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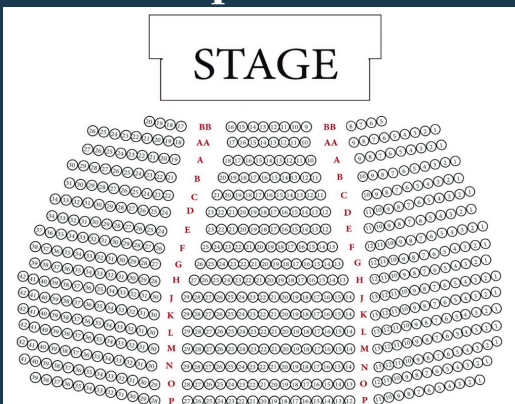
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Seat Map





Message from the Managing Director

Centred in Cranbrook, Key City Theatre proudly brings together people from throughout the community.

As we welcome the 2023-2024 Season, I feel an immense sense of gratitude and excitement about the vibrant performances and events that are on the horizon at the Key City Theatre. We have carefully curated a line-up that celebrates the diverse artistic voices of our world, both established and emerging, aiming to enrich our community with culture, creativity, and connection.

This year we present to you three series: The Spotlight Series, The Homegrown Series, and the Family Series, each offering a unique and immersive experience that embodies the magic of performing arts.

Spotlight Series

Our Fall Spotlight Series is back with a bang this year, boasting a vibrant range of performances that are set to captivate, enthrall, and entertain. From the reverberating chords of country music to the powerful narratives of civil rights heroes, our Spotlight Series is bound to leave you moved, inspired, and delighted.

The series kicks off with the authentic Johnny Cash tribute by David James and Big River, taking you on a nostalgic journey back to the golden era of country music. Our series also introduces "Hey Viola!", a powerful musical exploration into the life and legacy of Canadian civil rights hero, Viola Desmond. Next we are thrilled to present an exhilarating spectacle, "Casting Off", an intergenerational circus performance that challenges stereotypes.

Homegrown Series

Our Homegrown Series, featuring works that were born and bred in the Kootenays, holds a special place in our programming this year. The series starts on a high note with the free to attend EDFest, taking place in Rotary park on September 9, a showcase of local creativity and talent featuring music, circus performance, Bpop up beer tents, history, art, vendors and a bigger than life Elephant that may roam the streets of Cranbrook!

Next, we pay tribute to the enduring legacy of small-town balladeers with the return of "As the Crow Flies", marking the 20th anniversary of their seminal album.

We then turn our focus to one of Cranbrook's most celebrated sons, Brent Carver. Born and raised in Cranbrook, Brent began his journey into the performing arts at the Mount Baker theatre department. His passion led him from the local stage to Broadway, where he clinched a Tony award, became a regular lead performer at the Stratford Festival, starred in his own CBC television series, and finally, was honored with the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards. On October 21, we invite you to join us for an intimate evening that delves into Brent's illustrious career. Jim Cameron and Barry Coulter will share personal anecdotes, archival footage of Brent's performances, and insights into his life in Cranbrook.

Finally, we round out our fall Homegrown series with the iconic musical "Jesus Christ Superstar", directed by Brenda Burley. Comprising an exceptionally talented local cast and crew, Jesus Christ Superstar is a tale of betrayal, fear, frustration, and sacrifice set to some of the most memorable music ever composed.

Family Series

Kicking off the family series is "Dog Man: The Musical," a brilliantly funny production adapted from the best-selling series by Dav Pilkey. Follow the adventures of best friends George and Harold as they craft a musical centered around their favorite character, Dog Man, a crime-fighting, furniture-chewing hero who's part dog, part man, and all hero!

Next, prepare to be captivated by the high-octane performance of Alex Zerbe, the Zaniac. The Zaniac's performance is a comedy spectacle, guaranteed to drop jaws and pop eyes as he bounces across the stage with uncontainable enthusiasm.

Lastly, we invite you to delve into the magical world of "Dino Light", a visually stunning glow-in-the-dark dinosaur adventure.

We look forward to the wealth of talent and energy coming to our community in this new season. It is my hope that we continue to serve as a hub that unites and celebrates our vibrant community.

