

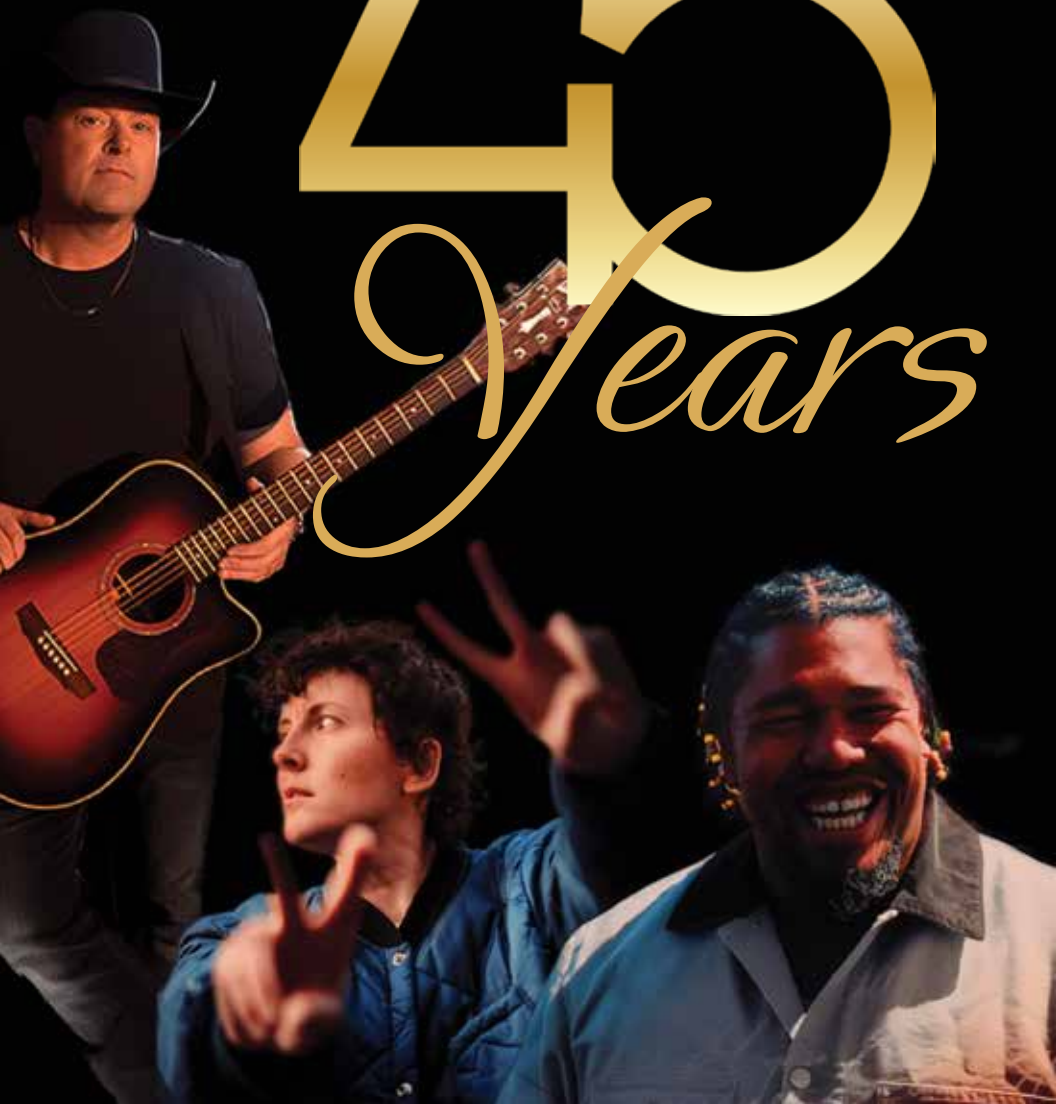
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Executive Director's Message

Did you know the deCoste opened in November of 1982, with a concert by Rita MacNeil? She would play many more times over the years, often with the Men of the Deepes. Over 4,000 shows have been staged since opening night. Beginning in November, we will be celebrating our 45th season. We are thrilled to be celebrating with a beautiful new building that annually attracts upwards of 100,000 users between the theatre and library.

