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2022-23

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Arts Commons Presents brings world-class musicians, intrepid Explorers, and underground talents to Calgary's most stunning venues located at Arts Commons in the heart of downtown Calgary.

Join us for the 2022-23 season! Tickets are on sale now for the five signature series, plus our upcoming special presentations and cabarets. **Buy more, save more** - become a series subscriber or learn more about the Arts Commons Presents Flex Pack at artscommons.ca/subscribe or call the Arts Commons Box Office today.

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ON THE COVER: Step Afrika! Drumfolk comes to the BD&P World Stage series this season. Learn more on page 8.

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new season at Arts Commons!

As one of the largest arts centres in Canada, located in the heart of Calgary's downtown core that welcomes hundreds of thousands of Calgarians through our doors every year, we know all too well that together we are greater than the sum of our parts.

Arts Commons is lucky to be the home of six legendary resident companies: Alberta Theatre Projects, **Arts Commons Presents**, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary. Arts Commons Presents, the programming arm of Arts Commons, has an exciting lineup for you to explore in this brochure. In these pages, you'll find legendary artists, classic tunes, intrepid adventurers, and more. More importantly, I hope you'll find yourself in our offerings. After all, what I love most about Arts Commons Presents is that there's truly something for everyone.

What we put on our stages is only a fraction of the Arts Commons story that you are now a part of. After you've flipped through this brochure, I invite you to learn more about our visual and digital galleries, our free public programs, our arts education initiatives, and the Arts Commons Transformation project - the largest cultural infrastructure project in Canada today at artscommons.ca.

On behalf of all of us at Arts Commons, thank you for joining us in making Calgary a bolder and more creative home for all to enjoy.

See you soon

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Alex Sarian,
 President & CEO
 Arts Commons



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**It's time for
a new kind of adventure!**

If there's one thing I know Calgarians love, it's a bold and exciting experience off the beaten path.

As a programmer, I always want to infuse that energy into each season we produce for Arts Commons Presents. But our 2022-23 season, which you're about to dive into, especially needed to spark. That's why this season we're taking live shows to the next level. Big names, heart-pounding music, mind-blowing perspectives, and most importantly, an emphasis on fun, fun, fun.

Each of our five signature series with Arts Commons Presents has its own unique personality – there's the eclectic magic of BD&P World Stage, the nostalgic party of Classic Albums Live, the thrilling beauty of National Geographic Live, the soulful intimacy of PCL Blues, and the refined joy of Jazz. Each one celebrates the nature of coming together with your neighbours for an entirely one-of-a-kind evening in its own way. Tickets to all our shows are available now, but subscribing is still the best way to get the best experience possible. Each series is designed to give you familiar faves plus something new that you'll never forget.

Thank you for including Arts Commons Presents in your quest for adventure this year!



Jennifer Johnson
Vice President, Programming
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Sometimes, what you're looking for
in a band is a really good time.

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That's what **The Soul Rebels** are. They started with a simple idea: infuse the pop hits they loved with the tradition of New Orleans brass that they grew up on. But they have gone so much farther, defining a sound that is joyous, bombastic, and impossible to resist.

Meanwhile, Cuba has always been at the heart of an international music scene. You see it with bands like Buena Vista Social Club and Alex Cuba - and now with **Cimafunk**. Together, with this double bill, you get two incredible acts. This show is funky, fun, and we can't wait.

The Soul Rebels and Cimafunk are just part of a BD&P World Stage season that's jam-packed with huge global icons and thrilling acts you don't see every day. Take a ride with us!

FIND MORE ON THE SOUL REBELS AND CIMAFUNK ON [PAGE 9](#)

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I am so excited that Aida Cuevas, 'The Queen of Ranchera Music,' is coming to Calgary. Aida Cuevas is an amazing interpreter and great representative of the Mexican culture. I am sure her songs will touch the hearts and souls of many.”

– Miguel Cortines, President and Executive Officer, Casa Mexico

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BD&P WORLD STAGE

Aida Cuevas: 45th Anniversary with Mariachi Aztlán

FRI NOVEMBER 25, 2022

Get ready for “The Queen of Ranchera Music,” Aida Cuevas! Celebrating 45 years as one of Mexico's biggest music stars, Aida's worldwide tour brings the heat to a chilly Calgary as only a performer with 41 albums, a GRAMMY, and a legion of dedicated fans can. Hear some of her most beloved songs accompanied by a full mariachi band for one unforgettable night at the Jack.

