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CIRQUE ALFONSE: ANIMAL

An unusual farm circus story going haywire!
This is a great show for kids and families!

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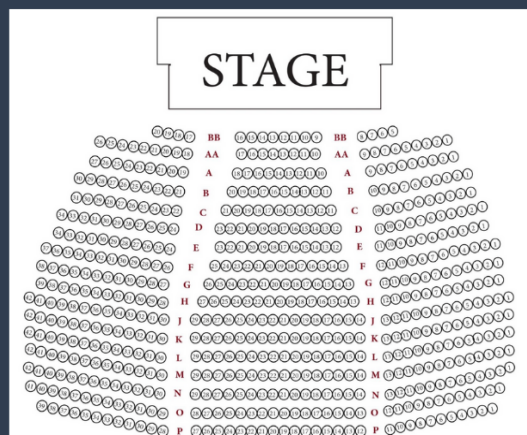
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Seat Map



Message from the Managing Director

Centred in ʔakiskaqʔit, Key City Theatre proudly brings together people from throughout Ktunaxa ʔamakʔis

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2022 -2023 Season.

Key City Theatre is a place that brings our community together in celebration. This year we are offering three series: The Spotlight Series, The Discovery Series and our Family Series.

Spotlight Series

Our Spotlight Series continues to present world class Circus, Music, Theatre and Dance featuring a number of returning fan favorite artists alongside new faces to our stage.

There are two performances from our Fall Season I want to highlight:

Having wowed audiences in Toronto and Vancouver, The Cave is the dark and edgy musical theatre show perfect for Halloween that imagines a group of forest animals hiding in a cave from a forest fire. With gorgeous costumes and beautiful songs rooted in a powerful, timely story – this is one show not to be missed!

We are especially privileged to be presenting Ridge this Remembrance Day. Ridge is Brendan McLeod's poignant telling of the World War One battle of Vimy Ridge with musical support from the Fugitives. While Ridge is set over one hundred years ago, the story could not be more relevant today.

Discovery Series

A new and exciting series is the Discovery Series: a place for cutting-edge artists to blend and challenge art forms that create exhilarating new pathways in performance. From Inuit Throat Singing blended with Electronic Looping (PIQSIQ), to a Fringe theatre masterpiece (LARRY), to a bluegrass theatrical storytale (Little Miss Higgin's Fire Waltz), the Discovery Series will delight, challenge and reward the adventurous.

Family Series

Our Family Series begins in the new year and will feature two performances that push the boundaries of physical performance. The first is with the heartwarming and inventive performance of Ideas Robert followed by the internationally acclaimed expert clown Jamie Adkins.

There are so many events coming to our small community this season – I look forward to seeing you back at Key City Theatre this fall for your next memorable event

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Our volunteers provide the standard of excellence we have all come to enjoy at Key City Theatre.

Being a volunteer has many benefits. Here are just a few:

- You get to have a lot of fun with like-minded individuals
- Your hard work and efforts go a long way to supporting the arts and performers
- It's a great way to meet new friends and connect with old friends
- You get to be a part of a supportive team - working toward common goals
- As you learn each position you will develop new skills

Volunteer with us today by emailing brenda@keycitytheatre.com!

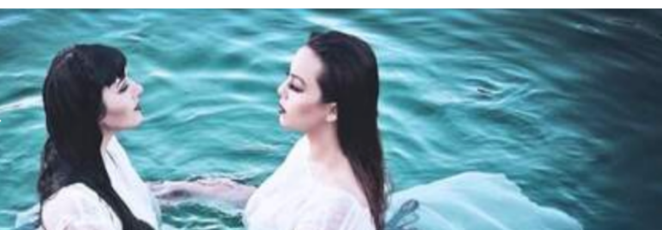


Discovery Series

2022

PiqSig

SEPTEMBER 28,
2022 | 7:30 PM



With a style inspired by haunting northern beauty, sisters Inuksuk Mackay and Tiffany Ayalikare are Inuit throat singers from Arctic Canada who blend their ancient traditional form with contemporary technology to create haunting soundscapes and improvisational compositions that change with every show.



Whitehorse

OCTOBER 5, 2022 | 7:30 PM

Since their debut, Whitehorse has traveled from magnetic folk duo to full-blown rock band and beyond. In truth Whitehorse is never fully either one or the other, but an ever-evolving creative partnership that challenges both artists, Melissa McClelland and Luke Doucet, to explore new instrumental and lyrical terrain with each record. Steamy, swampy and squalling in equal measure, Whitehorse's signature sound is guitar-heavy, harmony-abundant and lyrically deft.