Our fall season is a great mix of musical genres. I want to give special profile to our 1783 show with Lance Sampson, a Halifax-based artist who performs as Aquakulture. This important show explores the story of the Black Loyalists who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1783, while connecting that history to Lance Sampson's own family lineage as a direct descendant.

Aquakulture Presents: 1783 Live is an immersive theatrical and community experience that brings this legacy to life. Expect a powerful evening of gospel, blues, jazz, and folk. Watch for an afternoon program with Lance at the library as well.

Thank you for your continued support of the deCoste and Culture Hub. Thanks also to our outstanding staff and volunteers. Our facility and programming are the envy of so many rural communities.

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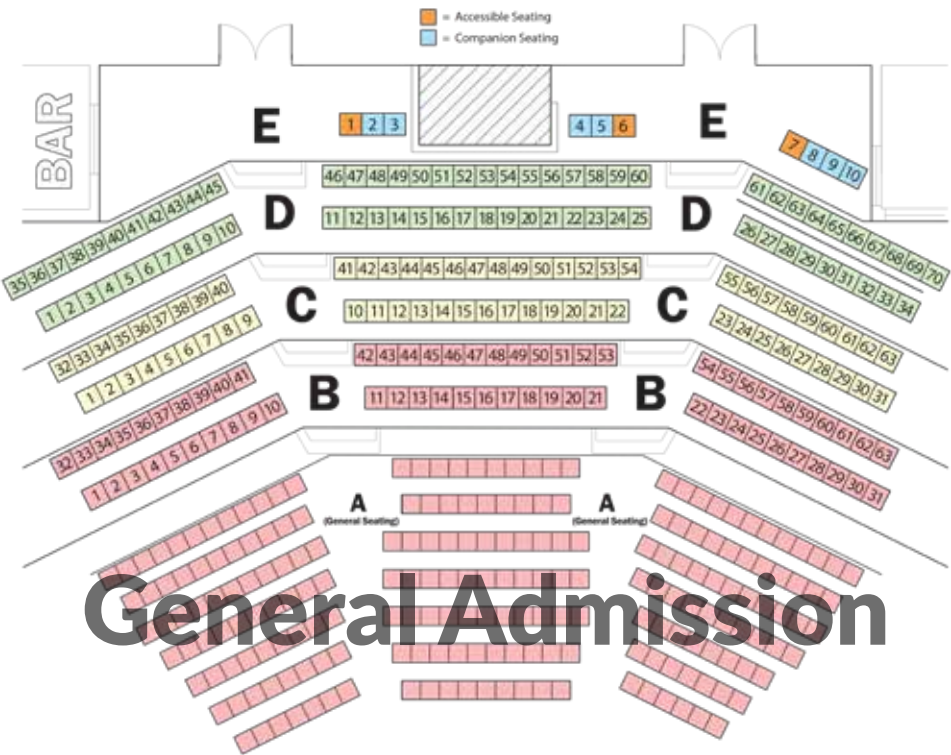

