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Arts Commons Presents Announces 2022-23 Season with Mexico's Queen of Ranchera, an All-Women Lineup of National Geographic Live, the 25th Anniversary of PCL Blues, and a Living Jazz & Funk Legend

Subscriptions for the BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, and Jazz series from Arts Commons Presents are on sale now, single tickets available June 30 at artscommons.ca/presents

June 1, 2022 CALGARY – Live shows are back with a vengeance in 2022-23! **Arts Commons Presents**, the presenting arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, is once again bringing adventurous, energizing and astounding musicians, performers, and speakers to Calgary next season, with an emphasis on thrilling in-person performances that will make any visit to Arts Commons a highlight of your year. Coming up next season with Arts Commons Presents are the “Voice of Mexico” **Aida Cuevas**, the jazz and funk legend who needs no introduction **Booker T. Jones**, soul songstress **Judith Hill** of *The Voice* and *20 Feet From Stardom*, and an all-women lineup of National Geographic Explorers – and that’s just the beginning! These world-class talents from Alberta and around the world are showcased in the full breadth of Arts Commons’ venue offerings: from the beloved intimacy of the Engineered Air Theatre, to the magnificent Jack Singer Concert Hall, to its first ever appearance in the Martha Cohen Theatre.

"Over these last couple of seasons, Calgarians have made it clear to us just how much they missed coming together with friends and loved ones to experience the very best of the arts in our city. This season we want to bring everyone together to rebuild our sense of community through the healing power of the arts," says Alex Sarian, President and CEO of Arts Commons. "Whether you love music, dance, or learning about the world around you, there is something for everyone within our venues. Join us and fellow Calgarians to see what Arts Commons Presents has in store for you."

"This season we have big shows, with big sounds that are big experiences. There are fresh new voices alongside hugely talented returning favourites and performances that you won't see anywhere other than with Arts Commons Presents," says Jennifer Johnson, VP of Programming. "What we've got coming up is about renewal, it's about joy, and it's about experiencing something unique and powerful – together."

Arts Commons Presents contains five unique subscription series, all of which are now Calgary arts traditions. And one series is celebrating its 25th anniversary!

BD&P World Stage enters its 22nd season of bringing the best that the world has to offer to Calgary's spectacular Jack Singer Concert Hall, giving our city the chance to experience something completely new. This season, we welcome the supremely powerful “Queen of Ranchera” **Aida Cuevas**, the percussive energy of traditional Japanese drummers **YAMATO**, a groundbreaking blend of Indian sarod with North American guitar with **Maestro Amjad Ali Khan**, the dynamic and rhythmic dance style of **StepAfrika!** that speaks volumes, and an electric double bill of **The Soul Rebels & CimaFunk**. [Learn more about the 2022-23 BD&P World Stage series.](#)

Aida Cuevas: *45th Anniversary with Mariachi Azatlán*

YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: *Hinotori*

Friday, November 25, 2022

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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Strings for Peace ft Sharon Isbin and Maestro Amjad Ali Khan
Step Afrika! Drumfolk
The Soul Rebels & CimaFunk

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Friday, June 23, 2023

Classic Albums Live is back for another season of celebrating the classic albums that are the soundtracks to our lives. The fan-favourite concert series that consistently packs the Jack Singer Concert Hall adds a fourth dose this season. Each of these mammoth albums were a turning point in music history, rocketing their creators into a whole new era of fame and notoriety. [Learn more about the 2022-23 Classic Albums Live series.](#)

U2: The Joshua Tree

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Billy Joel: The Stranger

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Heart: Dreamboat Annie

Friday, February 10, 2023

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

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Arts Commons Presents invites you to be inspired by jazz across the eras. From the virtuosic talent of **Joey Alexander** mentored by the great Wynton Marsalis himself, to a live jazz accompaniment of cherished cartoons by **The Queen's Cartoonists**, to a performance from one of the greatest living legends in jazz and funk history **Booker T. Jones** – the 2022-23 season of the Arts Commons Presents Jazz series will leave you buzzing with a rejuvenated appreciation for jazz music. [Learn more about the 2022-23 Jazz series.](#)

Joey Alexander Trio

Thursday, October 13, 2022

The Queen's Cartoonists

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Booker T: A Stax Revue

Saturday, February 25, 2023

The wildly popular **National Geographic Live** returns for a season of spectacular highs and staggering depths as Explorers take us from the tallest ski trails in the Himalayas to the uncharted reaches of the ocean, from the vast plains of the Serengeti to the edges of our solar system. This all-women lineup will take you to the extreme reaches of our world (and beyond) with high resolution photos and video, bringing you powerfully compelling stories that inspire learning, compassion, and empathy for our planet and the people who inhabit it. [Learn more about the 2022-23 National Geographic Live series.](#)

Tracy Drain: *Giants of our Solar System*

Sunday, November 20 & Monday, November 21, 2022

Ami Vitale: *Wild Hope*

Sunday, January 29 & Monday, January 30, 2023

Hilaree Nelson: *Skiing in the Shadow of Everest*

Sunday, March 12 & Monday, March 13, 2023

Diva Amon: *From Shallows to Seafloor*

Sunday, May 7 & Monday, May 8, 2023

For 25 years, the **PCL Blues** series has presented the best in blues to Calgary, from legendary artists to exciting up-and-comers. Known for the intimacy of the Engineered Air Theatre, this landmark 25th anniversary season is making its debut in the Martha Cohen Theatre for the kickoff performance with GRAMMY Award-winning **Judith Hill!** After that, see a lineup that's full of artists back by audience demand like **The Harpoonist & the Axe Murderer** or your next favourite blues star, triple threat **Kevin Burt**. The charismatic **Miss Emily** returns to Calgary after performing on CKUA's Friday Night Blues Party from the Jack Singer Concert Hall, and the gritty slide guitarist **Jack Broadbent** makes an encore appearance after captivating audiences with his sold-out 2017 show. [Learn more about the 2022-23 PCL Blues series.](#)

Judith Hill

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2022

The Harpoonist & the Axe Murderer

Friday, November 4 & Saturday, November 5, 2022

Kevin Burt

Friday, January 20 & Saturday, January 21, 2023

Miss Emily

Friday, March 3 & Saturday, March 4, 2023

Jack Broadbent

Friday, April 14 & Saturday, April 15, 2023

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Stay tuned for more exciting announcements about our showcase of local underground artists in the TD Amplify Cabaret series and other special presentations coming from Arts Commons Presents.

Arts Commons is continuing to make the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and artists a priority. You can read about our current protocols at artscommons.ca/healthandsafety. This includes extending our COVID-19 refund policy into our 2022-23 season for subscribers until December 2022.

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, Arts Commons Presents encompasses the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, Jazz, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, and TD Amplify Cabarets as well as special presentations. Arts Commons Presents programming also includes the work that we do alongside and in collaboration with community partners, like the outdoor pop-up performance series, ArtsXpeditions.

Located in the heart of downtown Calgary, **Arts Commons** is the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada. Since opening in 1985, we remain a key contributor to the social, economic, cultural, and intellectual life and well-being of Calgarians. Home to six resident companies (Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary), Arts Commons features six gallery spaces and six performance venues, including the world-famous Jack Singer Concert Hall - all of which serve to promote emerging and established local, national, and international artists.

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