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Executive Director's Message

These are heavy times, and gathering as a community has never been more important. On September 15th, we celebrate the first anniversary of the new Culture Hub facility — and what a year it's been! Your feedback and support have been so validating and humbling.

In one year, we have hosted nearly 100 events — including memorable concerts, many meetings, numerous conferences, frequent art exhibits, regular author visits and readings. It feels like the good old days. The performing arts sector continues to recover, with a growing number of tours back on the road. Our team has turned over every stone to bring forward a diverse program featuring music, dance, film, and comedy.

Here are just a few exciting updates for this season:

- Our refreshed membership program now includes new benefits and flexible options — a great way to support your arts centre and enjoy exclusive perks.
- Dance is taking centre stage over the coming year. We're especially thrilled to announce a new Christmas tradition. THE NUTCRACKER ballet is coming in December!
- Our 'Arts for All' work continues to grow. We work with community partners to reduce barriers (affordability, disability, social isolation, etc.) to attending shows. This important work is made possible through strong community support, including our 'Please Be Seated' campaign and 50/50 draws held at most shows.

Thank you to our incredible staff, board, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and patrons. Your support is what makes this all possible.

Hope to see you soon at a show!

It truly takes a community to raise a successful performing arts centre.

Warmly,

Troy Greencorn
Executive Director

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At the deCoste Centre, we're energized by our expanding vision and beautiful new facility.

Bringing a vibrant year of arts and culture to life takes the collective support of government, businesses, community organizations, and individual donors.

Sponsorship and donations play a vital role in helping us grow — while offering your business valuable exposure to more than 25,000 patrons who attend events and visit our venue each year.

We'd love to tell you about new projects and explore partnership opportunities. To start the conversation, please reach out to our Outreach & Fund Development Manager, Jennifer MacLennan, at jennifer@decostecentre.ca.

Teamwork makes the dream work. Let's talk!

Box Office Information & Seating Chart

BOX OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

ORDERING TICKETS: Tickets are available online or contact the box office by phone or in person.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, INTERAC, and CASH. Encore & Premier members can put tickets "on hold" and pay for the performance 2 weeks before the performance, or release the hold.

ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Contact box office staff to inquire about accessible seating, reserving specialized equipment for hearing impairments, or for additional assistance for clients experiencing visual impairments or social anxiety that may be accommodated. Large groups are encouraged to book through the box office to discuss particulars.

TICKET REFUND & CREDIT POLICY: Refund requests will be entertained on a case by case basis.

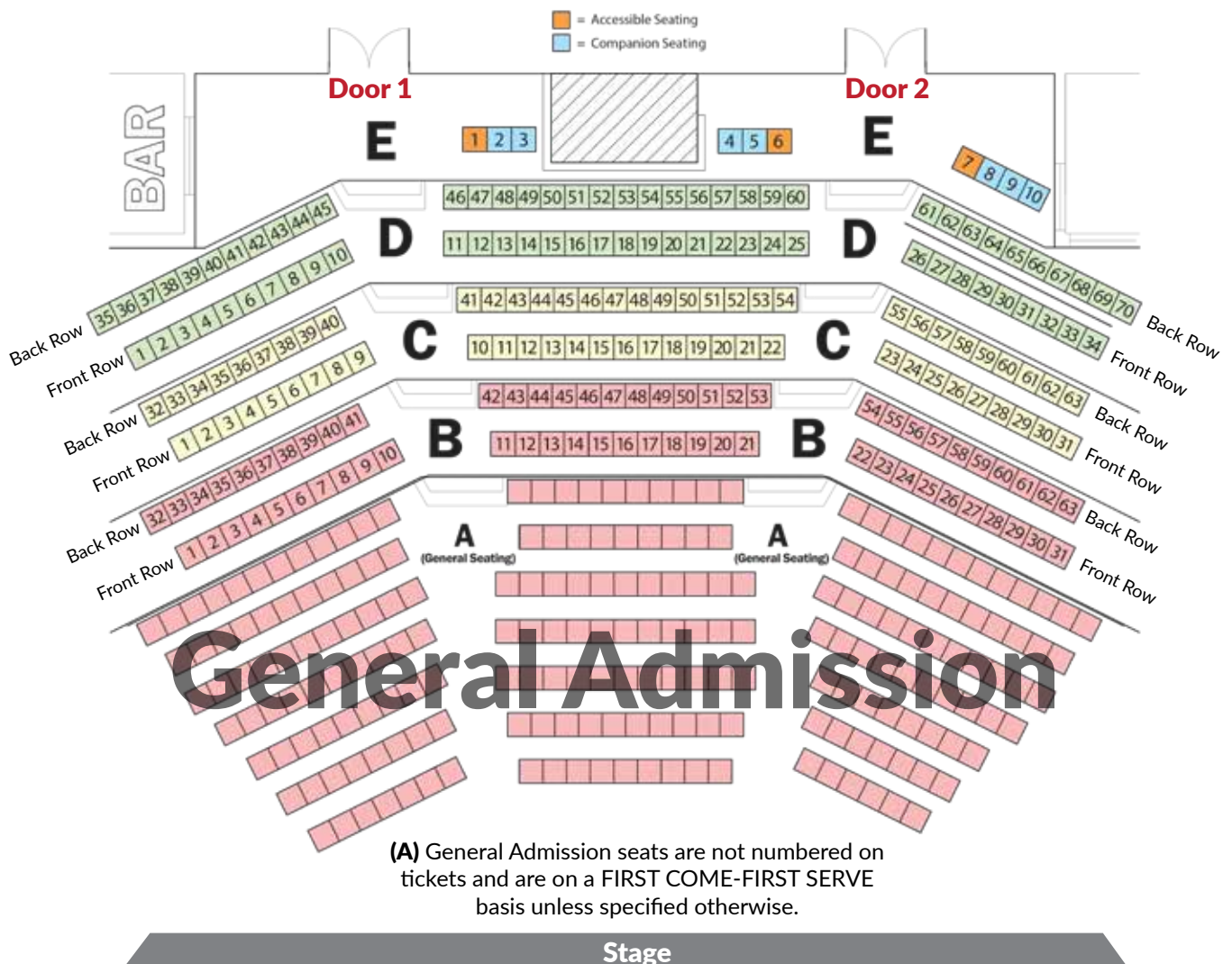
- General Public – Credit only.
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No credits or refunds after 4 pm on day of shows.