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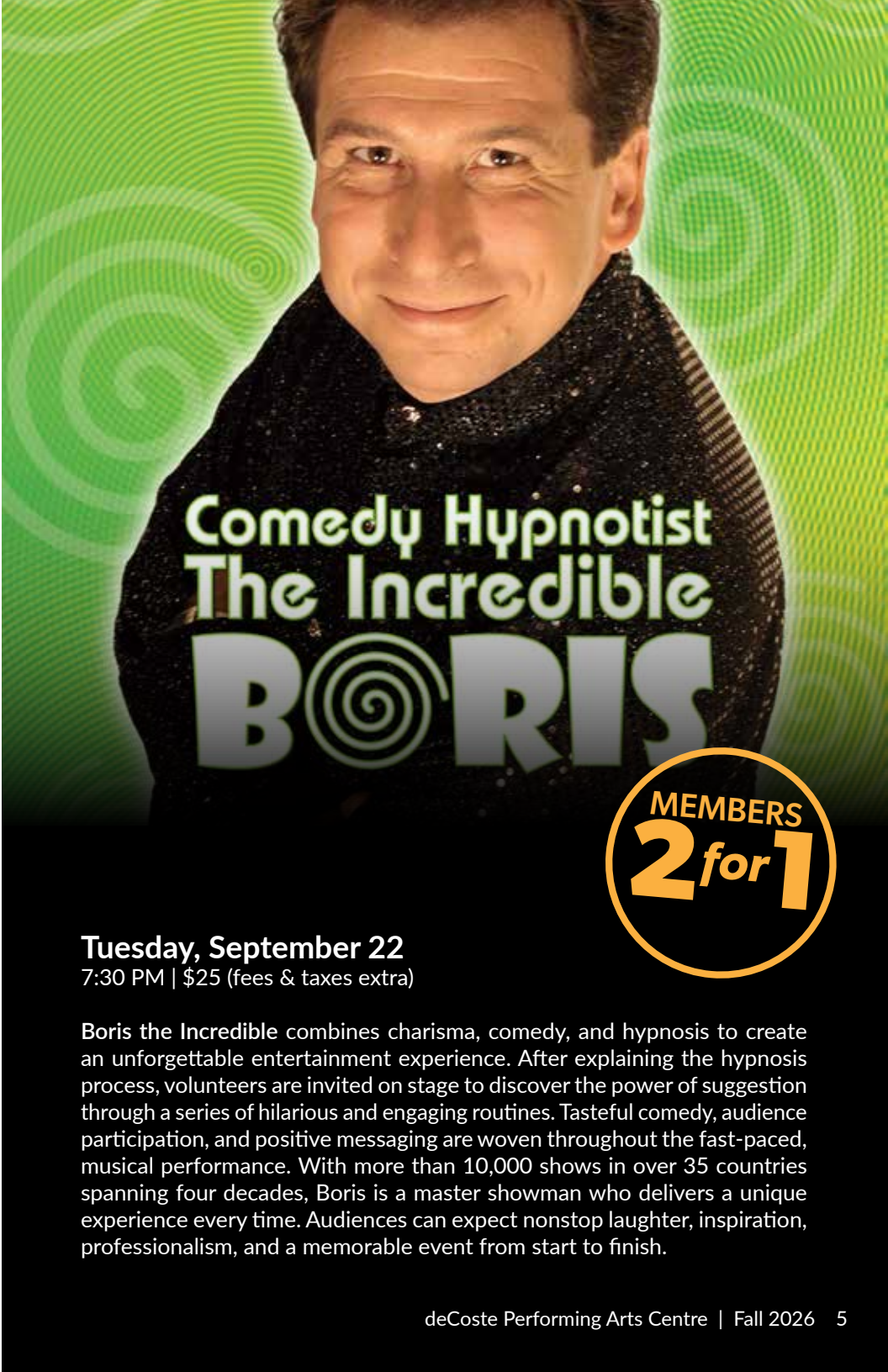
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Comedy Hypnotist The Incredible BORIS



Tuesday, September 22

7:30 PM | \$25 (fees & taxes extra)

Boris the Incredible combines charisma, comedy, and hypnosis to create an unforgettable entertainment experience. After explaining the hypnosis process, volunteers are invited on stage to discover the power of suggestion through a series of hilarious and engaging routines. Tasteful comedy, audience participation, and positive messaging are woven throughout the fast-paced, musical performance. With more than 10,000 shows in over 35 countries spanning four decades, Boris is a master showman who delivers a unique experience every time. Audiences can expect nonstop laughter, inspiration, professionalism, and a memorable event from start to finish.



Lloyd Spiegel



Saturday, September 26

7:30 PM | \$25 (fees & taxes extra)