Little Miss Higgins

NOVEMBER 2, 2022 | 7:30 PM



The Fire Waltz is an innovative music experience taken from the five-part podcast miniseries of the same name. Inspired by photos, postcards and journals, this song cycle takes listeners on the journey of a mother from an island in the English channel through a sea filled with warships and across a country to the Great Northern Plains of Canada, all with two little girls in tow. Feel the passion of Eva Bersay and the courage it took to improvise her own future, meet the people that loved her, and witness the security she found in the unsuspecting Whiskey Gap of Southern Alberta. This show is perfect to all the Canadian folk and acoustic blues lovers!



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SPOTLIGHT SERIES | OCTOBER 2, 2022

Cirque Alfonse: Animal

Turning the barn upside down!

Cirque Alfonse is back with an unusual animal show! Animal offers a series of surreal and slightly irreverent fables, impressive in their virtuosity and irresistible in their comedy. The artists take young and old on a discovery journey of a reinvented land. In this show, the cattle-shed is crazy, and the barn is upside down!

A gentleman-farmer surrounds himself with familiar, yet crazy creatures: the chickens have teeth, the ducks are very naughty, and the cows run amok! In this world, the imagination flirts with childhood tales, and rurality is as energetic as it is poetic. The clichés are wildly twisted, the morals are joyfully diverted, the seduction is enthusiastically achieved.

And, once again, Cirque Alfonse favors a multidisciplinary approach. They resume this acclaimed approach where circus, song, dance, theater and, of course, music - an irresistible farm funk, a mix of trad and soul concocted by their musicians! - come together on stage.

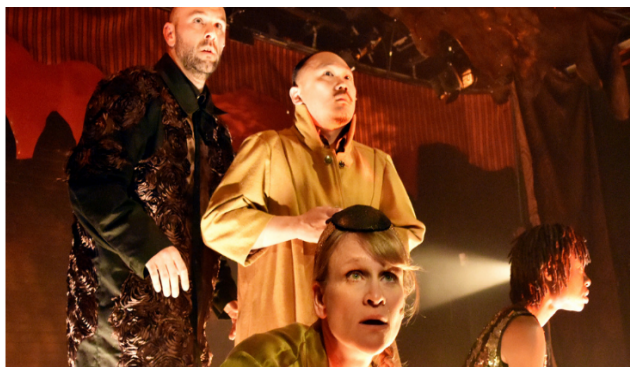
Animal: farm life in all its forms!
This is the perfect show for the entire family!



The Cave

2022

OCTOBER 27, 2022 | 7:30 PM



AN APOCALYPTIC CABARET ABOUT WHY ALL THE ANIMALS SOUGHT REFUGE

The Cave is a 75-minute cabaret event that ingeniously addresses the climate crisis. This interspecies song-cycle is told with song and narration through the perspective of animals.

A group of animals flee from a vicious forest fire and seek refuge in Bear's cave. Waiting out the inferno, they reflect on their lives, their lost garden, and their impending doom. These unlikely and singed bedfellows share their stories and take comfort in their newfound community while the fire encroaches.

Sung in English and Cree, this 75-minute sung-through story cabaret combines live music and immersive visuals with wry humour and poignant storytelling. Intimate and entertaining, The Cave is a timely parable about the folly of our actions and the impact on friends and foes alike of the climate crisis that rages around us.

CRITICAL RESPONSE

"We're hearing a lot about the coming climate change apocalypse these days. The worry, of course, is inaction and folks repeating the same concerns over and over to the point that others stop paying attention.

Maybe it's time to listen to the animals. A garter snake with 77 babies has something to say. So does a workaholic beaver, a surfeit of skunks in a funk, a dog who calls out humans for overconsumption and the oldest creature of them all: a grandmother spider who sings in Cree. All of these creatures and more are hanging out in a super-moody makeshift nightclub in the Distillery District, singing gorgeous songs written by John Millard with lyrics by Cree playwright/national treasure Tomson Highway."

-Karen Fricker, The Toronto Star (3.5 / 4 Stars)

Colin Thomas (colinthomas.ca):

"The Cave is almost ecstatically entertaining"

"John Millard's music for The Cave is glorious. And who couldn't use some gloriousness these days?"

