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We are the programming arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, located in the heart of downtown Calgary. From the majestic Jack Singer Concert Hall to the underground Engineered Air Theatre, we combine Calgary's favourite values with mind blowing shows. Dance, music, circus, film, spoken word, talks — there's truly something for everyone!

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The Triplets of Belleville: 20th Anniversary Film in Concert

THUR NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Marking the 20th anniversary of *The Triplets* of *Belleville*, Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville will perform live accompaniment to the Oscarnominated film, conducted by the original melody maker himself, Montreal-born Benoît Charest. Chock-full of misadventures and toe-tapping melodies, this will be an unmissable romp through the Roaring 20s in Paris from the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage.

un | Whimsical | Beloved

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The Barra MacNeils: An East Coast Christmas

FRI NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Travel to the east coast this Christmas – without the airport. The Barra MacNeils: *An East Coast Christmas* combines stories, dance, harmonies, and a Celtic spin on traditional favourites from Nova Scotia's royal family of music. Get all the warm fuzzies of a Christmas ceilidh right here at Arts Commons.

Holiday | Toe Tapping | Family

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm "The show will take people musically from the 'kitchen party' atmosphere to the sounds of a midnight mass, and everything in between."

- Stewart MacNeil

Circa: Humans 2.0

TUE FEBRUARY 13, 2024

From Brisbane, Australia comes a bold new vision of contemporary circus. Circa pushes human bodies to the limit with the question: can we ever find a perfect balance? The astonishing stunts, pulseracing music and dramatic lighting of *Humans 2.0* will have you on the edge of your seat.

Circus | Dance | Mesmerizing

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Malpaso Dance Company with Arturo O'Farrill & the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra

THUR MARCH 7, 2024

Described as "exceptional" with dancers who "deliver at the highest level" by the Los Angeles Times, the Malpaso Dance Company leads the contemporary dance world from Cuba. Joined by the renowned Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra and their multi-GRAMMY Award-winning bandleader Arturo O'Farrill, this will be a stunning, sizzling celebration of Pan-American Latin culture.

Latin | Fusion | Contemporary

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DakhaBrakha

THUR APRIL 4, 2024

Hailing from Kyiv, DakhaBrakha offers a roller coaster of rhythmic storytelling and world folk music. With their astounding vocal range and traditional instrumentation, the guartet embodies a trans-national sound rooted in Ukrainian culture and artistic liberation. DakhaBrakha will move you with the unbreakable spirit of Ukrainian history, art, and protest.

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"Ms. Schuur surely is among the very best jazz vocalists, and she exemplifies if not redefines the 'diva' category with her warm, often humorous, and relaxed interactions with the audience and the musicians. Her mere presence is enough to make for a memorable evening."

Diane Schuur with Raul Midón

TUE MAY 7, 2024

This double bill showcases two musicians whose musical vision extends far beyond their physical blindness: pianist, vocalist, two-time GRAMMY award-winner and jazz legend Diane Schuur, and R&B, jazz, and pop guitar star Raul Midón, whose fans include Shakira and Stevie Wonder.

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"We love bringing our family to the behind the scenes events. Our teenagers benefit from being exposed to people who are living their passions and following their hearts. It's a powerful message to instill in them to show that there are so many options on how to live a meaningful life."

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Go underground with Wakefield Brewster

TD Amplify Cabarets are back for a sixth season of exciting local performing artists, eclectic artistic mashups, and DJ-driven party vibes in the underground Engineered Air Theatre at Arts Commons. Once again, each performance will feature this year's participants in the TD Incubator program for emerging homegrown artists who blend, transform, and move between dance, visual art, film, music, spoken word, and more.

The 2023-24 season of TD Amplify Cabarets is curated by Calgary's sixth Poet Laureate and this year's TD Incubator Fellow, Wakefield Brewster. Under the theme *PeoplePuzzle: Some Assembly Required*, Wakefield and his lineup of performers will explore the curiosity, bravery, and insight it takes for a person to accept the pieces that make up their own puzzle of an identity.

Stay tuned for performer announcements and more details!



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Hear Wakefield speak his vision for *PeoplePuzzle:* Some Assembly Required



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Jack Singer Concert Hall | 7 PM

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Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby | 12 - 6:30 PM

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS LIFE THROUGH FILM

A selection of films provided courtesy of the National Film Board of Canada about Indigenous lives, traditions, and history.

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Classic Albums Live will take you back to those moments. Every show delivers the full music aficionado experience: one act dedicated to recreating a favourite album from start to finish – note for note, cut for cut – and a second act to party along to more hits from the band's catalogue.



Led Zeppelin: Houses of the Holy

FRI OCTOBER 20, 2023

One of Rolling Stone Magazine's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, *Houses of the Holy* is the experimental crown jewel in Led Zeppelin's discography. Featuring hits like "The Ocean" and "The Song Remains the Same," this album redefined the legacy of one of the world's biggest rock bands. Join Arts Commons Presents as Classic Albums Live brings it to life – note for note, cut for cut.