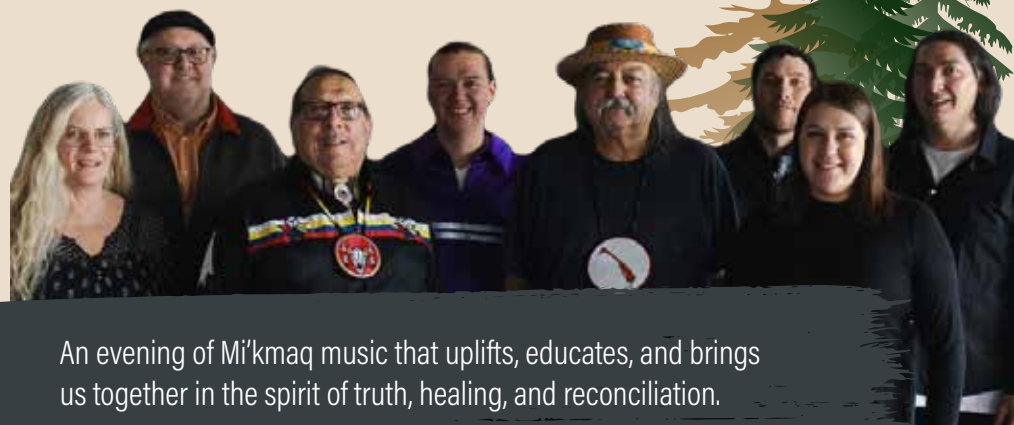
Australian blues powerhouse **Lloyd Spiegel** has spent three decades captivating audiences worldwide with his electrifying musicianship and unforgettable stage presence. A 14-time Australian Blues Award winner, Spiegel grew up immersed in the genre, touring and learning from its founding greats. His virtuosic guitar work, soulful songwriting, and sharp, often humorous storytelling combine to create a performance that both honours and reinvents the blues.

Critics have hailed him as “a guitarist almost without peer” (*Australian Guitar Player Magazine*), while *The Age* praises his “white hot ferocity and blazing instrumental mastery.” With multiple Album, Song, and Artist of the Year honours—including a standout sweep at the 2023 Victorian Blues Music Awards—Spiegel continues to push boundaries, delivering a powerful, modern take on a timeless sound.

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ALAN SYLIBOY AND THE THUNDERMAKERS



An evening of Mi'kmaq music that uplifts, educates, and brings us together in the spirit of truth, healing, and reconciliation.

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 PM | \$35 | Members \$32 (fees & taxes extra)

Alan Syliboy & The Thundermakers blend contemporary roots, blues, and rock with the rich storytelling traditions of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Led by acclaimed Mi'kmaq artist, musician, and cultural ambassador Alan Syliboy from Millbrook First Nation, the award-winning group creates powerful music that celebrates Indigenous culture, resilience, and connection to the land. Through uplifting songs and dynamic performances, The Thundermakers share stories that inspire understanding and reconciliation. Their music has captivated audiences across Canada and beyond, making them a compelling and meaningful presence for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events.



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Thursday, October 1

7:30 PM | \$40 (fees & taxes extra) | *VIP \$90 (fees & taxes extra)

As Long As There's a Bar Tour brings one of Canada's most celebrated country artists to the stage for an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling. Featuring chart-topping hits, fan favourites, and **Gord Bamford's** signature high-energy performance, this cross-country tour celebrates the spirit of country music and community.

Joining him is rising Canadian country artist, Dallas Alexander, whose gritty outlaw-country sound and authentic songwriting have earned acclaim across Canada and the U.S. Together, they deliver a night of great songs, heartfelt stories, and good times—because as long as there's a bar, there's always a reason to gather.

*VIP ticket holders will have an opportunity to meet and take a photo with Gord Bamford at the end of the evening.

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Saturday, October 10

2:00 PM | \$56 (fees & taxes extra)

Flashback takes audiences on a nostalgic journey through the golden age of popular music. Direct from Las Vegas and created by the producers of *Oh, What A Night* and *Four By Four*, this high-energy musical celebration features the timeless hits of Motown, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Bee Gees, and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. With outstanding vocals, dynamic choreography, and engaging stage presence, *Flashback* delivers an unforgettable evening of classic songs, cherished memories, and nonstop entertainment for music lovers of all ages.



Garrett Mason

Thursday, October 15

7:30 PM | \$35 | Members \$32 (fees & taxes extra)

Garrett Mason is a celebrated Canadian blues guitarist and singer-songwriter from Truro, Nova Scotia. The son of the late Dutch Mason, known as Canada's "Prime Minister of the Blues," Garrett grew up surrounded by music and developed a deep passion for the blues at an early age. Renowned for his gritty guitar style and electrifying stage presence, Mason brings an unforgettable energy to every performance, transforming the theatre into a true blues joint where audiences can sing, dance, and feel the music.

