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Multimedia, Audience Immersive Social Tango Opens 25th Anniversary Season of the Arts Commons Presents' BD&P World Stage Series

Social Tango, 360ALLSTARS, A Tribute to Bob Marley, Trailblazing Women of Country: Patsy, Loretta and Dolly, and Micheal Feinstein in Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble make up a showstopping season of dance, circus, and world class music.

October 3, 2024 CALGARY – Celebrating a landmark 25 years, the BD&P World Stage series launches the 2024-25 season with a dance collective that has been making waves around the world with ***Social Tango***. This blended evening of high-energy dance, multimedia, and audience participation calls on the roots of tango as a gathering of community and sharing of art. Join Arts Commons Presents for ***Social Tango on Sunday, November 3 in the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons.***

"Tango can transform people's lives," said Agustina Videla, artistic director and choreographer of Social Tango Project. "In Argentina, we have young people who dance tango. I am more worried about older people who may be pushed out of society. The Social Tango project includes everyone, young and old."

Social Tango is a love letter to tango as an artform and culture touchstone. Praised as "a beautiful audiovisual experience" by Revolve Dance Magazine that "cleverly merged storytelling with beautiful music and choreography" (Apartment613), the Social Tango Project's mission is to share the social value of dance, elevating the tango community through performance, music and film. Their performance, *Social Tango*, starts on stage with professional dancers and transitions to an audience participation piece in the form of a *milonga* [a tango dance or tango dance party]. An essential part of the message of their performance, the *milonga* invites those who have never danced tango before to take a turn on the dance floor with the professionals of the company.

"Bringing The Social Tango Project to Calgary is a wonderful way to kick off the 2024-25 season of BD&P World Stage. Everything they do is centered on connection and community and this beautifully intersects with Arts Commons Presents," says Sarah Garton Stanley (SGS), VP of Programming at Arts Commons. "Social Tango offers audiences the opportunity to experience the show AND participate in a milonga. What's a milonga? It's a dance that everyone can be part of! It's a chance to forget what's weighing you down and be reminded of what joy feels like!"

"We programmed it for 4pm so you could enjoy the show, enjoy a dance and if the spirit moves you, head out into the streets of Calgary for a dinner at one of your favourite spots. Social Tango will remind you of what it feels like to have room to breathe!"

BD&P World Stage celebrates 25 years of bringing the best of the world to Calgary. BD&P World Stage series has done it all from the self-playing pianos of Olafur Arnalds to the wall-shaking power of YAMATO's Waidako drums, and even the acrobatic agility of Circa. BD&P World Stage has hosted some of the greatest musicians in the world in the magnificent Jack Singer Concert Hall, performing every genre of music imaginable, with tears and laughter, meditative melodies to all-out dance parties. We invite you to join us and discover the energy of BD&P World Stage.

What: Arts Commons Presents – Social Tango
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons
Tickets: artscommons.ca/socialtango

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