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## Executive Director's Message

We are happy, proud, and pumped to be kicking off 2025 in our brand new facility! After a decade of planning, fundraising, and building, we see it was worth the work and the wait. Thanks to the hundreds of donors and all levels of government for supporting this enormous project. It takes a village... We are deeply appreciative to our patrons for joining us while we went 'On the Road' and 'On the Waterfront' during construction.

The new Culture Hub offers immediate benefits to patrons and rental clients. It also offers staff opportunities to develop new events and programs. For the long-term, it inspires us to embrace the challenge of making the arts more inclusive and accessible to all in the community. This is an ambitious vision and more a journey than a destination. The refreshed facility has many enhanced accessibility features. We are very excited to be launching new hearing assist technologies in the library, theatre and meeting spaces. Keep an eye out for details and ask staff for more information.

The phones are ringing with lots of great events and shows coming together. In these challenging times in global affairs, let's embrace culture and community and gather at the deCoste, like we always have. With busy schedules at the theatre, library and Creative Pictou County's studio/workshop space, there is a lot to experience here at the culture hub.

See you soon at a show.

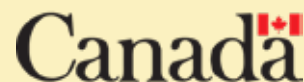
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## Thank you to our Sponsors!



It takes strong support from the government, the corporate sector, community organizations, and individuals to stage an amazing year of programming. We are excited about new projects we're developing or launching, shows we want to present and audiences we want to reach. We'd love to discuss the mutual benefits of corporate sponsorship helping us achieve our goals while providing an opportunity for your business to reach our over 20,000 patrons attending shows and walking through our buildings each year. Please contact our Outreach & Fund Development Manager, Jennifer MacLennan at [jennifer@decostecentre.ca](mailto:jennifer@decostecentre.ca) to begin the conversation.

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The deCoste believes that the arts are an integral part of our lives, and that everyone has the right to access and experience the magical world of the performing arts.

## Arts for All – A Facility for All

During our latest expansion and upgrades, creating a barrier-free environment was a priority. Our new facility now features external and internal ramps, mechanical lifts, barrier-free washrooms, more accessible parking, a drop-off point, and an enhanced hearing-assist system.

In addition to facility improvements, we continue our Arts for All vision. We know that attending an event or show at a theatre is an experience not everyone feels is accessible, and we are working to change that. Partnering with community groups, we identify and reduce barriers—physical (vision, mobility, hearing), social, or economic—to create a welcoming space for all.

We encourage community organizations to contact us about accessibility needs. Together, we design programs to address them. Examples include:

- Partnering with Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library to loan passes for select shows.
- Welcoming Highland Community Residential Services staff and residents to performances.
- Offering hearing system guidance, lift assistance, or accessibility tours upon request.

True accessibility is a journey, not a destination. We value feedback and will continue improving our facility.

To discuss partnerships, contact Jennifer MacLennan at [jennifer@decostecentre.ca](mailto:jennifer@decostecentre.ca) or 902-485-8848.



### See Art – Feel Art – Hear Art

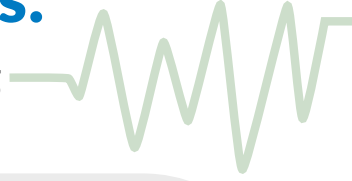
In Canada, 40% of people over 40 experience some degree of hearing loss. Our new facility includes assistive technology at the circulation desk, in the theatre, and a portable system for use anywhere in the culture hub. In the theatre, audio from the PA system is transmitted directly to your hearing aid or a receiver with headphones. Portable receivers are free but limited, so we recommend booking in advance when purchasing tickets or through the box office. Learn more at [decostecentre.ca](http://decostecentre.ca) or contact Katie Gunn at 902-485-8848 ext. 1.

Special thanks to the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library, the Town of Pictou, The Municipality of Pictou County, and our donors and funders for making this technology available.



# The Pictou Cultural Hub & Accessible Hearing Solutions:

A Partnership to Reduce Barriers for People Living with Hearing Loss in the Community



In the heart of a picturesque Pictou, Nova Scotia, a groundbreaking cultural hub has opened its doors, blending the best of performance arts and literary treasures. The hub includes the deCoste Performance Arts Centre and the Murray Family Public Library. This state-of-the-art facility is not just a celebration of culture but also a shining example of inclusivity, thanks to its innovative approach to accessibility. Designed to serve as a community anchor, this facility provides residents and visitors a space to gather, learn, and be inspired.

What sets this cultural hub apart is its unwavering commitment to accessibility. Recognizing the barriers faced by individuals who are hard of hearing, the municipality partnered with **Accessible Hearing Solutions**, a technological partner with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association and the leading provider of assistive listening technologies in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Hearing loop systems were installed throughout the facility. Also known as induction loops, they use electromagnetic signals to transmit sound directly to hearing aids and cochlear implants equipped with telecoils. This technology dramatically improves sound clarity by reducing background noise, making it easier for individuals to engage fully with performances, presentations, and conversations.