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Friday, October 16

7:30 PM | \$35 | Members \$32 (fees & taxes extra)

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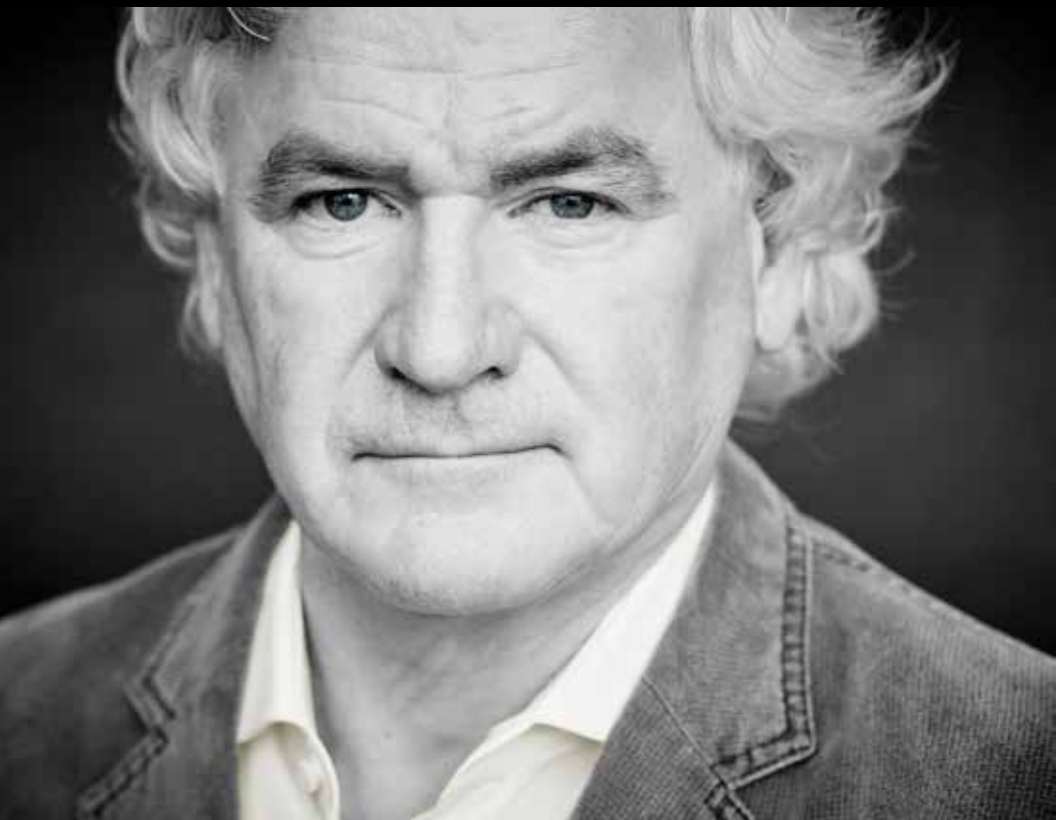
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John McDermott

RAISED IN SONGS & STORIES

Sunday, October 18

7:30 PM | \$40 | Members \$37 (fees & taxes extra)

Raised in Songs & Stories invites audiences on a moving journey through music, memory, and tradition. Internationally acclaimed for his rich tenor voice and heartfelt performances, **John McDermott** shares beloved Irish and Scottish ballads alongside personal stories that have shaped his remarkable career.

Accompanied by guitarist Jason Fowler and Grammy Award-winning musician Drew Jurecka, this intimate concert celebrates Celtic heritage, timeless songs, and the power of storytelling. Warm, inspiring, and deeply personal, *Raised in Songs & Stories* is an unforgettable evening for music lovers of all ages.

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Out All Night Tour



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Thursday, October 21

7:30 PM | \$55 (fees & taxes extra)

The Sheepdogs are one of Canada's premier rock 'n' roll bands, blending soaring harmonies, twin-guitar firepower, and an electrifying live show. The four-time JUNO Award winners from Saskatoon have earned multiple Gold and Platinum records while taking their unmistakable sound to festivals and stages around the world. With thirteen releases, including the recent companion EPs *Paradise Alone* and *Hell Together*, plus new music arriving through their own Right On Records label, The Sheepdogs continue to prove that classic rock is alive and thriving.