I eagerly anticipate welcoming you back to Key City Theatre this fall for a memorable event that will leave a lasting imprint on your hearts.

See you soon,



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SEPTEMBER 9 ROTARY PARK, CRANBROOK

Ed Fest Arts & Music Festival is a celebration of creativity and expression that takes place this Fall in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

The festival is a one day event that features a variety of performances, workshops, and activities for all ages. The festival is designed to promote the appreciation of art, music, dance, literature, theatre, and more. It is an opportunity for the community to come together, explore new ideas, celebrate local talent, and be inspired.

Mainstage performers are Five Alarm Funk, Garret T. Willie, L8 Band, and Blues Steel! On top of that, there are a lot of activities for the entire family! From interactive art installations. Beer Garden, Food Trucks, Artisan Market, to captivating performances, Ed Fest Arts & Music Festival will have something for everyone!

The festival is open to everyone regardless of age, gender, race, culture, or any other factor. All are welcome to come and enjoy the creativity, music, art, and more that the festival offers.

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Family
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Dogman The Musical

NOVEMBER 2, 2023
7:00 PM

2023-24

Based on the worldwide bestselling hit series by Dav Pilkey, Dog Man: The Musical is a hilarious and heartwarming new production following the chronicles of Dog Man, who with the head of a dog and the body of a policeman, loves to fight crime and chew on the furniture. But while trying his best to be a good boy, can he save the city from Flippy the cyborg fish and his army of Beastly Buildings? Can he catch Petey, the world's most evil cat, who has cloned himself to exact revenge on the doggy do-gooder? And will George and Harold finish their show before lunchtime?? Find out in this epic musical adventure featuring the hilarity and heart of beloved characters from Dav Pilkey, the creator of Captain Underpants. Recommended for ages 6-10.

So what are you waiting for? It's time to help Dogman and his team fight crimes! Get your tickets for the whole family today!

A Johnny Cash Tribute

David James & Big River

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 | 7:30 PM

2023-24



David James and Big River are often described as one of the most authentic Outlaw Country tribute shows touring today.

Together they invoke the sounds and image of another era , accurately recreating that classic sound, OUTLAW COUNTRY.



Matthew Good is a multi-platinum selling Canadian recording artist, best known for his signature vocal style, guitar-driven melodies, and cinematic lyrics.

Through his music, Good's defiant spirit anchors a vulnerable, unapologetic outlook on life while offering glimpses of hope and reminding us there is beauty in the world. See him perform live on October 1st! Get tickets today!

OCTOBER 1, 2023 |
7:30 PM

Tim Hicks: Campfire Troubadour Tour

OCTOBER 26, 2023 | 7:30 PM



Delivering track after track with unparalleled quality and consistency, Tim Hicks' ascent as an elite chart-topping act since making his country label debut in 2013 is undeniable.

Catch him live at the Key City Theatre on October 26th for this Campfire Troubadour Tour 2023 with Teigan Gayse

SPOTLIGHT SERIES | OCTOBER 10, 2023

HEY VIOLA!

VIOLA DESMOND - THE SOUNDTRACK OF A LIFE

Created by Krystle Dos Santos & Tracey Power Starring Krystle Dos Santos



Hey Viola!, a musical exploration of Canadian Civil Rights hero, Viola Desmond. But who is Viola Desmond...? other than the newest face on Canada's ten-dollar bill. She is best known for her courage in refusing to leave the whites-only section of Nova Scotia's Roseland cinema in 1946, a decision that made history, but she was also a feminist and beauty product icon. What was the fire within this successful black Canadian businesswoman that gave her the courage and confidence to stand up to systemic racial injustices in Canada?

With brilliant hits of the era, and songs that influenced history this personal, and powerful cabaret, gives audiences an opportunity to discover how the actions of one woman played such a huge role in a movement that Krystle herself continues today.

Get to know more about Viola Desmond's life by getting tickets to this show!



An Evening to Celebrate Brent Carver

2023-24

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 7:30 PM



Walk me to the Corner, is an evening to discover and celebrate the vast works of Cranbrook's own legendary Brent Carver. Born and raised in Cranbrook, Brent got his start in the Mount Baker theatre department under the tutelage of Paul Kershaw. He developed a lifelong passion for the performing arts, advancing to the world stage and going on to win a Tony award on Broadway, to become a regular lead performer at the Stratford Festival, to lead his own TV series on CBC television and to ultimately win Canada's highest honour in the performing arts: the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards.

