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Arts Commons Presents Announces 2023-24 Season with Cuba’s Leading Contemporary Dance Company, Two American Idols, National Geographic Live’s First Indigenous Explorer, a Celebrated Canadian Singer-Songwriter, and Classic Albums Live’s Best Lineup Yet!

Season Flex Packs and Subscriptions for the BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, and National Geographic Live series from Arts Commons Presents are on sale now, single tickets available June 8 at [acpresents.ca](https://www.acpresents.ca).

May 31, 2023 CALGARY – There’s something for everybody in the 2023-24 season of **Arts Commons Presents**, the presenting arm of Arts Commons, Western Canada’s largest performing arts centre. From circus to contemporary dance, folk music to classic rock and everything in between, Arts Commons Presents has the ticket to energizing, adventurous, and awe-inspiring performances.

"At Arts Commons we have the pleasure of sharing a wide variety of cultural experiences with Calgarians with the incredible programming created and presented by the resident companies, including our own, Arts Commons Presents," says Alex Sarian, President and CEO of Arts Commons. "Music, dance, powerful speakers, and even a circus company will energize our stages this season and we invite you to join us and discover the engaging power of the arts at Arts Commons."

Arts Commons Presents contains three unique subscription series as well as a diverse lineup of special presentations.

BD&P World Stage enters its 23rd 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 Triplets of Belleville: 20th Anniversary Film in Concert*** conducted by the composer himself, Montreal-born Benoit Charest, followed by a holiday concert celebration with ***The Barra MacNeils: An East Coast Christmas***. The New Year brings Australian contemporary circus company ***Circa*** and their new show ***Humans 2.0***, followed by Cuba’s leading contemporary dance company: ***Malpaso with Arturo O’Farrill & the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra***. The season rounds out with ***DakhaBrakha***, a multi-award winning Ukrainian folk music group and active ambassadors for Ukrainian music and culture, and multi-GRAMMY Award winning jazz legend ***Diane Schuur with Raul Midón***.

The Triplets of Belleville: 20th Anniversary Film in Concert
The Barra MacNeils: An East Coast Christmas
Circa: Humans 2.0
 Malpaso with Arturo O’Farrill & the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra
 DakhaBrakha
 Diane Schuur with Raul Midón

Thursday, November 2, 2023
 Friday, November 24, 2023
 Tuesday, February 13, 2024
 Thursday, March 7, 2024
 Thursday, April 4, 2024
 Tuesday, May 7, 2024

[Learn more about the 2023-24 BD&P World Stage series.](#)

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Classic Albums Live returns with an irresistible three-show lineup that will have you waxing nostalgic and dusting off your vinyl collection. This fan-favourite concert series consistently packs the Jack Singer Concert Hall with music lovers as the talented Canadian artists recreate their favourite classic albums note for note, cut for cut. In the second act, they celebrate the full breadth of the band's repertoire for a greatest-hits concert any fan would appreciate.

Led Zeppelin: *Houses of the Holy*
Queen: *News of the World*
Eagles: *The Greatest Hits*

Friday, October 20, 2023
Saturday, February 3, 2024
Thursday, April 18, 2024

[Learn more about the 2023-24 Classic Albums Live series.](#)

The wildly popular **National Geographic Live** enters its 12th season with Arts Commons Presents of transporting audiences around the globe and inspiring a love for science and our planet. The Explorers of the 2023-24 season take audiences from the highest peaks to the depths of the ocean, deep in the untamed wilds of India, to the Arctic Circle with National Geographic Live's first Indigenous speaker, and 65 million years in the past with high resolution photos and video projected on a screen spanning the width of the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage.

Andy Mann: *From Summit to Sea*
Sandesh Kadur: *Wild Cats Revealed*
Lindsay Zanno: *T. rex Rises*
Kiliii Yüyan: *Life on Thin Ice*

Sunday, November 19 & Monday, November 20, 2023
Sunday, January 28 & Monday, January 29, 2024
Sunday, March 10 & Monday, March 11, 2024
Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27, 2024

[Learn more about the 2023-24 National Geographic Live series.](#)

Throughout the 2023-24 season, Arts Commons Presents is excited to announce a number of unique offerings as **Special Presentations**. More will be announced as the season progresses, but we do have four blockbuster concerts to share today. In a highly anticipated Calgary appearance, the winner and runner-up of the second season of *American Idol* join Arts Commons Presents for **Ruben & Clay: Twenty | The Tour** bringing their stellar voices and magnetic stage presence to the Jack Singer Concert Hall. Just in time for the holidays, Jann Arden brings her acclaimed Christmas concert with **A Jann Arden Christmas** for a two-night exclusive engagement. For families and dinosaur lovers, we have **Dinosaur World Live**, a live performance featuring huge, remarkably lifelike prehistoric puppets by the same team that created *War Horse*. And finally, combining the Emmy Award-winning docuseries and a live orchestral performance, **Secrets of the Whales: A Film in Concert** is a one-of-a-kind National Geographic Live concert performance featuring live narration by none other than the incomparable Jann Arden.

Ruben & Clay: *Twenty | The Tour*
A Jann Arden Christmas
Secrets of the Whales: *A Film in Concert*
Dinosaur World Live

Friday, September 29, 2023
Tuesday/Wednesday, December 19 & 20, 2023
Sunday/Monday/Tuesday, April 21 – 23, 2024
Friday/Saturday, May 24 & 25, 2024 (on sale soon)

[Learn more about the 2023-24 Special Presentations.](#)

Subscriptions to the BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, and National Geographic Live series with Arts Commons Presents are on sale now at artscommons.ca/subscribe. Looking for a bit more flexibility in your ticket packages? **Flex packages go on sale May 31, 2023 at artscommons.ca/flex.** Single tickets for all series go on sale **June 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.** Current subscribers can renew online by going to artscommons.ca/renew. **For more information, please visit apresents.ca.**

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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.

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, Arts Commons Presents is one manifestation of this mandate, achieved through the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, National Geographic Live, Classic Albums Live, and TD Amplify Cabarets as well as our special presentations and work that we do in the community. Through this work, we are able to do our part to further enrich our city, as well as create opportunities for Calgary-based artists on a multitude of levels.

Arts Commons is the steward of one of Canada's largest arts centres, and the artistic and civic cornerstone of Calgary's downtown core, comprised of six world-class resident companies. The organization's strategic priorities include supporting the artists and arts organizations that call Arts Commons home, including the more than 200 community groups that utilize our facilities, to realize their missions, and to foster opportunities for collaboration across our cultural campus. By championing inclusion and reconciliation and increasing the accessibility and reach of the arts in Calgary, we are reimagining the performing arts and ensuring their rightful place at the center of civic life.