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Live Performance is Back! Arts Commons Presents Announces Exceptional 2021-2022 Season Lineup That Celebrates the Power of the Live Arts

Subscriptions for the BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, and TD Jazz series from Arts Commons Presents are on sale now

August 27, 2021 CALGARY – It’s been too long! After a season of virtual performances and outdoor, socially distanced events, Arts Commons Presents is thrilled to welcome audiences back with the announcement of a return to live in-person events with the 2021-2022 season. We heard you loud and clear Calgary that the arts are an essential element to the well-being of everyone in our city. Arts Commons Presents is pulling out all the stops for this spectacular lineup of critically acclaimed and award-winning musicians, performers, and National Geographic Explorers who will reenergize Calgary’s downtown performing arts centre after 17 months of dark stages.

“We can’t wait to welcome Calgarians back to Arts Commons. Through the pandemic, Calgarians have told us loud and clear how much we are valued through donations, welcoming us into their homes virtually, and by inviting us into their neighbourhoods through ArtsXpeditions. And now we’re ready to invite everyone back again,” says Alex Sarian, President and CEO of Arts Commons. “This season we have an amazing line-up, as well as new initiatives to give back to our community like the Season of Gratitude facilitating free tickets to essential and front-line workers. Come and share the arts with us!”

BD&P World Stage enters its 21st season of bringing amazing performers from around the globe and close to home to the Jack Singer Concert Hall, enriching our city with musicians, dancers, and even high-flying circus performers. This season, we welcome the rhythmic power of traditional Japanese Wadaiko drums, Brooklyn’s kinetic, dynamic, and unforgettable new dance style, and the unmatched combination of comedy and musical prowess of Australia’s unique chanteuse Meow Meow – just to name a few.

<i>Timmy’s Happy Christmas, 1974</i>	Friday, December 20, 2021
<i>YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: Tenmei</i>	Thursday, February 17, 2022
<i>FLEX AVE.</i>	Thursday, March 10, 2022
<i>An Evening with Lea Salonga</i>	Friday, April 8, 2022
<i>Meow Meow</i>	Thursday, May 5, 2022

Classic Albums Live – the beloved concert series that has consistently packed the Jack Singer Concert Hall for the past three seasons returns with three chart-topping albums performed by some of Canada’s best musicians.

<i>Led Zeppelin: Led Zeppelin 1</i>	Friday, February 25, 2022
<i>The Beatles: Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band</i>	Saturday, April 16, 2022
<i>Eagles: Hotel California</i>	Thursday, May 26, 2022



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After a season of virtual engagements, **National Geographic Live** makes a triumphant return to the stage with high resolution photos and video, and the powerfully compelling stories of the National Geographic Explorers, inspiring learning, compassion, and empathy for our planet, and the people who inhabit it.

<i>Joel Sartore: Building the Photo Ark</i>	Sunday, February 6 & Monday, February 7, 2022
<i>Kara Cooney: When Women Ruled the World</i>	Sunday, March 13 & Monday, March 14, 2022
<i>Rae Wynn-Grant: The Secret Lives of Bears</i>	Sunday, April 10, 2022 & Monday, April 11, 2022
<i>Brian Skerry: Secrets of the Whales</i>	Sunday, May 14, 2022 & Monday, May 15, 2022

The longstanding **PCL Blues** series in the intimate Engineered Air Theatre has welcomed over 130 amazing blues artists since the launch of the series in 1998. Legendary artists like Charlie Musselwhite, Taj Mahal, Buddy Guy, and James “Blood” Ulmer” have walked the boards, bringing warmth and soul to many a cold winter night. This season, one of those legends returns, as well as a line-up of both fresh and experienced blues artists.

GA-20	Friday, November 26 & Saturday, November 27, 2021
Pokey LaFarge	Friday, January 21 & Saturday, January 22, 2022
James “Blood” Ulmer	Friday, March 18 & Saturday, March 19, 2022
Sue Foley	Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23, 2022
Crystal Shawanda	Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28, 2022

After pioneering the use of the new Canon camera technology in the Jack Singer Concert Hall for two virtual performances, **TD Jazz** returns to live, in-person performances in the New Year. From the melodious baritone of Kurt Elling, to versatile, unique, and quirky Pink Martini, you will experience jazz in all of its styles, flavours, and interpretations.

<i>SuperBlue: Kurt Elling featuring Charlie Hunter</i>	Saturday, January 29, 2022
Jazz at Lincoln Center: <i>Songs We Love</i>	Thursday, March 3, 2022
Canadian National Jazz Orchestra: Premiere Performance	Thursday, April 28, 2022
Pink Martini featuring China Forbes	Thursday, May 19, 2022

Subscriptions to the BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, PCL Blues, and TD Jazz series with Arts Commons Presents are on sale now at artscommons.ca/subscribe and current subscribers can renew online by going to artscommons.ca/renew. Subscriptions for National Geographic Live as well as **single tickets go on sale October 1, 2021. For more information, please visit artscommons.ca.**

Above all else, Arts Commons is continuing to make the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and artists a priority. You can read about our reopening protocols at artscommons.ca/healthandsafety. This includes extending our COVID-19 refund policy into our 2021-22 season – ensuring that our patrons have plenty of options should you need to cancel up to a week in advance.

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, Arts Commons Presents encompasses the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, TD Amplify Cabarets, and TD Jazz. Arts Commons Presents programming also includes the work that we do alongside and in collaboration with community partners, like the summer outdoor pop-up performance series, ArtsXpeditions, and professional development programs to support Calgary's local artists.

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