In the library, counter hearing loops were installed at the information desks. Phonak sound field systems are now available for meeting rooms and community events, improving the sound experience through the use of microphones, speakers, and assistive listeners with hearing loop technology or headphones for those who need help but do not wear hearing aids. In the theatre, a Phonak DM/FM system was added to the theatre's sound system, allowing patrons who are hard of hearing to enjoy plays, concerts, and lectures by directly connecting their hearing aids and cochlear implants to the sound system. This can be done either through the use of an assistive listener with headphones or telecoils, or directly without an assistive listener if they have hearing devices that are Phonak Roger X (02) compatible.





“When we started on this journey towards broader accessibility, we had a lot to learn. We thought first of visible physical disabilities amongst our patrons. Our first projects involved lifts and ramps. The need for hearing assist technologies is massive, in all public facilities, not just cultural. Our average patron is 50+ and many have hearing challenges. There isn’t another area of accessibility improvement we could embrace that will impact more of our patrons. Janine and her team facilitated our project in so many ways, from needs assessment to education to securing funding to installation. Now that the technology is in place, she and the team will help us introduce it to our community.

The collaboration with Accessible Hearing Solutions was instrumental in bringing this vision to life. The company provided not only the technology but also comprehensive training for staff, ensuring they can assist patrons in making the most of the hearing loops and assistive listening technology. This partnership underscores the Pictou Cultural Hub’s broader mission to break down barriers and create a truly inclusive space for everyone.” — Troy Greencorn, deCoste Performing Arts Centre

As the Pictou Cultural Hub begins its journey, it sets a powerful example for other municipalities. By combining the richness of culture with the principles of accessibility, it demonstrates that progress and inclusivity can go hand in hand. This innovative facility is not just a testament to the transformative power of the arts and literature but also a reminder that true community thrives when everyone has the opportunity to participate fully.

For more information about how you can improve accessibility for people living with hearing loss in your community or municipality in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, contact Accessible Hearing Solutions at [info@accessyourhearing.com](mailto:info@accessyourhearing.com) or check out our website at [www.accessyourhearing.com](http://www.accessyourhearing.com).

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In addition to our new building and seating, we have a bold new vision with our *Arts for All* program, as outlined previously. We will continue to grow by working with local partners to broaden access to arts experiences in our community. To do this, we need your help. We have reached the 65% mark in this impactful "Please Be Seated" fundraiser. Please consider becoming a member of the donor team by offering support through one of the following three investment options:

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Recognition will include listing on digital screens and acknowledgement in a future program book. You decide what option best suits your interests! We encourage individuals, organizations and companies to consider multiple seats.

To learn more about our **Please be Seated** campaign, contact Jennifer MacLennan (902) 485-8848 or by email [jennifer@decostecentre.ca](mailto:jennifer@decostecentre.ca).

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## A One-Stop Location for Your Celebrations & Events

The deCoste Performing Arts Centre is an ideal location to host those important events in your life and we welcome the opportunity to discuss your rental requirements.

**Highlights:** An ideal venue for all.

**Occasions:** Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, celebrations of life, banquets, corporate parties, conferences, and more.

**Centrally Located:** Situated in the charming town of Pictou, N.S., it's easily accessible for your guests, especially if they're coming from other parts of N.S. or the Maritimes.

**Spacious and Newly Renovated:** We can set up for all types of events, from dining configurations capable of accommodating up to 220, to standing room, presentation or theatre-style lectures of up to 400.



**Flexible Space:** We can accommodate large and small groups in the large amphitheatre, Murray Room foyer and other versatile community room areas.

**Cozy Atmosphere:** A warm ambiance can be created inside the amphitheatre and foyer with lighting and the numerous artworks throughout the building make it an inviting spot for your event.

**Advanced Technical Facilities:** Equipped for bands, DJs, audio/video needs, lighting, and projections, perfect for slideshows and presentations.