"Playfulness abounds... But there are operatic thrills, too, and heartbreaking lyricism."

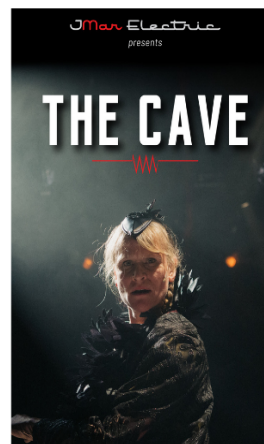
Jay Minter, On the list:

"John Millard's catchy melodies and Tomson Highways clever and thoughtful lyrics allow the environmental message to impact the audience by putting them in the footsteps of the animals."

This entertaining show has artistically addressed the effects of climate change to our planet. This is magical, entertaining, and eye-opening! This show is one of those shows that you CAN'T miss!



Music by John Millard
Lyrics by Tomson Highway
Book by Martha Ross



Classified

2023

THE RETROSPECTED TOUR
OCTOBER 29, 2022 | 7:30 PM



With a stripped down, acoustic take on some of his biggest hits, Classified celebrates more than 20 years in the music business with an original acoustic Hip Hop album both authentically unique and layered with guest features that span a collective list of musical genres including rap, singer / songwriter, country, R&B, and more. The track listing amplifies a catalogue of hits and incredible storytelling that truly stands the test of time.

Samantha Martin

& DELTA SUGAR

NOVEMBER 18, 2022 | 7:30 PM



A Powerhouse band and vocals that shake the foundations! Martin is the lead singer, songwriter and focal point of the group.

A dynamic front woman, she possesses a stunning voice that is capable of summoning up tidal waves of spine-tingling emotion in one instance while delicately bringing out the nuances of a gut-wrenching lyric in the next. A torrid force of nature, night after night she takes audiences to emotional peaks while leaving them stunned with her sheer pin-you-against-the-wall power.

While Martin is a powerhouse unto herself, the vocal alchemy of Delta Sugar is not the work of a single talent. In combination with what she likes to term her "co-vocalists," the vocal blend that Delta Sugar produces is pure, unadulterated gospel-tinged, neuron-tingling magic where the sum is even richer than the already soul-melting parts.

Ridge

2022

BRENDAN MCLEOD & THE
FUGITIVES
NOVEMBER 11, 2022 | 7:30 PM



A visceral music storytelling show centred around the Battle of Vimy that probes difficult yet necessary questions about how and why we grieve.

Through direct storytelling, verbatim theatre, and live music, Brendan McLeod examines misconceptions and varying perspectives around the battle, while drawing parallels to other formative events in our nation's past. Featuring inventive musical interpretations of WWI soldier songs, Ridge probes difficult yet necessary questions about how and why we grieve. A vivid, kinetic ride through history, as well as an intimate, personal examination of our connection to the past, Ridge is a visceral work that passionately argues against the exploitation of young lives.

About Brendan McLeod & The Fugitives

Brendan McLeod is a writer, theatre artist, and musician. A former Canadian SLAM poetry champ, he was the Poet of Honour at the 2012 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word. He's the author of a novel, a poetry collection, five theatre shows, and is the founder of The Fugitives, a Canadian Folk music group. The group has been nominated for a JUNO and multiple Canadian Folk Music Awards, and won Best Folk Album Of 2019 from the German Music Criti's Association.



"Poignant and sobering"

- The Globe and Mail (top 10 Arts Pick, 2020)

"Serves to give the sacrifices of those who served and died a human dimension beyond mythology"

- Vancouver Sun

"Riveting...The way history was meant to be told"

- Entertainment Vancouver

Remembrance day will never be the same again after watching Ridge. Ridge will give us another chance to consider the ideas around war and the sacrifices of those who were given no freedom to participate in battles. Get your tickets for this show today and together let's dive into a deeper meaning for Remembrance day!

2023

A Celtic Family Christmas

NATALIE MACMASTER,
DONNELL LEAHY & FAMILY
NOVEMBER 14, 2022 | 7:30 PM



Spend your holiday season with Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy and family award-winning fiddle virtuosos in their A Celtic Family Christmas show! Enjoy an unforgettable evening of Celtic Christmas music and dance with this talented family.

The Barra MacNeils

NOVEMBER 22, 2022 | 7:30 PM



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