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Saturday, October 24

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM | \$20 (fees & taxes extra), Pre-Ordered Pizza Slice: \$5

Celebrate the season at the **Harvest Moon Pub Night**, an early-evening event featuring live music, dancing, refreshments, and community to wind up HarvFest! Enjoy a relaxed pub-style atmosphere as the Nitty Gritty 'Dart' Band kicks off the evening, featuring Ross MacVicar, Heather Brennan, Derek Wilson, Phish Fancy, Bruce Pettipas, Dave Halliday & Katie Gunn. Rounding out the show will be Out on the Weekend, featuring Mike Vienneau, Gord MacPherson, and Brad MacPherson sharing lots of hits by Neil Young and other 60s and 70s Billboard chart-topping artists. Don't go hungry; pizza can be purchased in advance or onsite.

This event builds on the success of our 'Winter Warmer' event back in January and harkens back to a time when the deCoste hosted dances. Hope to see you there.



The Fabulously Rich

TRIBUTE TO THE TRAGICALLY HIP

Friday, October 30

7:30 PM | \$35 | Members \$32 (fees & taxes extra)

The Fabulously Rich delivers a powerful and heartfelt tribute to one of Canada's most beloved bands, **The Tragically Hip**. Formed in 2016 to honour the legacy of Gord Downie following his cancer diagnosis, what began as a one-time tribute concert has grown into one of Atlantic Canada's most sought-after tribute acts. Celebrating the music, spirit, and storytelling that defined a generation, The Fabulously Rich creates an unforgettable concert experience that resonates deeply with fans and keeps the enduring legacy of The Hip alive.



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Sunday, November 8

2 PM | \$25 (fees & taxes extra)

Award-winning Canadian pianist **Jonathan Mak** is one of the country's most exciting young classical musicians. Winner of the inaugural Bader & Overton Canadian Piano Competition and was named one of CBC's *30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians Under 30*, Mak has performed with leading orchestras and at prestigious festivals and competitions worldwide. Praised for his exceptional artistry and technical brilliance he brings a dynamic and expressive approach to the piano, captivating audiences with performances of remarkable depth, passion, and musical insight.



Ria Mae

TOUR TWO (PART TWO)

Monday, November 9

7:30 PM | \$39.50 (fees & taxes extra)

Ria Mae is one of Canada's most celebrated pop artists, known for her soulful vocals, honest songwriting, and unforgettable melodies. The Halifax-born, platinum-selling singer-songwriter has captivated audiences with hits including 'Clothes Off,' 'Bend,' and 'Ooh Love,' earning millions of streams and multiple JUNO, SOCAN, and ECMA nominations. Blending heartfelt lyricism with irresistible pop hooks, Ria Mae delivers a powerful live performance that is both intimate and energetic, showcasing fan favourites alongside exciting new music from the next chapter of her career.

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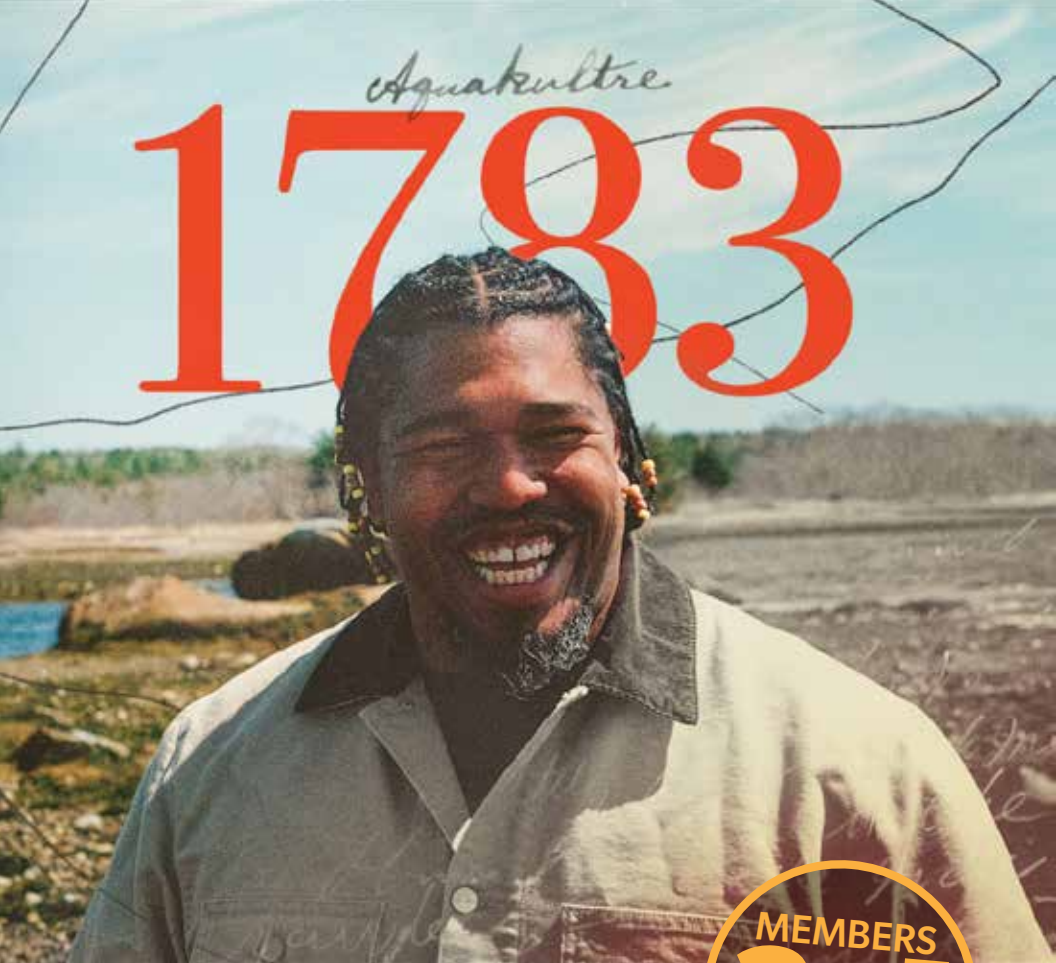