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BD&P WORLD STAGE

YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: Hinotori

SUN FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Pulse-racing, heart-pounding, and relentlessly powerful, YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan combines the precision of traditional Wadaiko drumming with world-class showmanship and state-of-the-art technology. YAMATO performers are both skilled musicians and peak athletes, and they're bringing a new show *Hinotori*, meaning "phoenix," to celebrate the rebirth of live shows from the ashes. This is one show you'll have to feel to believe.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm

See the
drummers
in action



“We are thrilled that maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan will be back in Calgary. Strings for Peace will give us a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear sarod virtuosity.”

– Raga Mala Music Society of Calgary

BD&P WORLD STAGE

Strings for Peace: Sharon Isbin and Maestro Amjad Ali Khan

WED MARCH 22, 2023

Strings for Peace is a concert that fuses North American classical guitar with North Indian classical sarod, featuring world-famous masters in each field: Maestro Amjad Ali Khan and renowned guitarist Sharon Isbin. A rare opportunity to hear the Indian raga in the majestic Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary music lovers are invited to an evening of intimate and exquisite ideas and emotions.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
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BD&P WORLD STAGE

Step Afrika! Drumfolk

WED APRIL 26, 2023

Acclaimed around the world, Washington, D.C.'s Step Afrika! comes to Calgary to tell the story of the 1739 Stono Rebellion, which banned the traditional drums of African slaves in the southern colonies. Without their instruments, the beats moved into the bodies of the *Drumfolk*, evolving into modern dance styles like tap and stepping. Listen to the echoes of history in some of the most entertaining dance styles – and dance companies – performing today.

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“We are elated to witness Drumfolk from Step Afrika! in Mohkinstsis (Calgary). Since 2006, Woezo Africa has valued the richness and potency of Step dance and other African Diasporic forms. This performance will be a prime example of the versatility and sophistication that arises when Black art is nurtured.”

– Wunmi Idowu, Founder & Director,
Woezo Africa Music & Dance Theatre



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BD&P WORLD STAGE

The Soul Rebels & Cimafunk

FRI JUNE 23, 2023

In an electric double bill, Arts Commons Presents combines Afro-Cuban funk and New Orleans jazz for a loud, brassy, non-stop party on the Jack Singer stage. Get ready to dance down the aisles when The Soul Rebels, which count Nas and Queen Latifah as fans, meet Cimafunk, a Havana sensation who is wholly unique.

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– Maureen Williams,
Founder - Gold Tier

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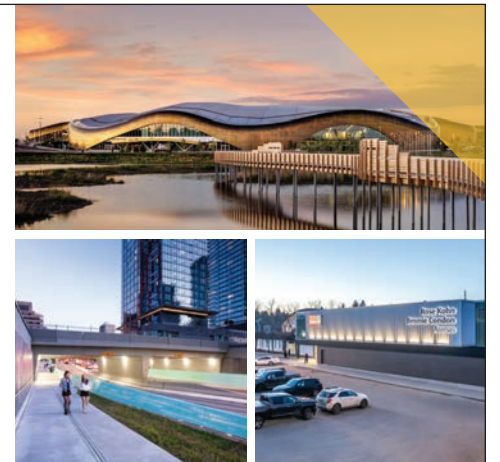
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Jazz is the foundation of so many music genres we know today...

Jazz

... It even gave rise to soul, R&B, and funk – the defining sound of the fifties and sixties. Founded in 1957, Stax Records put names on the map like Otis Redding, Sam and Dave, and of course, Booker T. & the MGs. Booker T. Jones was instrumental in launching the signature Stax sound as their house musician, and now he's going to play those tunes for a live audience in Calgary. And as if having a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award winner perform in our city wasn't enough – we also have engaged him to work with local artists to share his expertise with the next generation.

The whole jazz series this season showcases the influence of the jazz genre across the eras – past, present and future. We're not only celebrating past greats, but looking ahead to spotlight, even build, the next generation of hitmakers.