On October 21, Key City Theatre's gallery will be filled with the archives, memorabilia, scripts, photos, posters, remembrances and awards that were collected over Brent's decades long career. The evening will open with a reception where patrons can browse at their leisure, followed by an onstage presentation led by two of Brent's contemporaries, Jim Cameron and Barry Coulter. Jim and Barry will guide us through a presentation rich with archival footage of Brent's performances, personal stories from some of his co-stars throughout the years, and a look at his life here in Cranbrook, where it all started.

This evening promises to be a moving, personal, and joyful celebration of a real local artist.

Finger Eleven

NOVEMBER 20, 2023 | 7:30 PM



One of Canada's best-selling bands, Juno Award-winning rockers Finger Eleven have built a long-lasting legacy with their genre-defying sound (spanning cathartic metal and alt-rock balladry to danceable funk, power pop, and beyond) that continues to keep fans on their toes.

Come dance to Finger Eleven's music live on November 20th!

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Casting Off

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 7:30 PM



Three generations recast their narrative in a fun and invigorating show.

Intergenerational circus with lots to say: the personal is political, fury is fun and the acrobatics downright dangerous – especially when life gets in the way. Casting off stereotypes, these dynamic Australian women tumble, talk, fly, and balance precariously.

A disarming, hilarious show about living on the edge and talking about it; and how it's easier done than said. Circus that makes you laugh and cry simultaneously!

Relaxed, personal and fantastically inappropriate.

As the Crow Flies

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 | 7:30 PM

2023-24



As The Crow Flies (ATCF) is music that reaches deep into the heart of small-town living. Shawna Plant, Anie Hepher, with bass, guitar, and mandolin members and the full band started in earnest in 1999. The band became known for their original songs, unmistakable blend of harmonies and humorous stage banter. Their songs speak to the genuine joy of living in each moment, performed with both upbeat bluegrass rhythms, soaring vocals, and honest songwriting poetry. As their families expanded, band members moved and life flowed on, and after over 21 years of making music together, ATCF eventually went their separate musical ways.

On November 10, 2023 the Key City Theatre is delighted to present original band members: Shawna Plant, Anie Hepher, Steve Jones and Michael Hepher, joined by Clayton Parsons for an unforgettable 20 year reunion of music: Kootenay created, curated and performed for anyone whose heart belongs in a mountain town.

Moontricks

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 | 7:30 PM



Both volatile and constant—like nature's best offerings—the band finds solace and beauty in the fusion of seemingly disparate elements.

Based in the rustic Kootenay mountains of Western Canada, Nathan Gurley and Sean Rodman of nationally renowned electro-folk duo Moontricks draw inspiration from the ongoing cycles of the natural world. There's a kind of technicolor campfire quality to their uniquely hybrid sound: Each track is steeped in tradition and polished with a futuristic sheen, mixing organic folk, roots rock, and old-time blues with modern electronic production. Moontricks honor the steadfast cycles of nature that carry the world forward, despite the chaos around and inside us. "The solace found in reaching past our personal confines into the vastness beyond them is something we return to again and again—in nature and in our music," says lead singer and songwriter Rodman. Gurley

Spotlight
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Queen City Burlesque: A Kootenay Vaudeville Affair

NOVEMBER 18, 2023 | 7:30 PM

2023-24

A Kootenay Vaudeville Affair is an explosive event with some of North America's most impressive performers, including title winners from the 2023 New Orleans Teaser Festival and Viva Las Vegas.

Magnificent talent from New Orleans, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and right here in the Kootenays will all have you roaring with excitement! Starring: Jeez Loueez, from New Orleans, The Honeybadger of Burlesque, Voted #1 Burlesque Performer in the World multiple times, and the Reigning Queen of the Tease in New Orleans; Sucre à la Crème, from Montreal, multiple award-winner, cheeky and innovative, the current Princess of Viva Las Vegas; Miami Minx, from Montreal, the queer glamour-puss-tart and recent princess of the Tease in New Orleans; and Kage Wolfe, the queer, multiple award-winning Kulture King of Toronto; PLUS a bevy of Canadian (and Kootenay) talent from near and far!

