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Oliver!

LIONEL BART'S



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& LYRICS BY
LIONEL BART



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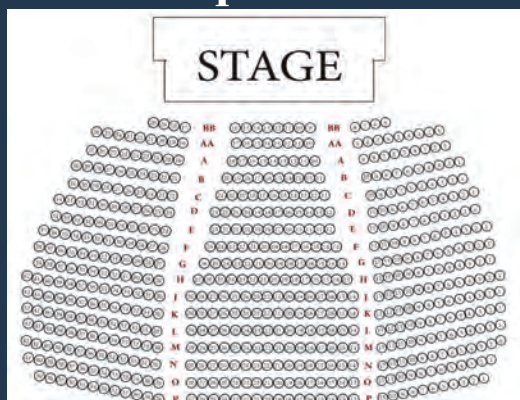
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Message from the Executive Director

Centred in ʔa·kiskaq·iʔit, Key City Theatre proudly brings together people from throughout Ktunaxa ʔamakʔis.

As we open the doors on our 2025–2026 season, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude—for the artists who share their craft, for the audiences who fill these seats with energy and laughter, and for a community that continues to believe in the power of live performance.

This season, our stage is alive with stories that reach across time and place. From the resilience and hope of *Oliver!*—our most ambitious community musical to date—to the groundbreaking artistry of *Josephine*, from the haunting elegance of Atlantic Ballet's *Pisuwini* to the transcendent voices of *Piqsiq*, we are celebrating works that remind us why the arts matter. They make us feel, they help us imagine, and they invite us to see ourselves—and one another—with fresh eyes.

But more than the shows themselves, what inspires me most is you. This community has a way of showing up for one another. You pitch in at the Kootenay Children's Festival (turning 40 this year!), you volunteer your time, you bring your kids and grandkids to discover new worlds, and you keep this theatre pulsing with life. In a world that can often feel divided, that kind of collective spirit is rare and precious.

This season is about connection: between generations, between local voices and global artistry, between the traditions we cherish and the bold visions that push us forward. It is about celebrating where we've come from while daring to imagine what's next.

On behalf of all of us at Key City Theatre, thank you for being part of this journey. I can't wait to welcome you back, to share in the wonder of live performance, and to continue building something extraordinary—together.

See you at the theatre,


Galen Olstead

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PISUWIN is a reflection on the vital connection of the Wolastoq people to Spirit.



NOVEMBER 6

PISUWIN



BLACK UMFOLOSI

NOVEMBER 20

Feel the Rhythm, See the Story, Live the Tradition!

Straight from Zimbabwe to stages around the world, Black Umfolosi brings the soulful harmonies of imbube music and the vibrant energy of gumboot and Zulu dance to life. Their performances are a feast for the senses: rich vocals, hypnotic rhythms, and high-energy movement that transcends borders. Having toured across Europe, North America, Australia, and Asia, Black Umfolosi invites you to experience the heartbeat of Africa, right here.