CANCELLATIONS: All programs are subject to change or be cancelled without notice. Rescheduling of performances may not be possible. Refunds/exchanges/credits will be determined based on the situation.

For up-to-date information, or to purchase tickets contact us at:

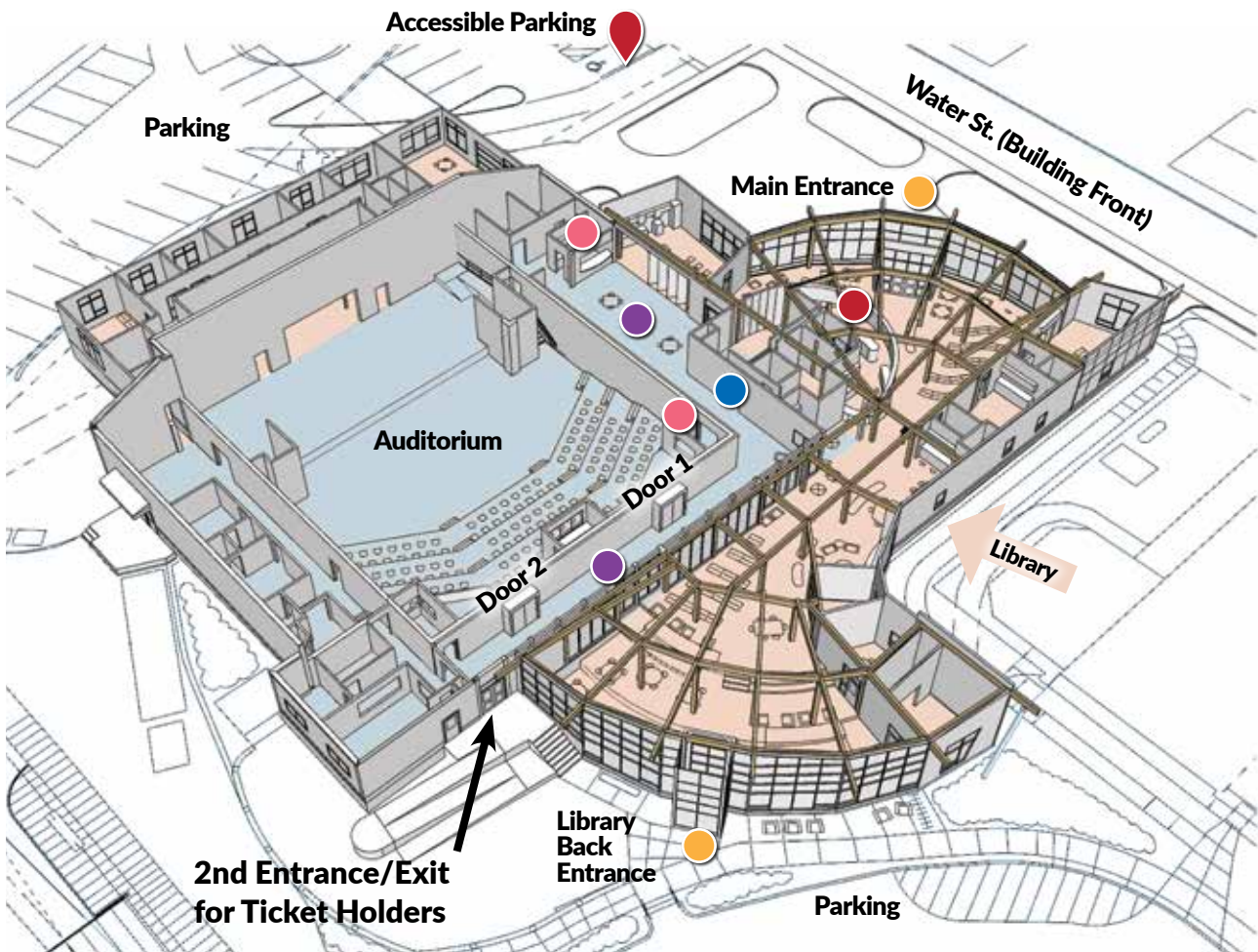
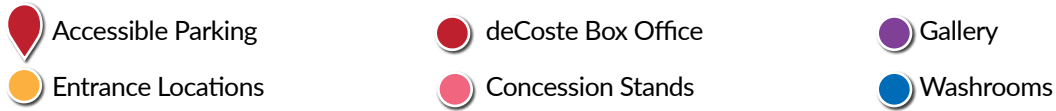
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR VENUE.