**Licensed Bars:** Two licensed bars available during events for your guests' enjoyment.

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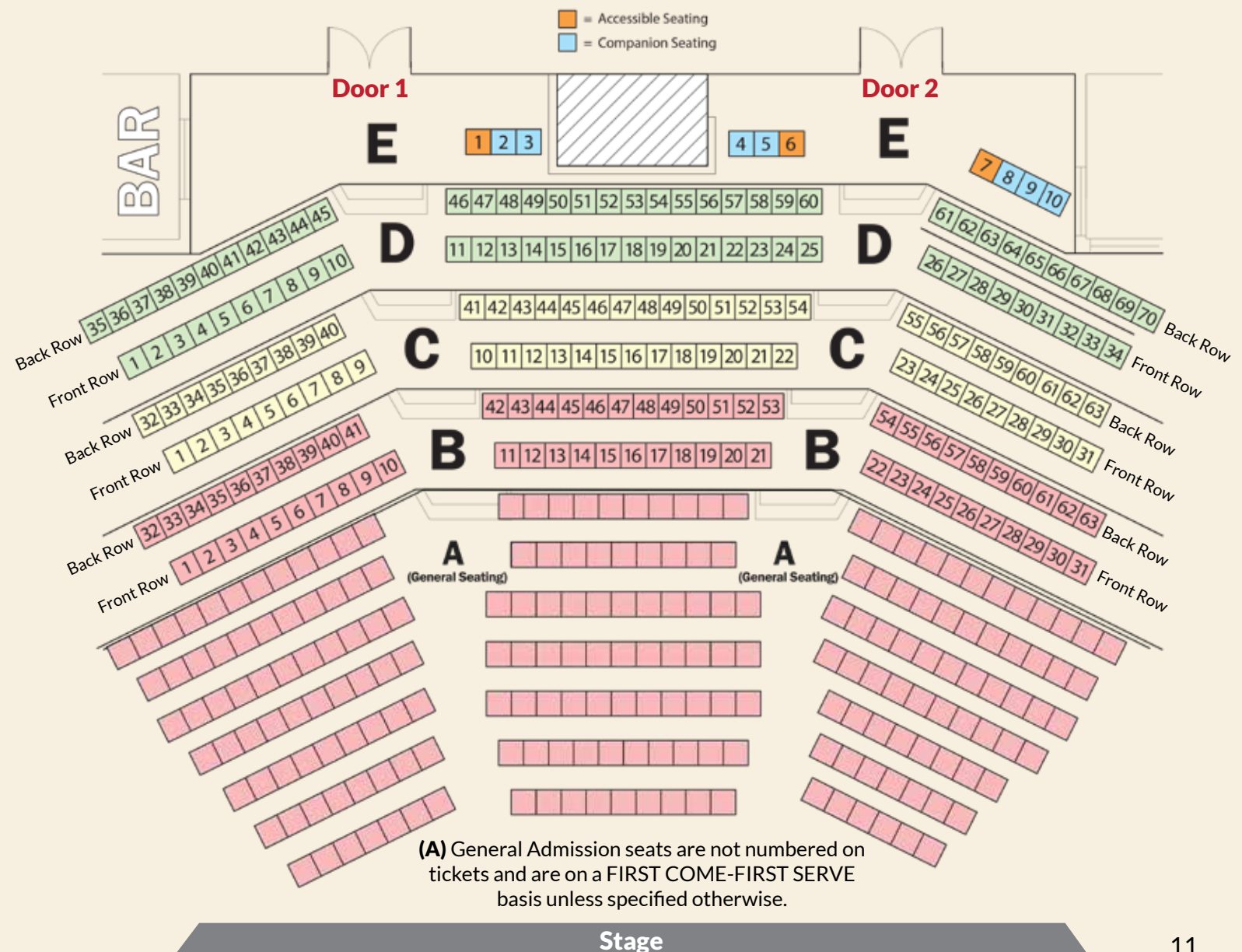
**ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Contact box office staff to inquire about accessible seating, reserving specialized equipment for hearing impairments, or for additional assistance for clients experiencing visual impairments or social anxiety that may be accommodated. Large groups are encouraged to book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

**REFUNDS| EXCHANGES| CREDITS:** Refunds won’t be made once the ticket is purchased unless a show sells out and the ticket can be resold.