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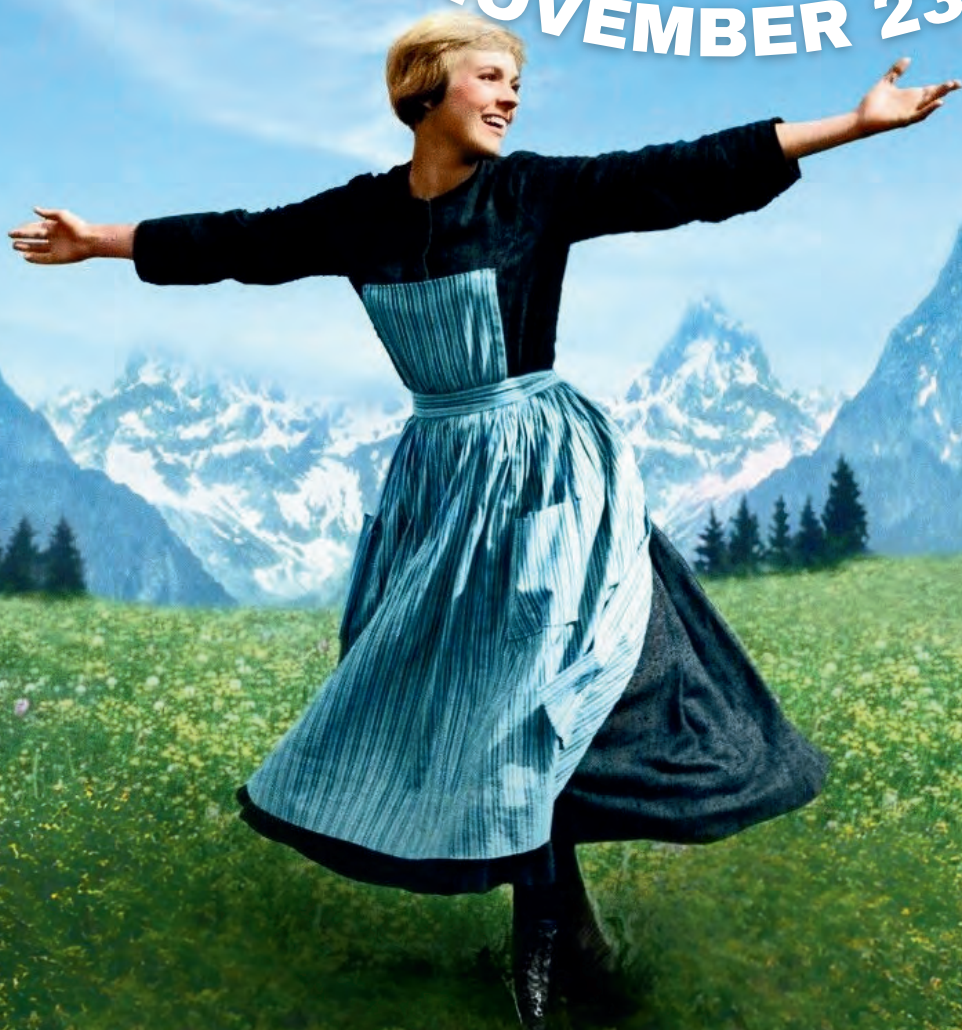
SING-A-LONG!

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

NOVEMBER 23



**Get ready to sing your heart out!
The magic begins soon!**

Oliver!

LIONEL BART'S



BOOK MUSIC
& LYRICS BY
LIONEL BART

Consider Yourself One of Us: Oliver! Takes the Stage This January at Key City Theatre

Key City Theatre is bringing a beloved classic to life this January with Lionel Bart's *Oliver!*, the timeless musical based on Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. With unforgettable songs like *Consider Yourself*, *Where Is Love?*, and *Food, Glorious Food*, this production promises to be one of the theatre's most heartwarming and ambitious musicals yet.



Director Brenda Burley teams up with co-director Matt Van Boeyen to share the creative helm. "It has been inspiring to direct Matt in the past few productions—Judas in Superstar, Gomez in Addams Family," says Burley. "People already know how talented he is on stage, and now they will be able to see what a creative force he is as co-director and visionary."

Matt shares the excitement: "What a blast it is to help shape this classic story at Key City Theatre with such a passionate cast and crew. Oliver! reminds us that compassion transforms hardship, and found families are just as powerful as the ones we're born into. We can't wait to show you what we've put together!"

Five Fun Facts About Oliver! at Key City Theatre:

1. **A Dynamic Duo:** Director Brenda Burley and Co-Director Matt Van Boeyen are teaming up for the first time to lead the production.
2. **Family Ties:** This year's Oliver! cast features ten family groups, a number that has grown as people, inspired by watching their loved ones in past productions, decided to join the fun themselves. Their presence brings an extra layer of warmth and authenticity, as families share the joy of creating theatre side by side.
3. **Biggest Cast Yet:** With performers ranging from age 9 to 60-something, Oliver! boasts one of the largest and most age-diverse casts in KCT history.
4. **Community Spirit:** This production is truly a celebration of community, talent, and the magic of theatre.
5. **A Classic Story with a Fresh Vision:** While Oliver! is set in Victorian London, the team is reimagining it with bold visuals, powerful performances, and a heart full of hope. Don't miss your chance to experience this vibrant musical that celebrates resilience, compassion, and the joy of coming together. Oliver! hits the stage at Key City Theatre this January—get your tickets early and consider yourself part of the family!

Two Young Stars, One Legendary Role.

A timeless story brought to life by two remarkable young talents on alternating nights.

Each Oliver brings their own unique charm and interpretation to the stage. If you're attending to support a specific performer, please check which Oliver is featured in your performance. We also encourage you to experience both—each performance offers a fresh perspective and the same heartwarming story.