What To Expect Upon Arrival

As you prepare to experience an exciting evening of live entertainment, we hope this page will help you navigate our facility.



Here are a few tips to make your arrival go smoothly:

- Arrive early enough to get a good parking spot. If you have general admission tickets, we recommend arriving a ½ hour early to get a good seat.
- Our box office opens 1 hour before showtime. Auditorium doors open a 1/2 hour before show time.
- Use the main entrance to pick up tickets at the box office.
- Use either entrance if you already have tickets. Entrance near waterfront is closest to the auditorium.
- Washrooms are located in the hall across from the auditorium bar. A gender-neutral washroom is available.
- Concession items are available at the bars. Items can be brought into the auditorium for your enjoyment. Please dispose of garbage at the end of the event.

Making Your Visit Comfortable

We strive to make you feel welcome and your visit enjoyable. Contact the Box Office in advance if we can support you in any of these ways:

Wheelchair Access

A platform lift, located behind the Accessibility Assistance Check-In sign near the main bar, provides access to the main theatre floor for those requiring mobility assistance. We can reserve floor seating near the lift for your convenience. Three wheelchair spaces with companion seating are available at the back of the theatre.



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We have a modern and easy to use hearing-assist system. Hearing assist devices must be pre-booked. They can be picked up at the Accessibility Assistance Check-In Corner near the bar. Headphones provided or bring your own. Contact us to learn if your hearing aid can connect directly.



Vision Support

Seating can be arranged through the box office closer to the stage or near the back for those with specific vision needs. Volunteers trained to assist visually impaired patrons are available with advance notice.



Cardholders are eligible for a complimentary companion ticket. Please register your Access2 card with our box office.

Health Concerns & Group Seating

For social anxiety or other health concerns, contact the box office, and we'll help find suitable seating. Groups of 6+ with General Admission tickets can request reserved seating in advance.

Please inform our volunteers upon arrival if accommodations have been arranged—they're here to help!

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Whether they're scanning tickets, pouring your favourite drink, selling 50/50s, tidying up after the event, or jumping in during a surprise emergency — our volunteers are absolute rockstars! They bring lots of heart and hospitality, making the deCoste the welcoming place we all love. We truly couldn't do it without them. Thank you for everything you do!

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We are **83% of the way** to our \$100K goal! By year’s end, we hope to wrap up our “Please Be Seated” campaign. Your gift helps fund our Arts for All program, sharing the joy of live performance with those who may not otherwise have the chance. Together, we can reach the finish line. Please contact Jennifer MacLennan at jennifer@decostecentre.ca or (902)485-8848 ext. 3 to learn more or to donate today.

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Thursday, September 18 | 7:30 PM

Valdy ~ Around the World in 80 Years

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

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\$19 + fees & taxes = \$27.93

Canadian folk icon Valdy celebrates his 80th birthday with a coast-to-coast tour, bringing decades of beloved music and stories to the deCoteau. Best known for "Play Me a Rock 'n' Roll Song," Valdy has been a staple of the Canadian music scene for over 50 years, charming audiences with heartfelt hits like "Peter & Lou," and "Yes I Can." With warmth, wit, and wisdom, he continues to captivate crowds from Newfoundland to British Columbia and beyond. Don't miss this chance to celebrate a true national treasure in an evening full of song, stories, and singalongs.



David James & Big River

Sunday, September 21 | 7:30 PM

David James & Big River

The Authentic Johnny Cash Tribute

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:

\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Experience the raw energy and unmistakable sound of the Man in Black with David James and Big River—widely regarded as one of the most authentic Outlaw Country tribute shows touring today. From the way David James holds his guitar to the way he connects with the crowd, the spirit of Johnny Cash is reborn every time he steps up to the microphone and says, "Hello - I'm almost Johnny Cash."

Featuring a powerful catalogue of hits including 'Folsom Prison Blues', 'I Walk the Line', 'Don't Take Your Guns to Town', 'Ghost Riders in the Sky', 'A Boy Named Sue', and 'Ring of Fire', this concert delivers a faithful and unforgettable tribute to a true legend. A must-see live event that leaves a lasting impression—earning standing ovations and rave reviews from audiences and critics alike.

United by Song

Thursday, September 25 | 7:30 PM

United by Song

Tickets: \$20 + fees & taxes = \$29.07

YOU ARE INVITED to United by Song!

A United Way Maritimes signature event, **United by Song** celebrates community through storytelling and song. United by Song brings to life the stories of Nova Scotians who have triumphed with the support of donations made to United Way. Individuals who have received support from United Way donor-funded programs are matched with local artists who compose original songs based on their journeys.

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Saturday, September 27

10:30 AM (Chad Transit from Pictou Cen. & Pictou East)

3:30 PM (Chad Transit from Pictou West)

Social Butterflies

The Age of Love & Speedy Meet & Greet

Tickets: \$10

Join the deCoste for a welcoming event designed to foster connection and reduce social isolation. Whether you're new to the area, widowed, retired, living alone—or simply looking to meet new people—this is your chance to build meaningful friendships in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Each 4-hour gathering includes a screening of *The Age of Love*—a touching and humorous documentary about seniors exploring speed dating—followed by a shared meal and our Social Butterfly Speedy Meet & Greet, a guided activity to spark fun and easy conversation.