**AARON
PRITCHETT**

Tuesday, November 17

7:30 PM | \$52.50 (fees & taxes extra)

Cowboy Christmas returns with Canadian country stars **George Canyon** and **Aaron Pritchett** for a festive evening of music, stories, and holiday cheer. Combining chart-topping hits with seasonal favourites, these award-winning artists bring decades of country music excellence to the stage. George's heartfelt vocals and East Coast charm pair perfectly with Aaron's high-energy performances and fan-favourite songs, creating an unforgettable holiday concert experience. Celebrate the season with two of Canada's most beloved country performers in this heartwarming Christmas tradition.



Friday, November 20

7:30 PM | \$35 (fees & taxes extra)

Aquakultre is the artistic voice of Halifax's Lance Sampson—a versatile singer, rapper, and storyteller. His third album, *1783*, explores the legacy of Black Loyalists who arrived in Nova Scotia seeking freedom and went on to build enduring communities. Descended from these settlers, Aquakultre brings this history to life through a powerful concept album. *1783 Live* is a high-production performance with full band, visuals, and storytelling—designed to celebrate Black Nova Scotian culture, foster inclusion, and leave audiences inspired and connected.

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The Ennis Sisters' Christmas Show is a heartwarming holiday tradition filled with festive favourites, original songs, humour, and even a touch of Irish step-dancing. Renowned for their captivating sibling harmonies and engaging stage presence, Maureen, Karen, and Teresa blend Celtic influences with the rich musical traditions of Newfoundland. Award-winning and beloved by audiences across Canada and beyond, The Ennis Sisters deliver an uplifting evening of music, laughter, and holiday spirit that is sure to become a cherished part of your Christmas season.



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ON THIS WINTER'S NIGHT Tara MacLean and the Bayfield String Quartet

Sunday, November 29

7:30 PM | \$38 | Members \$35 (fees & taxes extra)

Celebrate the season with an enchanting evening of music and storytelling featuring acclaimed Canadian singer-songwriter **Tara MacLean and the Bayfield String Quartet**. Blending cherished holiday classics, contemporary favourites, and original songs, this intimate performance sparkles with warmth, elegance, and festive spirit. Known for her soulful voice and heartfelt connection with audiences, Tara is joined by the rich, expressive sound of the Bayfield String Quartet to create a memorable holiday experience filled with wonder, nostalgia, and the magic of the season.