Dec 31, NY Eve Gala – Lily Yadernuk
Jan 9, Opening Night – Marnie Goulding
Jan 10, Saturday – Lily Yadernuk
Jan 11, Matinee – Marnie Goulding
Jan 15, Relaxed Performance – Lily Yadernuk
Jan 16, Friday – Marnie Goulding
Jan 17, Closing Night – Lily Yadernuk

Don't miss this show! Get your tickets today!

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white dress and a small white hat, is reclining against a wall with a wood-grain pattern. She is looking upwards and to the right, with her hand near her head. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting her features and the texture of the wall. The title 'JOSEPHINE' is overlaid in large, stylized letters.

JOSEPHINE

with THE littlejazz
Orchestra

FEBRUARY 5

Before Ella, Tina, Billie, or Beyoncé – there was JOSEPHINE

Josephine is an international award-winning one-woman biographical musical that combines cabaret, theatre and dance to tell the story of the iconic Josephine Baker, the first African-American international superstar and one of the most remarkable figures of the 20th Century. Josephine has won over 20 awards across several continents, and had a successful off-Broadway run in 2018.

Tymisha Harris stars in this dazzling retelling of Josephine Baker's revolutionary life as singer, movie star, WWII spy, civil rights activist, and cultural icon.



Graham Barnes- Guitar
Evan Bueckert- Keys
Janice Nicli- Bass
Sven Heyde- Drums

The littlejazz Orchestra is Cranbrook's coolest contribution to the jazz universe— proof that big sound doesn't require a big city. From West Coast jazz and laid-back cool swing to funk-infused fusion and Latin grooves, this versatile quartet fills the entire jazz spectrum with style and soul.

With Evan Bueckert on keyboards, Sven Heyde at the drums, Janice Nicli locking in on bass, and Graham Barnes playing guitar, The littlejazz Orchestra delivers a sound that's anything but little.

Catch them live on stage with Josephine on February 5th!

A photograph of four men, the Fretless Quartet, sitting at a long wooden table in a room with green walls covered in numerous framed and unframed artworks. The men are dressed in casual attire: t-shirts, a button-down shirt, and a long-sleeved shirt. The room is filled with various paintings, including portraits, landscapes, and abstract works, creating a gallery-like atmosphere.

THE FRETLESS

Juno Award Winning Roots Quartet

JANUARY 28

The Fretless bring their award-winning blend of folk, roots, and chamber music to Key City Theatre!

Returning after their sensational appearance with Symphony of the Kootenays, The Fretless bring their award-winning blend of folk, roots, and chamber music to Key City Theatre! This genre-bending string quartet redefines traditional tunes with rich arrangements, stunning musicianship, and high-energy performances you won't want to miss.



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& FRIENDS
FEBRUARY 19**

**EMBARK ON A SPELLBINDING
MUSICAL ADVENTURE AS TOM
ALLEN & FRIENDS BRING TO
LIFE JS BACH'S LONG WALK
IN THE SNOW**



LOVE B*MB!

4TH ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S BURLESQUE SHOW

FEBRUARY 21

Join us for another vivacious Valentine's Burlesque event with LOVE B*MB! 90s Nostalgia. Dress up, Win Prizes, Join in on the Fun! Get ready for more sexy adventures.

Starring with more award winning talent coming to the Key City Theatre, and some of your Kootenay favourites coming back: Zyra Lee Vanity, Kage Wolfe, Bree Vybes, Vita Devour, Déjà Louve, and many more! Stay tuned for workshop details so that YOU too, can do burlesque!

BALLET JÖRGEN

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

FEBRUARY 25, 2026



Akari Fujiwara & Omar Hernández; photo by Tiffany Manankil (Tea & Thread Designs).

Ballet Jörgen's A Midsummer Night's Dream brings Shakespeare's beloved comedy to life with dazzling dance, Mendelssohn's iconic score, and a whimsical Northern Canadian setting - complete with moose, beavers, and fairies!

Perfect for all ages, this playful, heartwarming ballet features professional dancers and local youth performers. A fun, family-friendly celebration of love, mischief, and magic!



PIQ SIQ

MARCH 5

PIQSIQ weaves hauntingly beautiful Inuit throat singing with ethereal soundscapes, crafting immersive sonic journeys that bridge the traditional and the contemporary.