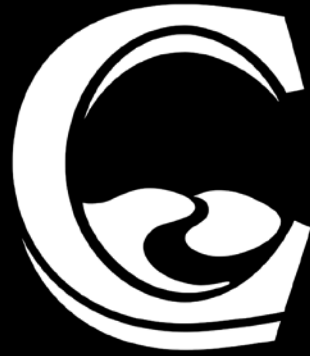
Limited to 48 participants per event.

A short pre-survey at ticket purchase will help us plan seating, food, and conversation matches. Transportation is available through Chad Transit.

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Wednesday, October 1 | 7:30 PM

Michael Kaeshammer Turn It Up

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:

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When Michael Kaeshammer sits at the piano, magic happens. Known for his dazzling blend of jazz, pop, boogie-woogie, and classical, the German-born, B.C.-based virtuoso defies genre and expectation. A seven-time JUNO nominee and charismatic performer, Kaeshammer's high-energy shows showcase his sparkling keyboard work, smooth vocals, and signature optimism. His latest release, *Turn It Up*, is a joyful, genre-blending collection that reflects his boundless musical taste and positive spirit. Whether he's headlining jazz festivals, entertaining Olympic audiences, or cooking up tunes on *Kaeshammer's Kitchen*, Michael delivers unforgettable moments wherever he plays. Don't miss this electrifying live experience!

HIT SONGS FROM THE 50'S TO THE 80'S!



Friday, October 3 | 7:30 PM

The Suits

Tickets: \$55 + fees & taxes = \$68.97

If you are a fan of legendary music icons such as Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, The Temptations, The Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, and even Journey, you will absolutely adore "The Suits". This group of four dynamic gentlemen performs an array of hit music from four different genres spanning four decades. Their music includes timeless hits from Motown, Doo Wop, Pop, and Rock, which were released during the 1950s through the 1980s. The Suits combine smooth choreography and tight harmonies with thrilling showmanship and audience interaction, making this production an unforgettable experience that you won't want to miss!

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MEMBERS 2 FOR 1

Saturday, October 11 | 7:30 PM

Lennie Gallant Album Release

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:
\$19 + fees & taxes = \$27.93

Join Lennie as he releases his latest recording *Shelter from the Storm*.

Award-winning East Coast songwriter Lennie Gallant has released 16 albums of original music, earning JUNO, ECMA, and Prix Éloizes accolades. Known for his poetic lyrics and emotional depth, his songs are "true slices of life delivered with a poet's flair."

His acclaimed multimedia show *Searching for Abegweit* ran for 190 performances, and its standout track 'Peter's Dream' was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. Lennie has performed with music legends like Jimmy Buffett—co-writing and singing on Buffett's final album—and David Foster. His music has even orbited Earth, with his albums taken aboard the International Space Station.



BEE GEES *Revisited*

Tuesday, October 14 | 7:30 PM

Bee Gees Revisited

Tickets: \$54.50 (incl. taxes) + fees = \$60

Presented by VaughnCo Entertainment, Bee Gees Revisited is the ultimate tribute to the Bee Gees. Come and experience the sound, the harmonies, and the beautiful falsetto voices of the brothers Gibb. Performing with a full band the show recreates the Bee Gees 1998 Las Vegas appearance live.

The costumes, the music, and the atmosphere are as close to the real thing as you can get. The show suspends belief as it weaves through hit after hit from their classic 60's catalogue to the groove of their 70's Disco era hits that made the band a worldwide sensation. Dance and sing along to hits like 'Staying Alive', 'Night Fever', 'Massachusetts', 'Tragedy', 'You Should Be Dancing', and 'Nights on Broadway'.



Wednesday, October 15 | 7:30 PM

Ensemble Callinos

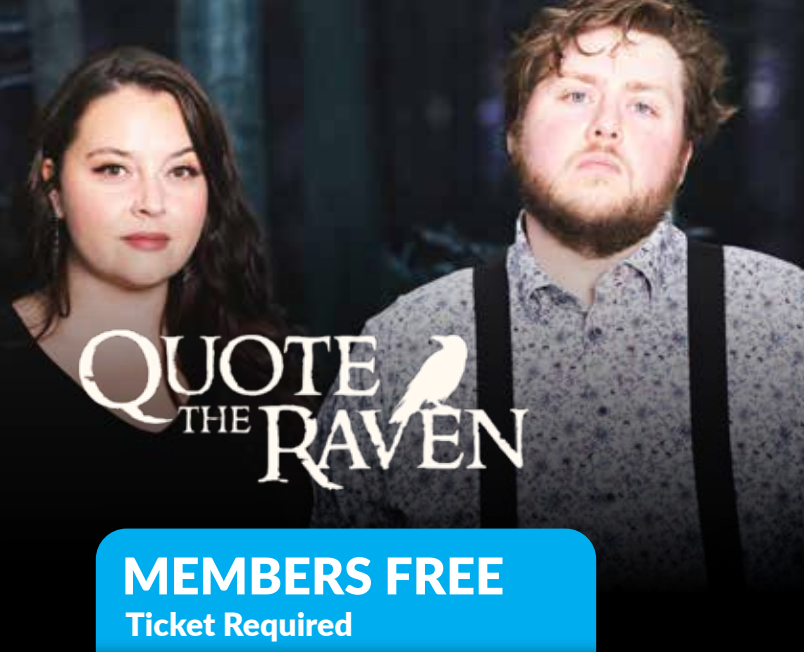
Tickets: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members: \$32 + fees & taxes = \$42.75

Students: Free

Ensemble Callinos is a dynamic trio of virtuoso performers—flautist Edyelwys Silva, pianist Jeanne Frenette, and cellist Thomas Chartré—uniting their diverse international backgrounds and award-winning talents to create a powerful musical experience. Based in Montreal, this chamber ensemble brings together breathtaking technical mastery, emotional depth, and infectious energy.