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Gunning & Cormier Christmas

Friday, December 4

7:30 PM | \$38 | Members \$35 (fees & taxes extra)

Get in the holiday spirit with a magical evening of music and laughter as acclaimed musicians **Dave Gunning** and **JP Cormier** join forces for an unforgettable Christmas show. Hailed as two of the busiest solo artists in the country, Gunning and Cormier, winners of the 2019 East Coast Music Awards, bring their exceptional talent and charismatic stage presence to create A Gunning & Cormier Christmas like no other. Featuring a delightful mix of beloved classics and new holiday tunes, this show promises an enchanting experience filled with joy and merriment. Don't miss out on this must-see event that will leave you with lasting memories and a heart full of cheer.

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Step into the warmth of **Home For Christmas**, a heartwarming holiday concert featuring three beloved East Coast performers: Heather Rankin, Rachel MacLean and Dale Miller. Blending Celtic traditions, cherished Christmas classics and beautiful harmonies, this festive evening celebrates the spirit of home, family, and the season. Heather's unmistakable Cape Breton voice, Rachel's uplifting warmth, and Dale's theatrical flair combine for an unforgettable night of music, stories, laughter, and holiday cheer that will leave your heart full.



December 10 & 11

7:30 PM | \$45 (fees & taxes extra)

Christmas in Cape Breton returns by popular demand with a brand-new holiday show filled with music, laughter, and festive cheer. Following last year's sold-out tour, this all-star production features comedy favourites Bette MacDonald and Maynard Morrison, Celtic musicians Mac Morin and Wendy MacIsaac, and singer-songwriter Jordan Muscysyn. Blending side-splitting comedy, beloved Cape Breton characters, and world-class musicianship, this heartwarming celebration delivers sharp wit, toe-tapping tunes, and plenty of holiday magic.



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CÒIG Christmas

Tuesday, December 15

7:30 PM | \$38 | Members \$35 (fees & taxes extra)

CÒIG is one of Atlantic Canada's premier Celtic traditional bands, renowned for its electrifying musicianship, rich harmonies, and infectious energy. Hailing from Cape Breton, the award-winning group seamlessly blends cherished traditional tunes with original compositions, showcasing mastery of more than a dozen instruments. Their dynamic performances move effortlessly from driving dance tunes to haunting ballads, captivating audiences worldwide. CÒIG's acclaimed recordings have earned a Canadian Folk Music Award, a JUNO Award nomination and multiple East Coast Music Awards. Rooted in tradition with a holiday flair, CÒIG delivers in a truly unforgettable way.

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Thursday, December 17

7:30 PM | \$38 | Members \$35 (fees & taxes extra)

The Irish Descendants Christmas Show brings the warmth, humour, and musical traditions of Newfoundland to the holiday season. One of Canada's most beloved folk groups, The Irish Descendants, have delighted audiences for more than 35 years with their signature blend of storytelling, rich harmonies, and East Coast charm. Led by Con O'Brien and joined by Rowen Sherlock, Madeline Carter, and Jeff Kinsman, the group performs seasonal favourites and festive classics in a heartwarming celebration filled with music, laughter, and Christmas spirit.

Country Boys

A tribute to the music of
Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley and George Strait

Christmas Edition



Saturday, December 19

7:30 PM | \$48.50 (includes taxes & fees)

Country Boys Christmas Edition brings the music of four country legends—Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley, and George Strait—to one festive stage. Featuring Scott Delhunty, Gerald Delhunty, Marc Babin, Daniel Goguen, and a talented live band, this high-energy tribute combines beloved country hits with traditional Christmas songs and holiday classics. Filled with outstanding musicianship, holiday spirit, and country charm, this unique concert is the perfect way to celebrate the season with family and friends.



Mozart + Handel

with Symphony Nova Scotia

Julia Wedman, *leader* • Valérie Milot, *harp*

Casey Granofsky, *flute*

Music for the harp.

Friday, May 7

7:30 PM | \$50 (fees & taxes extra)

On the program:

W.A. Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik

G.F. Handel: Concerto for Harp in B-flat

G.F. Handel, arr. W.A. Mozart: Orchestral Suite

W.A. Mozart: Concerto for Flute and Harp

Experience the artistry of two musical titans in a program that radiates with charm. The timeless melodies of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart meet the grandeur of George Frideric Handel. From the beloved Eine kleine Nachtmusik to the shimmering pairing of flute and harp in Mozart's enchanting concerto, alongside Handel's graceful harp concerto and majestic overtures, this program celebrates the wit and splendour of the Baroque and Classical eras.

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