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Arts Commons Presents Brings the Positive Energy of Reggae Icon, Luciano the Messenjah, to the Jack Singer Concert Hall with Calgary ReggaeFest This Month

May 3, 2023 - CALGARY – Jamaican superstar and the “King of Conscious Reggae,” Luciano the Messenjah brings his positive messaging and uplifting lyrics together with his magnetic performance style to Calgary for an you won’t forget. Join Arts Commons Presents for [Luciano the Messenjah](#) as part of the **BD&P World Stage** series from **Arts Commons Presents** in partnership with **Calgary ReggaeFest** on **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

Luciano the Messenjah has a worldwide following for his boundary-crossing music that samples from soul, rock, and even R&B and disco. His unique style, resonating lyrics, and soulful voice have inspired fans worldwide for over three decades. Luciano is also known for incorporating elements of Rastafarian culture, social commentary, and political activism in his music, making him a prominent and deeply respected figure in the reggae community. His messaging most often focuses on fighting injustice and promoting universal peace.

“I have this passion for humanity, and I believe if you send the right messages out, the right images, and give the people a right approach to life and give them a pathway, I think this world can be a better place,” says Luciano the Messenjah about his work and music.

In his formative years, Luciano was deeply influenced by Bob Marley’s “One Love Movement,” connecting with the idea that positivity was an inseparable part of his music. Due to the uplifting messages that are now a calling card of his style, he has been dubbed the “King of Conscious Reggae Music” and “The Messenjah.”

About his talent, Just Rapcha says, “Luciano is without a doubt one of the best reggae singers,” a fact that is not disputed by Rolling Stone Magazine, which added him to their list of the “200 Greatest Singers of All Time” earlier this year. To date he has recorded over 40 albums, many of which have topped the charts around the world with songs like “It’s Me Again Jah” and “Shake it Up Tonight” which hit #1 on the UK charts. As well as being prolific musician, he has also demonstrated the breadth of his talent through numerous collaborations, including a performance with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the Netherlands. He shares an energy with audiences around the globe that is admired by his collaborators and adored by his fans.

“It is wonderful to be collaborating with Calgary ReggaeFest to bring a musician of the reputation and quality of Luciano to Calgary,” says Stephanie Hutchinson, Associate Director of Presenting. “If you’re new to reggae music, Luciano is the perfect introduction into the genre.”

The 2022-23 season of the BD&P World Stage series produced by Arts Commons Presents has shared an outstanding lineup of performers that celebrate a diversity of live arts from around the globe. The cultural phenomenon, YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: *Hinotori*, literally shook the walls of the Jack Singer Concert Hall followed by the harmonious collaboration of *Strings for Peace* and the percussive perfection of Step Afrika!: *Drumfolk*. We now welcome the Reggae icon [Luciano the Messenjah](#) on May 18, finishing the

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season with the double-bill of [The Soul Rebels & CimaFunk](#) on June 23, 2023. Stay tuned for the showstopping 2023-24 season, to be announced soon at artscommons.ca/presents.

What: BD&P World Stage – Luciano the Messenjah
When: Thursday, April 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Pre-Show: Yolanda Sargeant
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/presents

To purchase tickets to [Luciano the Messenjah](#) please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/luciano.

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