FIND MORE ON BOOKER T: A STAX REVUE ON [PAGE 17](#)

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I have been hoping Joey Alexander would be coming to play Calgary ever since he released his debut album at the tender age of 11 years old. Still in his teens, he is a true talent that musicians around the world are in awe of. He is the next Chick Corea or Herbie Hancock, creating unbelievably amazing music right now!”

– Kodi Hutchinson, Artistic Director, JazzYYC

JAZZ SERIES

Joey Alexander Trio

THUR OCTOBER 13, 2022

Few people can boast three GRAMMY nominations before 16, but Joey Alexander — jazz piano virtuoso and protégé of Wynton Marsalis — has rocked the music world with his effortless skills since he was nine years old. Discover the undeniable talent of Joey Alexander as he emerges this year as more than a talented musician, but a composer and band leader in his own right.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm



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JAZZ SERIES

The Queen's Cartoonists

THUR JANUARY 26, 2023

Bring the whole family to this mashup of live jazz and your favourite cartoons! Who knew that from the very beginnings of hand-drawn animation, jazz has been the bouncy backbone to characters like Betty Boop, The Pink Panther, The Flintstones and even your favourite wall-crawling superhero. A show for the young and young at heart, don't miss this evening of jazz illustrated by the fun, colourful, and energetic animations from all of cartoon history.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm

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“Who needs another Broadway show when you can hire a jazz combo playing music from Bugs Bunny cartoons?”

- The Wall Street Journal

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JAZZ SERIES

Booker T: A Stax Revue

SAT FEBRUARY 25, 2023

One of the fathers of modern jazz, blues and soul music, Booker T. Jones's legendary recording label, Stax Records, produced some of the biggest hits of a generation: from *Respect* to *Try a Little Tenderness* to the iconic *Green Onions*. *Booker T: A Stax Revue* brings the heart and soul of Stax Records to the Jack Singer stage, showcasing the label's storied past and its bright future, plus performances from Booker T. himself.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm

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The future is now,
and the future is Lo-Fi.

TD Amplify Cabarets

Now in its fifth season, the TD Amplify Cabaret series will once again feature local artists in conversation with the most pressing cultural, artistic, and social conversations of today, all of whom are participants in the Arts Commons TD Incubator program for emerging, interdisciplinary visual artists and live performers.

In 2022-23, the cabarets are curated by this season's Incubator Fellows: the duo behind the Polaris Prize-nominated, Calgary-based hip-hop phenom **Sargeant X Comrade** and co-founders of Mo Gravy Records, **Yolanda Sargeant** and **Evgeniy "Comrade" Bykovets**.



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Under the vision "Lo-Fi Futures," Sargeant X Comrade is hosting four retro talkshows in outer space – think Johnny Carson on the International Space Station.

TD AMPLIFY CABARETS

Mars: Second Home

FRI/SAT NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2022

In a parallel universe, elements conspired to make Mars our home. What separates us from our Martian mirrors? This is a journey through the uncanny valley to a world of distant siblings and fraternal twins – to return to ourselves with new eyes.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Show 8pm

TD AMPLIFY CABARETS

Venus: Future Love

FRI/SAT FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2023

Love. Beauty. Pleasure. As we hurtle through time and space, these qualities have been an eternal draw. Hold your valentine close and explore how, why, and what we love in the 21st Century.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Show 8pm

TD AMPLIFY CABARETS

Earth: Mothership

FRI/SAT APRIL 21 & 22, 2023

This is our vessel, and it's time to journey to the core. Rooting into the rhythms of water, air, fire and earth, this performance travels the limitless connections between all Earthlings and our inescapable dependence on one another.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Show 8pm

TD AMPLIFY CABARETS

Moon: Indigo Child

FRI/SAT JUNE 2 & 3, 2023

How does your perspective change in the dark of night? This performance celebrates the nocturnal side of life – the secrets, the midnight blue, the upside-down, and the surprising illuminations.

Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Show 8pm

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Sargeant X Comrade's
"Lo-Fi Futures" vision
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Choir! Choir! Choir!

FRI OCTOBER 7, 2022

It's your turn to join the rock band of your dreams! The wildly popular Choir! Choir! Choir! makes its Jack Singer Concert Hall debut this fall for an evening of joyous musical harmony. Lyric sheet in hand, you become part of a choir of over a thousand people, performing in one of the world's greatest venues under the musical direction of co-founders Daveed Goldman and Nobu Adilman. Come alone, come with a friend, come with 50 - either way you've got the part!

**Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Concert 7:30pm**



“Toronto’s Choir! Choir! Choir! is a feel-good and viral sensation”

- The Globe and Mail










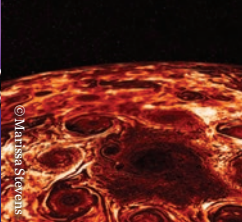

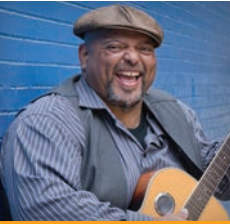
















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2022-23 SEASON CALENDAR



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PCL BLUES Kevin Burt Jan. 20 & 21, 2023	JAZZ SERIES The Queen's Cartoonists Jan. 26, 2023	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE Ami Vitale: Wild Hope Jan. 29 & 30, 2023	CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE Heart: Dreamboat Annie Feb. 10, 2023	TD AMPLIFY CABARET Venus: Future Love Feb. 10 & 11, 2023	BD&P WORLD STAGE YAMATO - Drummers of Japan: Hinotori Feb. 19, 2023	JAZZ SERIES Booker T: A Stax Revue Feb. 25, 2023	PCL BLUES Miss Emily Mar. 3 & 4, 2023	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE Hilaree Nelson: Skiing in the Shadow of Everest Mar. 12 & 13, 2023			
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*All speakers, artists, dates and programs subject to change



Let us tell you about the artist
we can't wait to see live!



Like many people, we first discovered the music of Judith Hill in the 2014 Oscar-winning documentary, *20 Feet from Stardom*. Anyone watching that movie will walk away with the unshakeable knowledge that Judith Hill is a star. This is a woman who could fill the Saddledome with her voice. And now we have the privilege of sharing her incredible talent with Arts Commons Presents in the intimate Martha Cohen Theatre, the first PCL Blues performance to happen outside of the Engineered Air Theatre.

There's no better way to kick off our **25th anniversary of the PCL Blues series**, five top tier acts that include some new names and some of our biggest fan favourites. Join us!

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“Beautiful, genuine,
and unforgettable.”

– Rock and Blues Muse magazine



PCL BLUES

Judith Hill

**FRI/SAT SEPTEMBER 30
& OCTOBER 1, 2022**

Judith Hill has earned her place in the spotlight. Her powerhouse funk-inspired vocals have accompanied Michael Jackson, John Legend, and Josh Groban on stage, and her GRAMMY Award-winning performance in the documentary *20 Feet from Stardom* made cinematic history. She has brought her rock star voice to some of the biggest stages in the world, including NBC's *The Voice*, and this September, you can see her in the intimate Martha Cohen Theatre.

**Arts Commons, Martha Cohen Theatre
Concert 8pm**

Fan Favourite!



PCL BLUES

The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer

FRI/SAT NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2022

Vancouver-based duo The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer return by popular demand to Arts Commons Presents and the PCL Blues series! Shawn "The Harpoonist" Hall and Matthew "The Axe Murderer" Rogers consistently surprise audiences with their dynamic take on Canadian blues-rock. See them live accompanied by soul powerhouse vocalist, Dawn Pemberton, in the Engineered Air Theatre.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm**

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“The Harpoonist and The Axe Murderer are the quintessential Canadian blues band: a couple of great guys who bring a ton of mojo to the music scene. Put your dancin’ shoes on because you’re in for a party.”

– Mitch Belot, Blues Musician

PCL BLUES

Kevin Burt

FRI/SAT JANUARY 20 & 21, 2023

A bluesman on the rise, this is the time to see Kevin Burt up close while you can. His upbeat blend of soulful guitar, high energy harmonica, and powerful, rich vocals scored him three awards at the 2018 International Blues Challenge in Memphis in an unprecedented sweep. And he’s just getting started. See this triple threat of vocals, guitar, and harmonica live in his Calgary premiere.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm**



PCL BLUES

Miss Emily

FRI/SAT MARCH 3 & 4, 2023

Hot off her first JUNO nomination for her album LIVE at The Isabel, Miss Emily returns to Calgary to sweep blues fans off their feet. A fan favourite of the 2021 PCL Blues radio broadcast, don't miss this multi-award-winning star-on-the-rise live in the Engineered Air Theatre and discover one of Canada's best-kept blues secrets.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm**



“Miss Emily Fennell can bring the house down just as well as Janis Joplin could.”