Sisters Tiffany Ayalik and Inuksuk Mackay fuse ancient vocals, live looping, and atmospheric soundscapes into mesmerizing performances: poetic, political, and unforgettable.



*A fate foretold, a passion
inflamed, a kingdom
undone.*



Something wicked this way comes...

Machbeth

MARCH 14, 2026

Volunteer with us!

Unforgettable moments start with you. At Key City Theatre, our volunteers are the heart of every event - welcoming guests, supporting artists, and creating a warm, vibrant atmosphere for all.

Volunteering here means more than just lending a hand. It's about having fun with like-minded people, building friendships, learning new skills, and making a real difference in our arts community.

Whether you're helping behind the scenes or greeting audiences at the door, you'll be part of a supportive team working toward something meaningful.

We'd love to have you on board!





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Our Art Gallery

We feature local artists all year round! Tune in on our website (www.keycitytheatre.com) and on our social media channels (Facebook-@keycitytheatre & Instagram-@keycity.theatre) for our art gallery shows!

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Become a Key City Theatre member and enjoy fantastic savings on tickets to our host shows!

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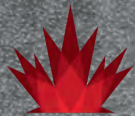
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By supporting us, you're investing in a community full of dreams - for yourself, your loved ones, and generations yet to come.



THE CANADIAN MUSIC
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GLASS TIGER

March 29, 2026

***Glass Tiger: An Acoustic Evening of
Songs & Stories***

Canadian rock legends Glass Tiger bring their iconic hits to life in a stripped-down, acoustic performance filled with unforgettable songs, behind-the-scenes stories, and intimate moments. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind evening with one of Canada's most beloved bands!



DELHI 2 DUBLIN

April 10, 2026 PM

Get ready to dance!

***Delhi 2 Dublin fuses Bhangra, Celtic, and
electronic beats into an unstoppable global
party!***

Celebrating 20 years of genre-smashing, high-energy fusion, Delhi 2 Dublin blends Bhangra, hip-hop, electronic, reggae, and Celtic sounds into one electrifying live show.

With fresh beats and unstoppable energy, they're bringing the party to the stage, don't miss your chance to be part of the next chapter in their global music journey!



MICHAEL KAESHAMMER

Michael Kaeshammer lights up the stage with electrifying piano wizardry and feel-good flair, serving up a genre-blending mix of jazz, pop, and unstoppable charm that turns every show into a celebration.

April 16, 2026

CIRCUS INCOGNITUS

JAMIE ADKINS

April 23, 2026



Circus Incognitus is a hilariously heartfelt adventure where master clown Jamie Adkins turns everyday mishaps into poetic, laugh-out-loud brilliance.



The Kootenay Children's Festival is turning 40 years old!

That number carries a lot of heart along with its history – 40 years of balloon tying – 40 years of fishing in the pond for treasures – 40 years of dancing and singing – 40 years of bringing people together. It's become part of how we mark spring here. Part of how we grow up together.

I remember the first time I went to a Children's Festival. When I walked through the entrance, it was like I was entering a magical land, full of endless choices and things to explore. As parents we later took our daughter, and enjoyed them just as much. She now volunteers for the KCF, and helps spread that joy to others.

While children's festivals may seem like just a day of laughter and fun, they play a far more important role in a child's development than we could ever imagine. These events create vibrant spaces where learning, creativity, social growth, and cultural appreciation come to life.

One of the things we're most proud of is that this festival has always been FREE. In fact, it's one of the longest running free festivals of its kind left in Canada! For 40 years, families have been able to just show up and take part. That's a rare thing, and it only works because of the way we come together – giving what we can, making space for everyone, and looking out for each other.





It's lasted this long because people have kept showing up — pitching tents, hauling tables, tying balloons, offering their time and talents with a smile. Local artists, teachers, performers, and small businesses have all helped shape the festival into something really special. We are so grateful for all the support over the past 40 years, and for the opportunity to continue building community connections while providing a magical experience for all our children.

We believe everyone should have a place to be creative, to be silly, to explore and try something new. That's what the Kootenay Children's Festival has always been about; providing a safe and welcoming space for ALL children and their families.

So let's celebrate this milestone birthday together! Come down to the park, bring your family, and let's fill the weekend with music, art, science, sports, laughter, and connection — just like we've done for the past 40 years. Come join us as we celebrate childhood and all the wonderment it can offer!

See you there!

Monica Graham
Festival Coordinator



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