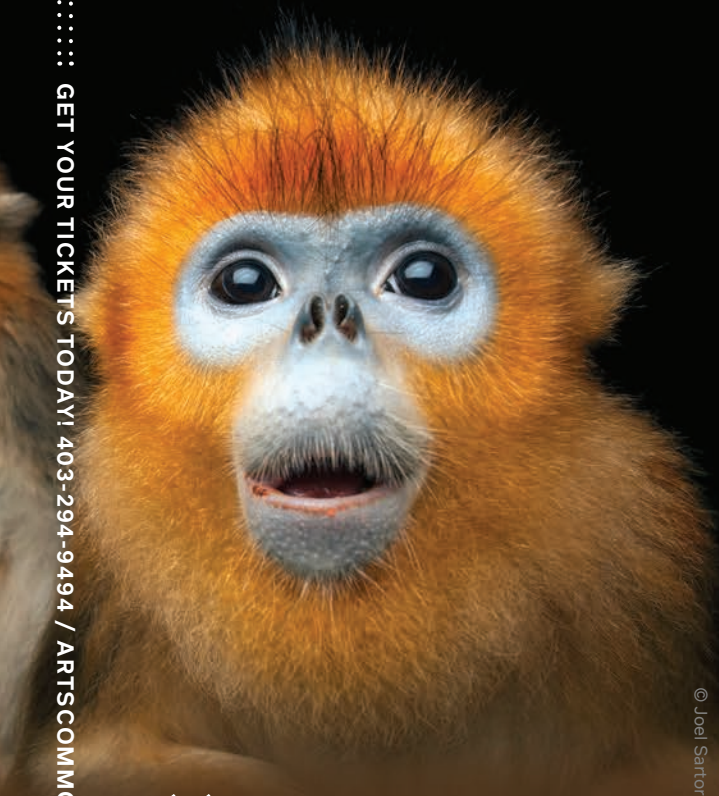
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National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore is on a mission to capture portraits of every single endangered species of the world before they disappear. With ingenuity, wit, and a serious Midwestern work ethic, Sartore has created the Photo Ark Project, the largest archive of its kind with more than 11,000 images and counting. Hear about his comical mishaps, endearing encounters, and inspiring triumphs while documenting a world worth saving.

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Rae Wynn-Grant

The Secret Lives of Bears

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Rae Wynn-Grant has dedicated her life to ecological research, conservation, and the protection of iconic wildlife populations, including North American black and grizzly bears. When the wilds of their habitat are intersected by roads, fences, and ranches, how can bears and humans coexist peacefully? Dr. Wynn-Grant intends to find the answer.

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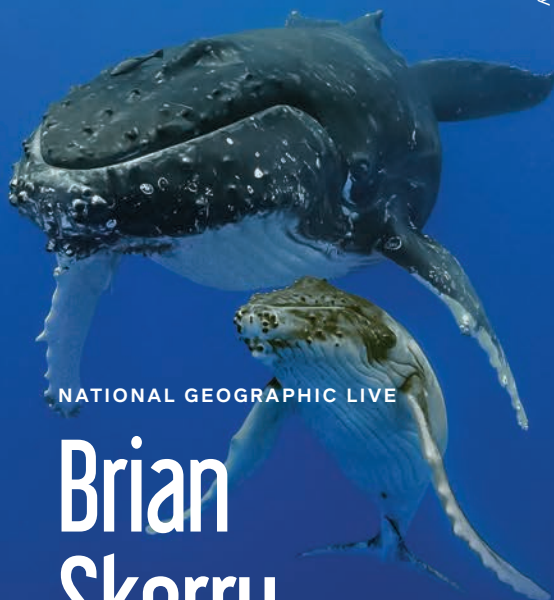
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The Bear-necessities of Rae Wynn-Grant

National Geographic Explorer and large carnivore expert Rae Wynn-Grant has worked with large carnivores her entire career, first with lions in Africa, and now with grizzly and black bears in North America.

Raised in the urban centre of San Francisco, she didn't grow up learning to build a campfire or catch a fish. Fortunately for Rae, a childhood exploring the back country wasn't something she needed as a prerequisite for falling deeply in love with the natural world, plus, she's a quick study.

"I became inspired to study bears as a child, but I didn't have my first experience in the outdoors until I was in my early twenties. That helped me realize that this work was something that I could be excited about forever," says Rae. "If you had asked me a couple of years ago what is home, I probably would have said it's the place that I come back to at the end of the day or the end of a trip. And today, it's my whole place, my whole world."



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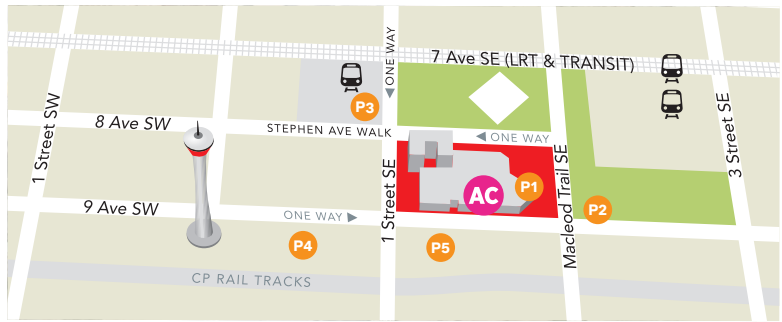
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