- The Kingston Whig Standard

*Listen to
Miss Emily here*



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PCL BLUES

Jack Broadbent

FRI/SAT APRIL 14 & 15, 2023

If you haven't had a chance to see Jack Broadbent perform live, it's time you sampled his recipe of "simmering, spicy jambalaya of boogie, rock, and blues." Known for his unique slide guitar stylings and gritty vocals, Broadbent's charismatic performances steeped in stories of the road continue to make waves globally. Now he returns to Calgary with his newest album, Ride.

**Arts Commons, Engineered Air Theatre
Concert 8pm**

The question we often get from
 Classic Albums Live fans is
 "What defines a 'classic' album?"



Well, the album's age is certainly a factor, but it's also about its impact on music history. Every album included in this season represents a turning point for these artists – it debuted an addictive sound, it saved them from obscurity, it broke them into the mainstream, or it cemented a legacy lasting across generations.

It's also about what will make for the best live experience. Take U2's *The Joshua Tree*. For many born and raised Albertans, access to big stadium concerts during the late 80's meant a 12-hour drive to Vancouver. When we fell in love with that album, it was by playing it over and over and over again in our homes. Now we have the chance to hear this album fresh, by an amazing band and with a crowd of fans, as if for the very first time. Note for note, cut for cut, this is an opportunity many of us have been waiting for since we were teenagers.

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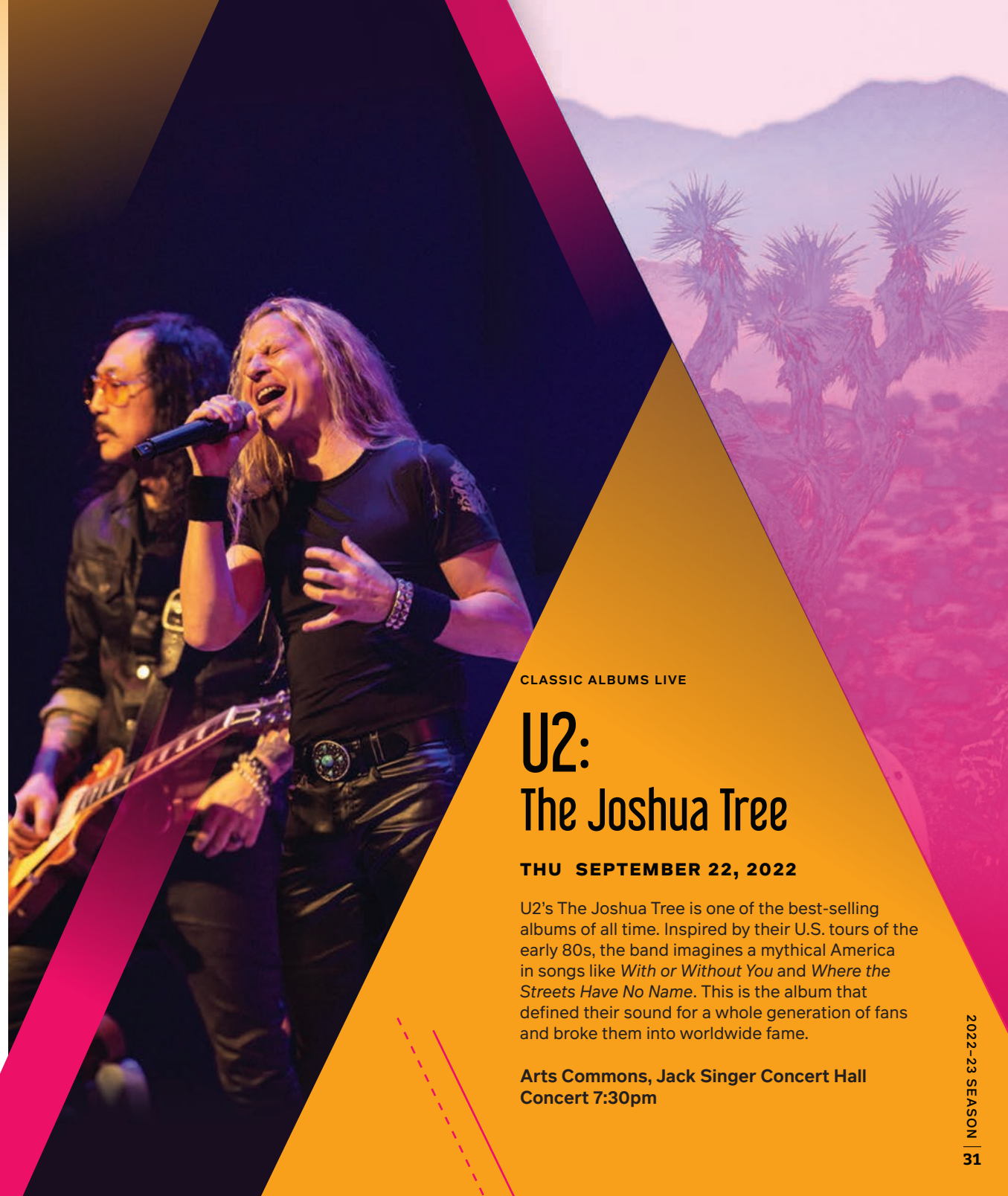
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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