Each member boasts an impressive solo career: Silva has performed in major festivals across Brazil and Canada; Frenette made her solo debut with the Orchestre Métropolitain at just 15 years old, marking the start of a remarkable musical journey; and Chartré, an internationally recognized cellist, has played at Carnegie Hall and led orchestras across continents. Together, they create a captivating blend of passion and precision that brings music vividly to life. Ensemble Callinos invites you to experience their inspiring performances that captivate the heart and mind, making every concert a memorable journey.



MEMBERS FREE

Ticket Required

Friday, October 17 | 7:30 PM

Quote the Raven

Jordan Coaker &
Kirsten Rodden-Clarke

Tickets: \$25 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members: Free

Students: \$22 + fees & taxes = \$31.35

Hailing from Newfoundland and Labrador, acclaimed duo **Quote the Raven**—Jordan Coaker and Kirsten Rodden-Clarke—blend Americana with East Coast folk, enchanting audiences for over a decade with haunting harmonies and sharp wit.

Winners of Music NL's Group of the Year (2019, 2021, 2022), they received multiple 2025 ECMA nominations, including Album of the Year for their upcoming release *Map the Dark*, and Roots Release of the Year and Video of the Year (Fans' Choice) for the single 'Already Gone'.

Known for their captivating stage presence, the duo has toured extensively across Canada, the US, the UK, Ireland, and Australia, with standout showcases at Folk Alliance International, AmericanaFest, and NERFA. Their heartfelt storytelling and rich musicality continue to resonate with audiences worldwide.



Thursday, October 23 | 7:30 PM

In Spite of Ourselves

The Quintessential
John Prine Tribute

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:

\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

A memorable evening of John Prine's finest songs & stories, performed by eight seasoned veteran songwriter/musicians and friends, who are lifelong fans of John Prine. A show that includes a multimedia layer of captivating still pics.

John Prine is widely cited as one of the most influential songwriters of his generation and was known for humorous and insightful lyrics about love, life, and current events, as well as his serious songs with social commentary and songs that recollect melancholy tales from his life.

According to Bob Dylan, "Prine's stuff is pure, Proustian, existentialism, Midwestern mind trips to the nth degree, and he writes beautiful songs." Join us as we celebrate and elaborate on the beautiful songs of one of the finest songwriters of our generation.

Join Blair Packham (The Jitters), Bill Craig (The Irish Rovers), Kirsten Jones and two-time Juno award nominee Johnny Max, as they perform a repertoire of Prine that resonates with audiences far and wide.



Monday, October 27 | 7:30 PM

The Stampeders

Tickets: \$85 + fees & taxes = \$96.27

"They're on their way to the city lights" – Canada's legendary rock 'n' roll trio, The Stampeders, are back, bringing all the hits: 'Wild Eyes', 'Carry Me', 'Devil You', 'Ramona', 'Oh My Lady', 'Hit the Road Jack', and of course, the Hall of Fame anthem 'Sweet City Woman'. Their music defined a generation and still carries fans back to tie-dye shirts, 15¢ coffee, and jukebox dreams.

No band captured the sound of 1970s Canada quite like The Stampeders. In March 2024, just before their Ontario tour, founding member Ronnie King passed away. In his final days, he urged the band to carry on. Longtime friend and bassist Dave Chabot now joins Rich and Kim onstage, with each show honoring Ronnie through stories and a heartfelt video tribute.

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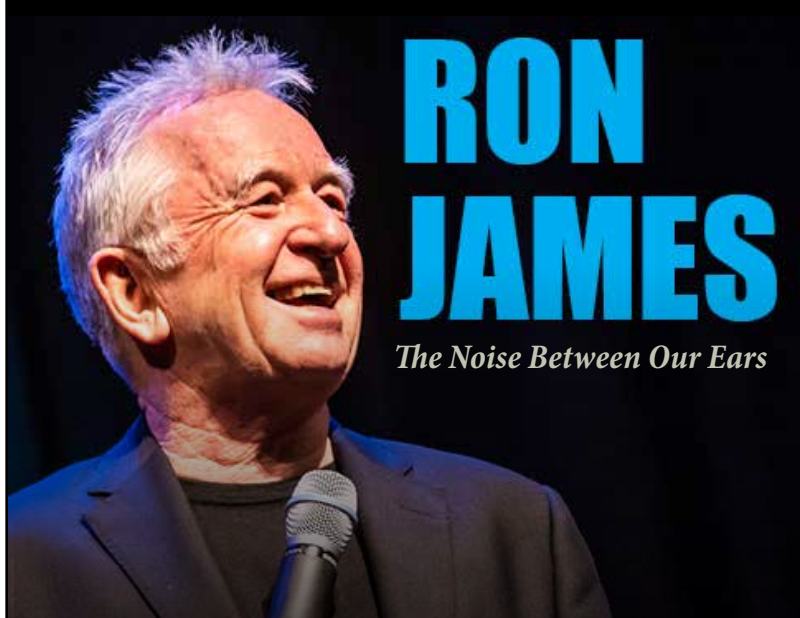


