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Arts Commons Announces Curatorial Visionary for the 2024-25 TD Incubator Fellow - Migguel Anggelo

September 4, 2024 - CALGARY – A foundational part of Calgary's creative community, Arts Commons' TD Incubator announces its 2024-25 Fellow and creative inspirer, Migguel Anggelo. Miami/Brooklyn-based and Venezuelan-born, Migguel Anggelo is a transdisciplinary performing artist who will bring his unabashed theatricality to the TD Incubator program. Click here to learn more about the TD Incubator program.

An artist of wildly different inspirations, Migguel invokes muses from art history, harnessing this lineage in effortlessly forward-thinking ways. He mines from his journeys as a Latino immigrant and a queer man: a fountain of source material to explore shared human experiences. He expresses himself through costume, musical composition, movement, and theatre work, evoking the "showmanship of Desi Arnaz and the performance art of Klaus Nomi" (Theater Scene).

"The question 'where are you from?' goes beyond geography and nationality. It is a state of mind," says Migguel Anggelo, 2024-25 TD Incubator Fellow in an excerpt from his artistic statement. "I come from everywhere — the wind, the earth, my dreams and goals, as well as my frustrations. I am my past, my present, and my future. The next time you are asked, 'Where are you from?' — pause before you answer. And in that pause, find the art."

Each season of TD Incubator is guided by the vision of an outstanding artistic Fellow. TD incubator's launch- year in the 2021 season saw Jae Sterling and Contra take up the mantle, followed by local R&B duo Sargeant x Comrade, and most recently Calgary Poet Laureate Wakefield Brewster. Arts Commons is thrilled to be welcoming the first Fellow from outside of Calgary. Marking this exciting development is the inclusion of Filipino Canadian director, Steven Condé, who will be working with Migguel and the artists for the annual beloved TD Amplify Series.

Audiences visiting Arts Commons can also witness the work TD Incubator artists every time they visit the Microcinema and/or +15 Soundscape - experimental media art spaces that shift twice a year. Located on monitors throughout the building in the case of Broadcast Lab, and in the +15 walkway by the Scene Shop overlook, these galleries are free and open to the public.

"The artistic community has responded loudly and enthusiastically to TD Incubator," says Josh Dalledonne, Associate Director Creative. "The growth we've seen in the artists we've worked with alongside the number of applications continues to inspire us. Welcoming Migguel Anggelo into this community recognizes the conversations our Fellows and our cohort of artists are having and are craving are immediate, complex, and WILDLY fun – all of which is embodied in the renaissance man that is Migguel Anggelo.

In a beautiful intersection, Migguel will be participating in the inaugural year of Radiate, a partnership with the Marriot Residence Inn Calgary Downtown in support of artists and artist development. Radiate provides studio space, accommodation, and a vibrant atmosphere to help Arts Commons Connects Fellows, alumni, and other talented artists.

Part of Arts Commons Connects, the artist development arm of Arts Commons, TD Incubator has and continues to create essential connections between artists, mentors, administrators, and audiences. Through this work, it is

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establishing a critical foundation for Calgary artists to expand their practice and access the many resources available to them. Many artists have returned for multiple seasons to continue to support the development of their artistic practice.

Arts Commons Presents wishes to express our sincere appreciation to Naming Partner TD Bank Group as well as our friends at the Canada Council for the Arts.

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, Arts Commons Presents is one manifestation of this mandate, achieved through the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, and TD Amplify Cabarets. Through this work, we are able to do our part to further enrich our city, as well as create opportunities for Calgary-based artists to perform, exhibit, reach new audiences, and grow on a multitude of levels.