U2: The Joshua Tree

THU SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

U2's *The Joshua Tree* is one of the best-selling albums of all time. Inspired by their U.S. tours of the early 80s, the band imagines a mythical America in songs like *With or Without You* and *Where the Streets Have No Name*. This is the album that defined their sound for a whole generation of fans and broke them into worldwide fame.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
 Concert 7:30pm

CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Billy Joel: The Stranger

SAT NOVEMBER 19, 2022

The Stranger, Billy Joel's commercial and critical breakthrough, is coming to Classic Albums Live! Praised for its clear depictions of New York City life, mundane and absurd at the same time, The Stranger is a deeply personal glimpse into the world of an artist's struggle with the American Dream with songs like *Only the Good Die Young* and *Just The Way You Are*. Join Arts Commons Presents for Billy Joel's standout album and more hits from his catalogue at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

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Concert 7:30pm

CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Heart: Dreamboat Annie

FRI FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Calgary, we've got your Heart! Dreamboat Annie introduced the world to Heart with their addictive blend of hard rock, metal and folk. Singles *Magic Man* and *Crazy on You* went on to become worldwide radio anthems for decades after their release. Don't miss the insatiable combination of guitar riffs, wailing vocals, and high emotion of Classic Albums Live as they recreate Heart's Dreamboat Annie, note for note, cut for cut.

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CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon 50th Anniversary

SAT APRIL 22, 2023

The Dark Side of the Moon is legendary. It transformed Pink Floyd from its grungy garage band aesthetic to a top-tier rock band nearly overnight, and since its release 50 years ago, it has sold over 45 million copies and become a pop culture icon. This Classic Albums Live concert will transport you back to that moment when you first put needle to vinyl and celebrate five decades of the best of psychedelic rock.

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“The Dark Side Of The Moon ushered in Pink Floyd's most iconic creative period culminating in 1979's The Wall. Its legacy can be observed by the fact that generations have kept this album in Billboard's Top 200 for over 950 weeks. What better way to celebrate 50 years of The Dark Side Of The Moon than checking out Classic Albums Live?”