Saturday, November 1 | 7:30 PM

The Caledonian Orchestra of Nova Scotia

Tickets: \$24.50 (incl. taxes) + fees = \$30
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The Caledonian Orchestra of Nova Scotia is a 26-member performance group eager to bring the traditional sounds of 'Old Scotland' to its audiences. Lively marches, strathspeys, jigs, reels, laments, and waltzes make up their extensive repertoire. Please come and join the Orchestra, under the direction of conductor and arranger Nelson Ferguson, for an evening performance of toe-tapping Scottish music. Joining the Orchestra will be vocalist Jim Brown, Scottish dancer Mallory Lloy, and a special guest appearance by The Maritime Marionettes. Come join the fun!



RON JAMES

The Noise Between Our Ears

Tuesday, November 4 | 7:30 PM

Ron James

Tickets: \$79.50 (incl. taxes) + fees = \$85

Canada's #1 stand-up road warrior, Ron James, hits the highway again with his razor-sharp new show, *The Noise Between Our Ears*.

In a world spinning sideways with socio-political upheaval, Ron cuts through the chaos with trademark wit—tackling everything from the “Tangerine Tyrant” down south to Boomers boogying toward the retirement home in Led Zeppelin onesies.

He skewers the absurdities of tech overload, generational divides, and everyday life with pitch-perfect timing. Whether recalling hand-me-down hockey gear, teacher terrors, or wild camping misadventures, Ron brings hilarity and heart to it all.

At its core, *The Noise Between Our Ears* is classic Ron: an “Every man” navigating a world gone mad—where airlines lose your luggage, your stock portfolio vanishes, and your barber trims your ears more than your head.

“Utterly brilliant” – Ottawa Sun

“Hysterically funny... at the top of his game” – Toronto Star

“Funniest man in Canada” – Victoria Times-Colonist



MEMBERS 2 FOR 1

Friday, November 7 | 7:30 PM

Black Umfolosi

Tickets: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members & Students:
\$17.50 + fees & taxes = \$27.93

Black Umfolosi is a self-taught a cappella and traditional dance group from Zimbabwe, renowned for their powerful performances of imbube singing, gumboot, and Zulu dance. Formed in 1982 by schoolmates hoping to uplift their community, the group has since become global cultural ambassadors, touring extensively across Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia.

Their shows are rich in rhythm, harmony, and movement—blending dynamic choreography with soulful vocals and vivid storytelling. From representing Zimbabwe at Expo 1992 in Spain to the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada, Black Umfolosi has shared the heart of Southern African tradition with audiences around the world.

More than performers, they are passionate preservers of culture. Their mission: to celebrate, share, and pass on the traditions of Southern Africa to global audiences. Every performance is a joyful, moving experience—full of spirit, cultural pride, and infectious energy.



Saturday, November 8 | 7:30 PM

21 Gun Salute

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:
\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

21 GUN SALUTE is undoubtedly one of the premier AC/DC reviews ever assembled. The band pays true homage to AC/DC's high-voltage rock 'n' roll. From the Bon Scott raw rock'n'roll early years to the band's evolution throughout their thirty-year tenure with Brian Johnson.

Every detail has been painstakingly reproduced, from the Hell's Bell stage props to Angus's schoolboy outfit. An explosive show that includes the signature live antics and the lead singer's absolute, dead-on vocal rendition of both Bon Scott to Brian Johnson.

Lead vocals that belt out the high notes effortlessly whilst strutting the stage in the AC/DC trademark style. This act is a must-see show performed by experienced true professionals, who are down-to-earth blokes. 21 Gun Salute pays tribute to all the biggest AC/DC hits. A high voltage concert filled with epic rock anthems.



MEMBERS **2 FOR 1**

Wednesday, November 12 | 7:30 PM

Danny Michel

Tickets: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members & Students:
\$17.50 + fees & taxes = \$27.93

Danny Michel defies genre—his music spans rock, folk, pop, world, and classical, shaped by what he jokingly calls his musical A.D.D. With thoughtful lyrics and magnetic performances, he's earned Juno and Polaris Prize nominations, CBC's Heart of Gold Award, and multiple Canadian Folk Music Awards, including Producer of the Year and the Oliver Schroder Pushing the Boundaries Award.

Known for adventurous projects, Danny has recorded with Belize's Garifuna Collective and aboard a Soviet-era icebreaker in the Arctic with astronaut Chris Hadfield. Albums like *Matadora* and *Khlebnikov* explore humanity, the environment, and the cosmos.

His latest release, *Ghost Town*, is his most personal yet—an introspective collection born from the stillness of the pandemic.

Beyond the music, Danny's passion for social and environmental causes has made him a beloved figure on and off the stage, with performances for Jane Goodall and David Suzuki, and tours with Stuart McLean's *Vinyl Cafe*.



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Friday, November 14 | 7:30 PM

Cowboy Christmas

Tickets: \$52.50 + fees & taxes = \$66.12

Canadian country legends George Canyon and Aaron Pritchett are teaming up for the coast-to-coast Cowboy Christmas tour—celebrating the season with classic hits and holiday favourites. With over 25 years of chart-topping music and multiple CCMA wins between them, these two powerhouse performers bring their signature styles, unmatched energy, and heartfelt storytelling to the stage for a festive night of country magic.

