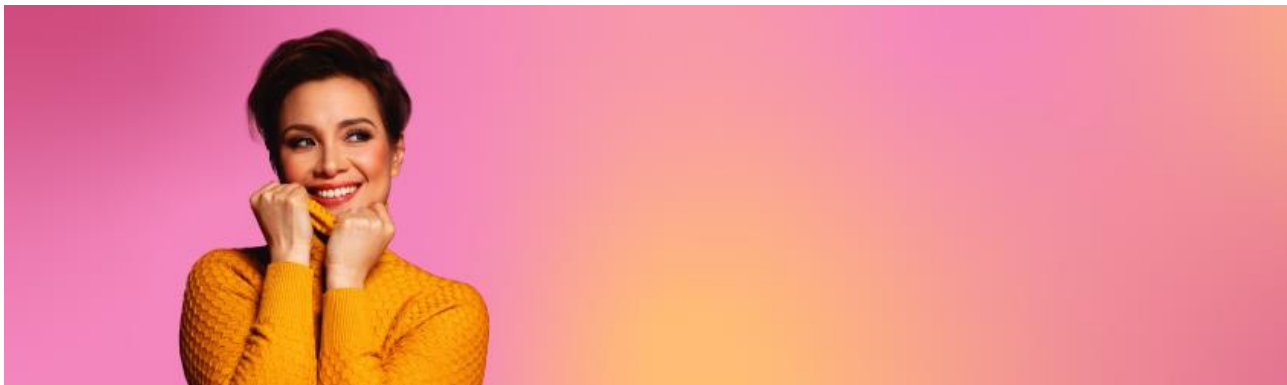


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Arts Commons Presents Celebrates Return of Disney Princess and Broadway Superstar Lea Salonga as part of her Dream Again Tour

March 8, 2022 - CALGARY – Back by popular demand, Tony Award-winning Lea Salonga has one of the most iconic and recognizable voices in the pop culture landscape. Beloved for her performance as Jasmine in *Aladdin* and as the singing voice of Fa Mulan from Disney’s animated movie *Mulan*, Lea Salonga is the queen of pitch-perfect performance. After her sold-out 2019 performance in the Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons Presents is thrilled to be welcoming her back for *An Evening with Lea Salonga* as part of **BD&P World Stage** on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.



Lea Salonga.

“Returning to the stage and to international touring will be an absolute thrill and I am so excited, to meet fans again and to perform some of my all-time favourite songs,” says Lea Salonga.

Lea Salonga made Broadway history at 20 years old when she became the first woman of Asian descent to win a Tony Award which she won for the title role of *Miss Saigon*. She became a Disney princess in 1992 with the release of *Aladdin* and inspired a generation of youth with her stunning performance of *Reflection* in Disney’s *Mulan*. Since then, she has become a superstar and cultural icon both in the Philippines, her home country, and around the world. With albums released like *Bahaghari*, which features traditional Filipino songs as a reflection of all the intricate and different languages found in the Philippines, she has demonstrated her status as an ambassador for Filipino culture to the world.

Additionally, in August, Lea released her single, *Dream Again*, with all profits donated to charities aiding in COVID-19 relief around the world, including The Actor’s Fund. With Lea Salonga, it’s impossible to deny the power of her musical legacy. Now she returns to bring her magic back to enchant audiences at Arts Commons.

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“Lea Salonga is one of those performers that we just can’t get enough of, she’s an absolute pleasure from start to final bows,” says Jennifer Johnson, vice-president of programming at Arts Commons. “The Jack Singer Concert Hall was designed to uplift the best in music, and her voice easily falls into that classification. If you haven’t had a chance to see Lea Salonga perform live, this is a great opportunity to discover an amazing vocal performer.”

The 2021-22 season of BD&P World Stage, produced by Arts Commons Presents, features an outstanding line-up of concerts that celebrate a world of talent and entertainment. Entering its 22nd season, Arts Commons Presents is proud to showcase this longstanding series in the world class Jack Singer Concert Hall, a venue designed to celebrate the power of music and live performance. Join us for Meow Meow on Thursday, May 5, 2022 and our final presentation of the season of Ólafur Arnalds on June 6, 2022.

What: BD&P World Stage – An Evening with Lea Salonga
When: Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/presents

To subscribe to the BD&P World Stage, or purchase tickets to An Evening with Lea Salonga, please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/salonga.

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