– Adam Kamis, Station Manager, CJSW

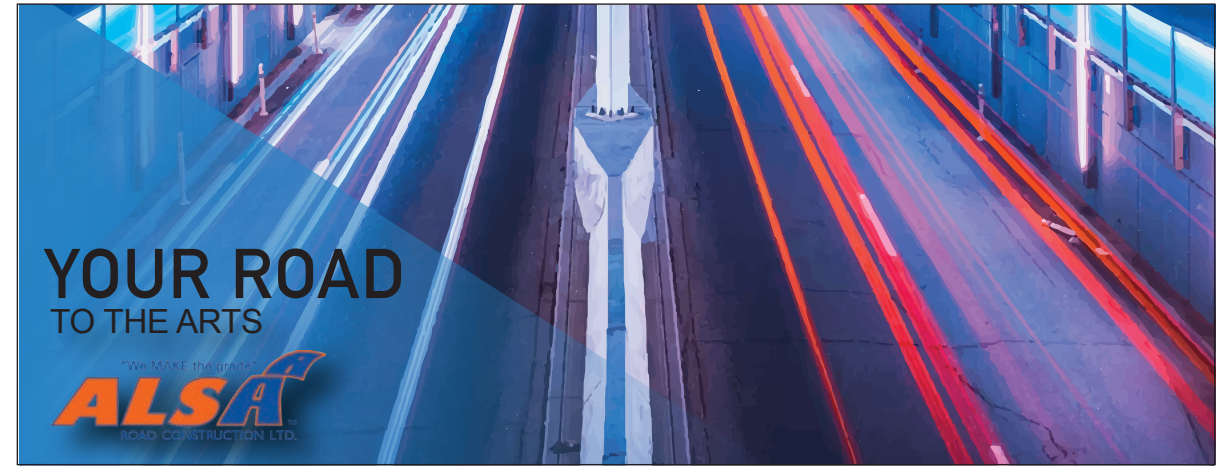


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Over the twelve seasons we've hosted National Geographic Live, we've heard from fascinating scientists, photographers, and space explorers, but never has a speaker so closely resonated with Albertan culture. Hilaree Nelson is a professional skier who made the first ever descent down Lhotse, the fourth tallest peak in the world. To accomplish this incredible feat, she pushed her body and her emotional resolve to new heights.

We know Calgary is going to devour every word from Hilaree as she details how she did the impossible. Plus, Hilaree is part of a landmark season of all-women National Geographic Explorers taking audiences from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of the universe. There's so much to be excited about in this season of National Geographic Live!

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Ami Vitale: Wild Hope

SUN/MON JANUARY 29 & 30, 2023

Photographer and filmmaker Ami Vitale share her personal odyssey through her powerful images — from fighting to save an endangered rhino species to witnessing the launch of Kenya's first indigenous-owned and run elephant sanctuary. Hear her awe-inspiring stories from a career that has spanned 100 countries, from mud huts to war zones, all under the philosophy of "living the story."

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"Hilaree Nelson is an inspiration. Her dedication not only to her sport, but to her ambition is something that is profoundly impactful on anyone who hears her speak. Knowing she is coming to Calgary is immensely exciting."

Emily Boyes, local mountain climber



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

Hilaree Nelson: Skiing in the Shadow of Everest

SUN/MON MARCH 12 & 13, 2023

One of the boldest ski runs of all time, the "Dream Line" on Lhotse—the fourth highest mountain in the world—was unconquered until 2018, when mountaineer Hilaree Nelson defeated all odds and completed the entire run. Hear her unbelievable first-hand account of taking on this perilous couloir and making alpine ski history.

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Diva Amon: From Shallows to Seafloor

SUN/MON MAY 7 & 8, 2023

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– Vanessa Arrate, Explorer Circle Member

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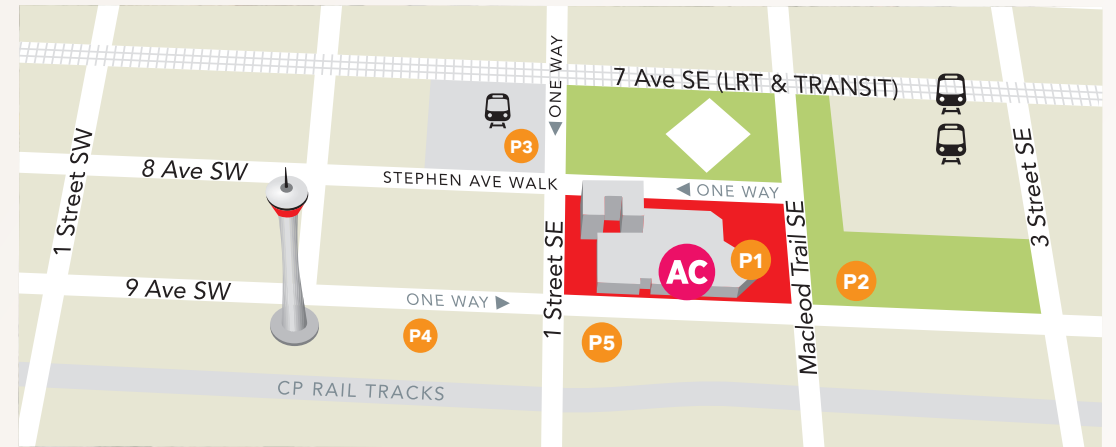
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