Legends | Rock | Live

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Queen: News of the World

SAT FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Opening with the one-two punch of "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions," *News of the World* is a rallying cry for Queen lovers everywhere. Classic Albums Live invites you to join this anthemic sing-along, celebrating the legacy of one of Britain's greatest bands. Channel your inner Freddie Mercury, and meet us at the Jack Singer Concert Hall!

Nostalgia | Anthem | Vocals

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"If you close your eyes, you could swear you were at the actual band's concert." - Classic Albums Live Audience Member

Eagles: Their Greatest Hits

THUR APRIL 18, 2024

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With over 38 million copies sold, the Eagles compilation *Their Greatest Hits* is the bestselling album of all time, across all genres. Featuring the band's most beloved songs from end-to-end like "Take It Easy" and "Witchy Woman," hear the soundtrack to your life like never before!

Nostalgia | Rock | Americana

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You'll travel to places you've never been, from the highest summit to the deepest sea, to the untamed jungles of India, to the fiercely cold Arctic tundra, and even to the prehistoric domain of the world's most famous predator.

We'll see you there!



Andy Mann: From Summit to Sea

SUN/MON NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2023

Dive in with filmmaker and photographer Andy Mann as he journeys from climber to diver and tells the story of our rapidly changing planet, from top to bottom, in stunning imagery on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage.

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Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Sunday 2pm / Monday 7pm

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Sandesh Kadur: Wild Cats Revealed

SUN/MON JANUARY 28 & 29, 2024

Sandesh Kadur is on a mission to protect India's lesser-known felines. Discover the tiny, grumpyfaced Pallas's cat, the fishing cat that jumps into water to catch its prey, and the ancient, elusive clouded leopard. Through Kadur's captivating images and video, you'll get an up-close look at a world of wild cats you've never seen before.

Storytelling | Adventure | Animals

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Sunday 2pm / Monday 7pm

science, so much of what I do involves discovering and

Lindsay Zanno: T. rex Rises

SUN/MON MARCH 10 & 11, 2024

How did T. rex become the iconic prehistoric apex predator? Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno is uncovering the answer. Each year she spends months on expedition and has discovered many new species. Join Dr. Zanno for a fascinating look at how a global climate crisis during the Cretaceous changed the course of evolution for this tyrant and its ancestors.

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Sunday 2pm / Monday 7pm

Kiliii Yüyan: Life on Thin Ice

SUN/MON MAY 26 & 27, 2024

Illuminating the human experience in some of the world's harshest environments, photographer Kiliii Yüyan leans on his ancestry that is both Nanai and Chinese-American to capture the beauty of the Arctic and its Indigenous inhabitants.

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- Nyssa Moore, Engagement Sponsor

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National Geographic Film Concert: Secrets of the Whales

SUN-TUE APRIL 21-23, 2024

As a film-concert experience, James Cameron and Brian Skerry's Secrets of the Whales features highlights from the National Geographic Disney+ original series paired with the triumphant performance of a live symphony orchestra and live narration by Jann Arden.

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Meeting our underwater reflections

Picture this: the Jack Singer Concert Hall is immersed in an underwater world, using footage shot by legendary National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry and produced by James Cameron, as an orchestra provides the musical backdrop, and none other than Jann Arden guides us through a captivating story of whale life. That's what you'll get with National Geographic Film Concert: Secrets of the Whales.

> "I am absolutely thrilled and very honoured to be part of this most important project," says Jann Arden. "It will draw significant and much needed attention to preserving our precious and important ocean ecosystems."

Called "visually engrossing" by The New York Times and "dazzling throughout" by the Chicago Sun-Times, this concert presentation brings the most powerful moments of the Emmy-winning series together, submerging audiences into the lives of five different whale families—over three years and 24 locations—as they navigate ecological changes to their habitats.

> "It was the most ambitious project of my career. If we could see the ocean and our planet through the lens of the culture of another species, that could change our perception of the natural world and our relation to it," says Skerry. "Those connections, the communities and the cultures the whales share all mirror human culture, but sometimes we forget about that."

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"The sights and sounds in 'Secrets of the Whales' are dazzling throughout, thanks in large part to the epic camera work by Brian Skerry."

– Chicago Sun-Times

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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Ruben & Clay: Twenty | The Tour

FRI SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

20 years after going head-to-head in the finale of season two of *American Idol*, Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken are back! The pitch-perfect duo will celebrate the music and stories that made them household names and TV music icons, live in the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

American Idol | Reunion | Pop

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"Timeless songs. Big personalities. Show-stopping performances." - The Columbus Dispatch

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A Jann Arden Christmas

TUE/WED DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2023

Cozy up for an intimate evening with Calgary's sweetheart Jann Arden as she puts her unique stamp on the holiday classics that you know and love in the majestic Jack Singer Concert Hall.