Touring the Columbia Basin, a Vaudeville Affair will showcase an array of neo and classic burlesque performances to make you feel like you're jumping through time and exploring new titillating adventures. From new teasers to established veterans, be prepared to laugh, giggle, blush, and celebrate the ultimate form of self expression, creative release, and exhilarating brilliance.

This Burlesque Variety show with a vaudevillian flair is a 19+ event that brings you a diverse cast of over 20 artists to celebrate burlesque culture and body positive self-expression.

Get in the mood and dress up, vaudeville style! Pull out your corsets, top hats, and tailcoats.

Spotlight
Series

Middle Raged

2023-24

NOVEMBER 23, 2023 | 7:30 PM



Starring Geri Hall and Gary Pearson, MIDDLE RAGED is a hilarious sketch show, exploring that time of life when you're running out of time!

Couples dealing with the madness of childrearing, empty nests, aging parents, financial stresses...and even trying "Outlander" role play to spice up the bedroom!

Song parodies and sketches by Hall (This Hour has 22 Minutes) and Pearson (MadTV), and music by Jeff Rosenthal.

MIDDLE RAGED - when the bloom is off the rose, but the thorns are sharper than ever!!

Catch Geri Hall & Gary Pearson in the hilarious new live sketch comedy show, Middle Raged!



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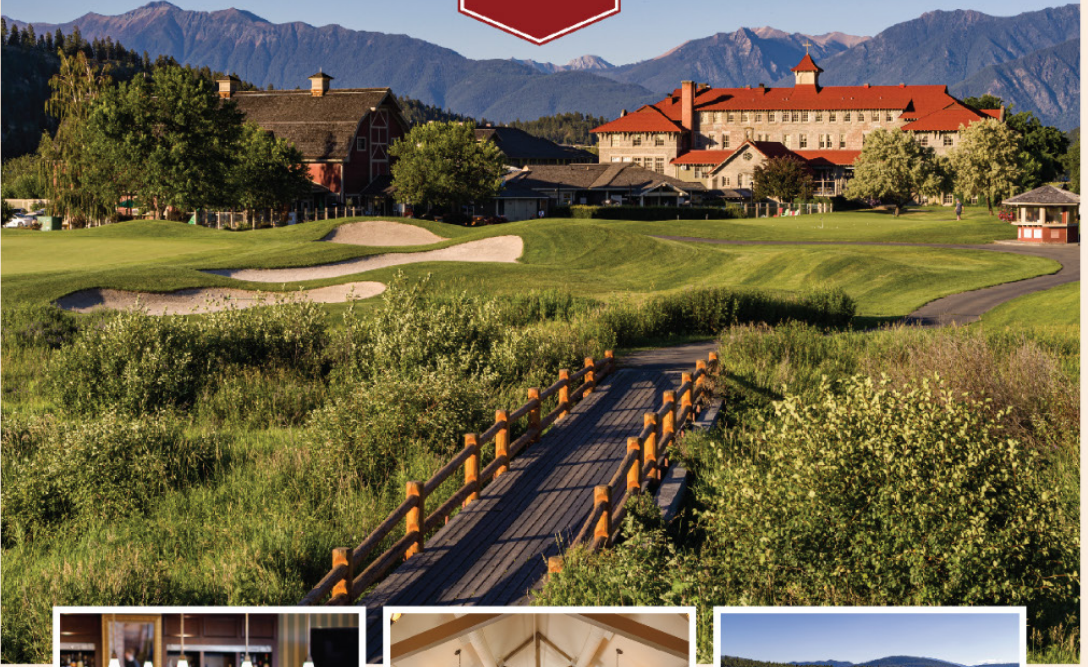
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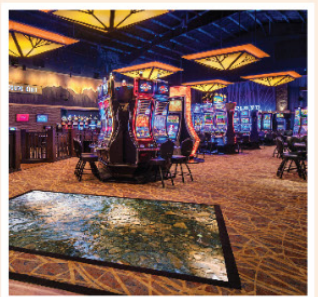
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