George Canyon, Nova Scotia native and Platinum-selling artist, has earned Juno, CCMA, and ECMA Awards, and was inducted into the NS Country Music Hall of Fame. Known for hits like 'Just Like You', 'I Got This', and 'I Want You to Live', George is also a respected humanitarian, national anthem singer for the Calgary Flames, and the author of his 2022 memoir *My Country*.

Aaron Pritchett is known for his electrifying live shows and 13 Top Ten hits, including 'Hold My Beer', 'Better When I Do', and 'Warm Safe Place'. With decades of fan devotion, a CCMA SOCAN Songwriter of the Year Award, and his own charitable golf tournament, Aaron continues to evolve while staying true to his country roots.

Don't miss this unforgettable holiday concert from two of Canada's finest.



DEBUT ATLANTIC
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Monday, November 17 | 7:30 PM

Buzz Brass

Tickets: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members: \$32 + fees & taxes = \$42.75

Students: Free

Buzz Brass invites you on a vibrant musical journey through some of the most inspiring works ever composed, reimagined through the expressive warmth of the brass quintet. Since 2002, this award-winning Canadian ensemble has delivered nearly 2,000 performances across North America, Europe, and China, captivating more than 500,000 listeners.

With inventive arrangements, Buzz Brass breathes new life into timeless pieces by Debussy, Dvořák, Satie, Bach, Liszt, and more. From the spiritual brilliance of Bach to the nostalgic tones of Dvořák's *America*, the poetic grace of Satie's *Gymnopédies* to the dazzling energy of Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody*, each work is transformed. The program also features Canadian composers like Hugo Bégin and Morley Calvert, along with *Brass in Time*—a sweeping musical odyssey by Enrico O. Dastous that spans four centuries. Known for their dynamic stage presence and exceptional artistry, Buzz Brass continues to surprise and inspire audiences of all ages with the power of brass.



Tuesday, November 18 | 7:30 PM

One Love

Bob Marley Tribute

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:

\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of entertainment featuring a world-class tribute to the music and legacy of Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix.

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Colin James TRIO



Wednesday, November 19 | 7:30 PM

Colin James Trio

Tickets: \$55.37 + fees & taxes = \$69.39

With 21 studio albums, 8 Juno Awards, 31 Maple Blues Awards and multi-platinum record sales, Colin James remains at the top of his game, continuing to challenge himself musically.

His current release, *Chasing the Sun*, finds the blues-rock singer-songwriter's electrifying new album featuring the kind of towering musical guests typically found on the other side of velvet ropes. Co-produced by Colin Linden, guest artists include Americana icon Lucinda Williams, bassist Darryl Jones and drummer Charley Drayton (who have backed Miles Davis and The Rolling Stones) plus American harmonica ace Charlie Musselwhite and gospel greats Ann and Regina McCrary.

For over 35 years, Colin has been a consummate professional, a superb guitarist, and a musician's musician. The confidence that comes with maturity can be heard in his voice and seen in his electrifying stage performance. He does what comes naturally – he always has – he knows no other way and no other life. Recently celebrating his 60th birthday, he still finds joy in making music and touring and loves what he does.

We are excited to welcome Colin James to the deCoste Centre stage for what is sure to be a memorable night of music with one of Canada's best blues-rock musicians!

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Derek Seguin

Tickets: \$42.75 (incl. taxes) + fees = \$48.25

Members: \$39.90 (incl. taxes) + fees = \$45.40

Derek Seguin is one of Canada's most celebrated comedians, known for his sharp wit, infectious charm, and undeniable stage presence. Based in Montreal, he's a *Just For Laughs* veteran with 11 appearances, hailed by GQ as a show-stealer and "Montreal's pride and joy." He's a fan favourite on CBC's *The Debaters* with over 40 appearances and the winner of SiriusXM's *Canada's Top Comic*, beating out talent from coast to coast. His Juno-nominated album *PanDerek - 1st Wave* marks another milestone in a career full of laughs.

Whether performing in English or French, clean or edgy, Derek brings his signature blend of storytelling and wonder to every audience—from clubs to conferences. Described as "brilliant" by *The Montreal Gazette*, he's more than a comic—he's an experience. Actor, voice artist, and proud father of three, Derek Seguin is simply one of the most in-demand performers in the country. You'll love him. Everyone does.

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Tuesday, December 2 | 7:30 PM

The Rowdymen

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:
\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

For this holiday-themed show, Gerry Finn, Greg Hawco, and George Masswohl—bring the heart and soul of Newfoundland and Labrador to the stage with powerful vocals, rich harmonies, and masterful musicianship. This dynamic trio blends traditional East Coast sound with decades of experience across stage, screen, and international tours.

Between them, they've performed in the global hit ***Come From Away***, earned gold and Platinum records, composed for acclaimed TV series like *Republic of Doyle* and *Caught*, and played with major acts like Burton Cummings and David Usher. Their talents span classical, rock, and folk, with performances at the top festivals, regional theatres, and with orchestras around the world.

Rooted in Newfoundland's culture but reaching far beyond, The Rowdymen offer a musical journey that's as authentic as it is electrifying. Whether you're from the Rock or just love a good tune, their show is sure to move you.

