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Iceland's Ólafur Arnalds Showcases Signature Meditative Concert as Part of Arts Commons Presents BD&P World Stage Series This June

May 24, 2022 - CALGARY – Known for his spellbinding performances that range from ambient electronica to atmospheric pop, Ólafur Arnalds has mesmerized audiences around the globe since his first electronic album was released in 2014. Since then, he has consistently found new ways to take listeners on melodic journeys through sound and music demonstrated in his newest album *some kind of peace*. Join Arts Commons Presents for **Ólafur Arnalds** as part of the **BD&P World Stage** series from **Arts Commons Presents** on **Monday, June 6 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**



Ólafur Arnalds live in concert.

Ólafur Arnalds says, “I was focused on trying to be really free, to not overthink things, to not layer too many things, to not get stuck in grand ideas. Just making music in a way that feels pure. It’s definitely a little bit back-to-basics for me. Instead of adding layers upon layers to create something big, I would spend days on a tiny thing. Trying to shape it into something that speaks volumes with just a few notes.”

Ólafur’s deeply reflective musical meditations have thrived in an era of digital media. In 2015, Ólafur made his television scoring debut with the hit TV series *Broadchurch*, which gave the perfect setting for his haunting and often melancholic compositions and won him a BAFTA award. In 2018, his album *re:member* changing the playing field once again by debuting his self-playing Stratus pianos which have since become a feature of his live concerts. This unique way of performing means that no two performances are the same, as each keystroke offers a novel reshaping of each piece. His remarkable flexibility as an artist is reflected in his recent nomination in two categories – Best Dance Recording and Best Arrangement, Instruments And Vocals — at the 2022 GRAMMY Awards for the EP *Loom*, described as a “tender serenity of sparkling, atmospheric melodies ebbing and flowing” (The Playground).

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Ólafur Arnalds concludes the 2021-22 season of the BD&P World Stage series produced by Arts Commons Presents, which featured an outstanding line-up of concerts that celebrated a world of talent and entertainment including the exceptionally talented Lea Salonga and the first holiday concert for Arts Commons Presents – *Timmy's Happy Christmas, 1974*, starring world-class local icon Tim Tamashiro. Stay tuned for the announcement of BD&P World Stage's 2022-23 season, coming soon!

What: BD&P World Stage – Ólafur Arnalds
When: Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/presents

To purchase tickets to Ólafur Arnalds please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/olafur.

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