Calgary's Own | Beloved | Holiday

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm

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"Leave it to Jann to remind us and teach us how to be grateful for all life has to throw at you and leave us with an ethereal experience."

– Canadian Beats

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Queens of the Blues: Shemekia Copeland and Dawn Tyler Watson

FRI FEBRUARY 9, 2024

The perfect blend of Americana and Canadiana, Shemekia Copeland and Dawn Tyler Watson have taken the music world by storm. Performing alongside a wealth of iconic artists like The Rolling Stones and Bonnie Raitt, both have a powerhouse sound that pushes the boundaries of what blues music means to a new generation.

Blues | Women | Vocals

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby pre-show 6:30pm / Concert 7:30pm

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Dinosaur World Live

FRI/SAT MAY 24 & 25, 2024

Get ready for a *roarsome* interactive show for dinosaur lovers of all ages — *Dinosaur World Live*. Warning: some of these dinosaurs aren't as docile as they seem! Bring the whole family to meet them up close... if you dare.

Family Fun | Dinosaurs | Interactive

Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall Friday 6:30pm, Saturday 2pm & 6:30pm

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"The perfect family show. Educational and entertaining." - The Reviews Hub

"Magical piece of theatre for children." - Behind the Arras Interactive and fun for the whole family!

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See the puppetry magic of



Roaring onto the stage this spring, *Dinosaur World Live* is an epic live show for families and young audiences that brings the ancient past to life! The story follows Miranda who has grown-up on a far-off island where dinosaurs never went extinct. The true stars of the show are the larger-thanlife puppets designed to be as lifelike as possible operated by expert puppeteers. The smallest fits comfortably into the puppeteer's arms, and the largest needs four people to move it!

> "There's a moment in rehearsals when the puppeteers get it right, and this collection of metal, plastic and paint is suddenly alive in front of you," says director Derek Bond. "When Titus (our T. rex) emerges, the audiences either jump out of their seats or hide under them! But when Miranda needs help to drive Titus back off the stage, everybody joins in. It's great to see children overcoming their fear and fiercely roaring at a 10m-long T. rex!"

> > A hit with audiences and critics alike, *Dinosaur World Live* will amaze dinosaur fans big and small. Don't miss their visit to Calgary, plus, find out how you can even meet the puppets after the show!

> > > Scan to learn more about Dinosaur World Live



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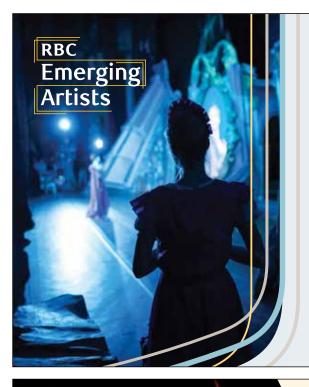


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- **Promotional** offers throughout the season
- Stress-free customer service from our ticketing team in the box office
- The JOY of supporting local art and artists

MAKE IT A WHOLE THING

Any Arts Commons Presents performance offers way more than just a show. **Here's how to turn your ticket into a full experience** that your couch could never compete with:

- **\$6 evening and weekend parking** means you can come early, stay late, or both
- Dine and drink in the city's best culinary destinations, many only steps away from Arts Commons
- **Stroll** down historic Stephen Avenue or along the Bow and Elbow Rivers nearby
- Take in a **free pre-show lobby performance** by local musicians
- Tour our visual and media art galleries throughout the building, all free and open to the public

FLEX IT UP

An Arts Commons Presents **Flex Pack** lets you curate your own package and save! Combine any show from the entire season into your dream season for the following discounts:

- Choose any 3 or more and save 10%
- Choose any 5 or more and save 15%

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Mon-fri 9am-8pm	sat 10am-6pm

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OUR LOCATION

Our address is 205 8th Ave SE. Our main entrance is located on Stephen Avenue, one block east of the Calgary Tower and across from Olympic Plaza.

HEALTH & ACCESSIBILITY

All Arts Commons venues offer wheelchair accessibility and wheelchair seating. Please phone ahead so we can accommodate your needs.

Arts Commons is proud to provide assisted listening device (ALD) systems in our venues — Stethoset and Personal Induction Loop. Please note, it is necessary that you be seated in the orchestra section of the Jack Singer Concert Hall to utilize our assistive listening device system.

Arts Commons has implemented an Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) solution in the building, and our MERV-15A air filters make sure air leaves our building cleaner than it came in!

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GETTING HERE BY LRT

Calgary's LRT (light rail transit) service has a station one block north of Arts Commons.

🖨 GETTING HERE BY CAR

Arts Commons offers underground parking. Enter off Macleod Trail between 9th and 8th Avenues.

\$6 EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

Other parking options include:

- ᇗ Civic Plaza Parkade
- p3 TELUS Convention Centre
- Palliser Square
- Surface parking lots in the 200, 300, and 400 blocks on the south side of 9th Avenue SE



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