Thursday, December 4 | 7:30 PM

A Gunning & Cormier Christmas

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:
\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

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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Sunday, December 7 | 2 PM

Men of the Deeps

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For nearly 60 years, Cape Breton's Men of the Deeps have travelled the globe as Canadian ambassadors, singing, dancing, and storytelling their way into hearts and minds. A choir of retired coal miners, they preserve and celebrate a unique way of life, sharing the songs and stories they've lived through first-hand. This holiday season, the men are back with your favourite re-imagined classics, brand-new originals from their December Coal Christmas album, and stories that'll land somewhere in between your heart and your funny bone. Special guest vocalist and recording artist Jenn Sheppard joins the jolly miners on stage, along with her sharp-witted alter ego, Ellsa, who brings just the right touch of cranky Christmas chaos. Come for the music. Stay for the stories. It's not just a concert, it's a connection.

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Monday, December 8 | 7:30 PM

Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:

\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Join Jill Barber and her jingly jangly jazz quartet as they take you on a nostalgic musical sleigh ride through decades of beloved Christmas standards. You'll enjoy hot cocoa classics like 'I'll be Home for Christmas' and 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer', seasonal favourites like 'You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch', and heartfelt originals composed by Barber herself. Expect laughter and tears, and a cup of good cheer, as Jill shares her best Christmas stories and interacts merrily with her audience, reminiscent of Stuart McLean's *The Vinyl Café Christmas Tour*. A contemporary cross between Judy Garland and Bing Crosby, a *Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas* is the perfect gift for family and friends, both young and old. Don your favourite Christmas sweater or dress up in holiday glam, and let's ring in the season in style!



Wednesday, December 10 | 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 11 | 7:30 PM

Christmas in Cape Breton

Tickets: \$45 + fees & taxes = \$57.57

Back by popular demand, *Christmas in Cape Breton* returns with a brand-new show packed with music, laughs, and holiday spirit!

After last year's sold-out tour of Nova Scotia and PEI, this year's production promises even more hilarity and heart. Starring comedy legend Bette MacDonald—hailed by Rick Mercer as “the funniest woman on earth”—and longtime collaborator Maynard Morrison, the show also features Celtic powerhouses Mac Morin and Wendy MacIsaac (of Beolach fame), alongside fan favourite Jordan Muscyn.

Together, this all-star cast delivers side-splitting comedy and world-class musicianship, bringing to life beloved Cape Breton characters like Mary Morrison, Beulah Claxton, Martin MacKinnon, and Wayne Tomko. Whether it's sharp satire or toe-tapping tunes, *Christmas in Cape Breton* is pure holiday magic—with laughs so hard, they just might hurt!

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Friday, December 12 | 7:30 PM

The Once

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students:
\$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Newfoundland indie folk trio The Once blend folk, bluegrass, country, Americana, and indie rock into a soulful sound deeply rooted in their home province. Geraldine Hollett, Andrew Dale, and Phil Churchill are known for their soothing vocal harmonies and acoustically rich performances that connect with listeners on a heartfelt level.

They've earned multiple Canadian Folk Music Awards, ECMA honours, and two JUNO nominations for Roots Album of the Year. Their 2024 release, *Out Here*, continues to push musical boundaries while celebrating their Newfoundland heritage. The album's songs explore themes of loss and hope, offering a warm, comforting light in uncertain times.

The Once is coming to town with a magical Christmas show full of warmth, soul, and festive cheer. Get ready to be swept away by their enchanting voices and heartfelt holiday melodies—an unforgettable celebration for the season!



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Tuesday, December 16 | 7:30 PM

The Irish Descendants Christmas

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Members & Students:
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With foot-stomping energy and rich East Coast tradition, The Irish Descendants helped launch Newfoundland's folk music onto the national stage in the early 1990s. Sharing the spotlight with icons like Great Big Sea, they brought timeless tunes to life with their signature Irish flair, winning over audiences coast to coast.

Beloved for their authenticity, spirit, and unforgettable live performances, the band became a household name—so much so that they were chosen as the official band for Newfoundland and Labrador's 500th-anniversary celebrations, performing in honour of Her Majesty the Queen. That moment marked a turning point, cementing their legacy as cultural ambassadors and fan favourites.

Celebrate the season with The Irish Descendants as they fill the stage with holiday cheer, timeless tunes, and the heartfelt charm of a Newfoundland Christmas.

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The Nutcracker

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Port City Ballet Company is proud to make its professional debut at The deCoste Centre with a magical production of *The Nutcracker*.

Nova Scotia's first professional ballet company, Port City Ballet was founded by Westville native and former deCoste bursary recipient Nova Johnstone. Now a professional dancer, Nova returns to her roots to share the beauty of classical ballet with the community that helped launch her career.

This enchanting production of *The Nutcracker* features professional artists from Nova Scotia and beyond, including former principal dancers from international companies. They'll be joined by rising stars from The School of Port City Ballet's Pre-Professional Program and local talent from Pictou County.

Audiences will be swept into a world of sparkling costumes, dancing snowflakes, and magical storytelling in this holiday favourite, perfect for the entire family.

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Students interested in learning dance are encouraged to join us Saturday, December 20th for a day of Nutcracker-themed workshops!

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- **11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Preparatory Ballet Workshop.** A reading of the story *The Nutcracker*. Learn some of the choreography, get photos. AGES 7-10
- **12:30 PM-1:30 PM - Ballet Essentials Workshop.** Work on ballet technique from a standpoint of what really helps with your training. AGES 10+ must already have dance experience.
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