**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.

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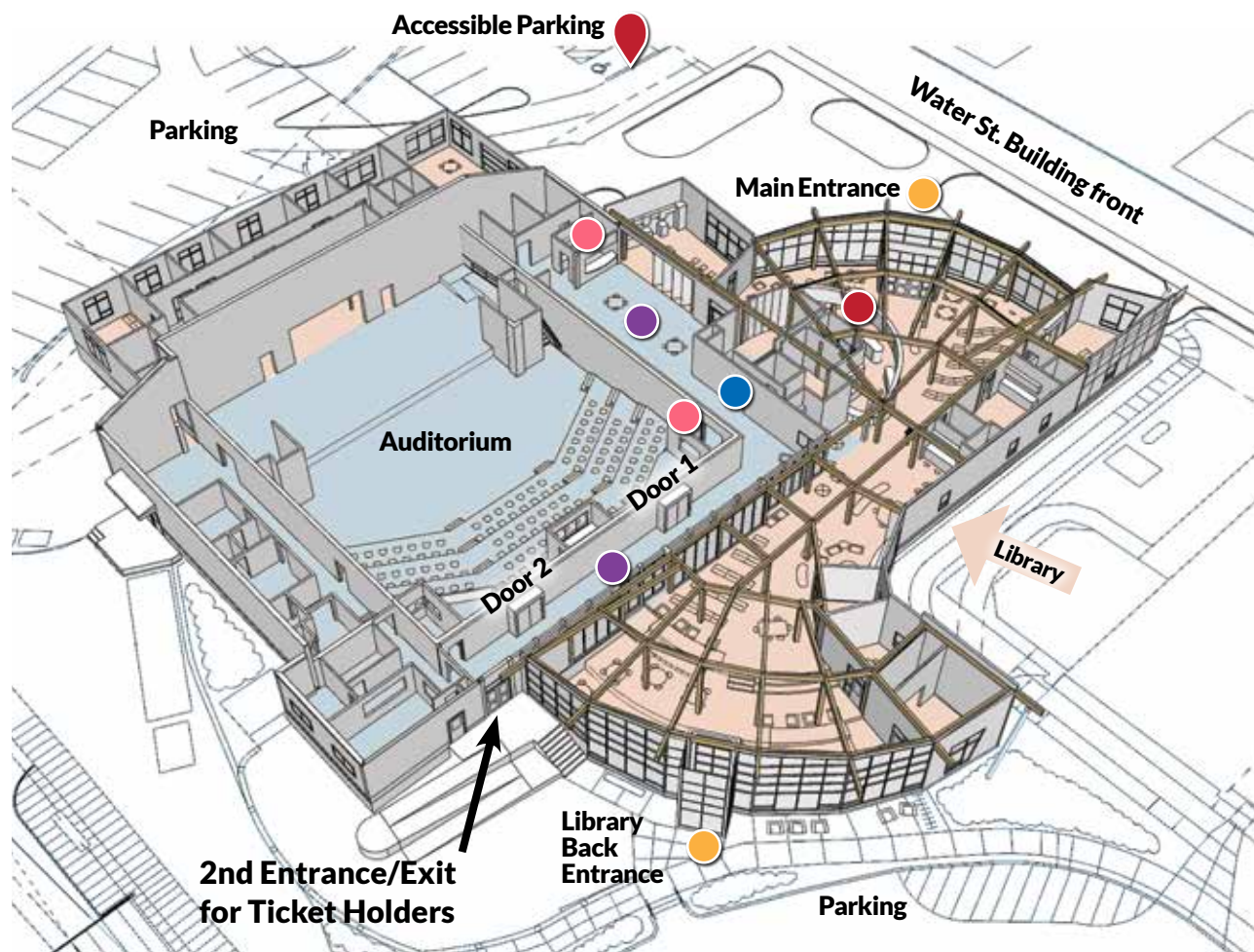
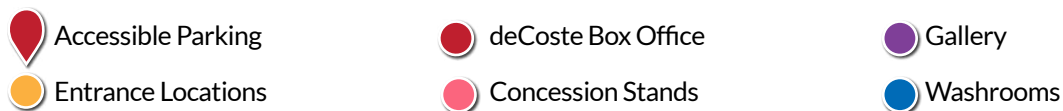
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## WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR VENUE.

### What To Expect Upon Arrival

While experiencing live entertainment is very exciting, coming to a new and unfamiliar place can be a little bit daunting. We hope this diagram will help you find your way around.



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

- Arrive early enough to get a good parking spot, or if you have General Admission tickets, to get a good seat.
- Our box office doors and auditorium doors open an hour and a 1/2 hour, respectively, before show time.
- Use the main entrance to pick up tickets at the box office.
- Use either entrance if you already have tickets. TIP: The one at the top of the stairs is closest to the auditorium.
- Washrooms are located in the hall across from the auditorium bar. Ladies - go left | Gents - go right | Gender-neutral - go straight ahead.
- The concession stand opens an hour before shows and during intermissions. Items can be brought into the auditorium for your enjoyment (please dispose of garbage at the end of the event).





FEATURING

## Steven Lee Olsen with JoJo Mason

**Tuesday, February 25 | 7:30 PM | Tickets: \$40 + fees & taxes = \$52.33**

With over 80 million global streams, Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Steven Lee Olsen's path to international success has been an admirable journey. Olsen broke into the upper echelons of Nashville's songwriter community with accolades that include two #1 hits in the US and a Grammy-nominated, double-platinum certified song "Blue Ain't Your Color", performed by Keith Urban, and "More Girls Like You" performed by Kip Moore. In 2019 he made his Grand Ole Opry debut.

JoJo Mason has been on a continued mission to find his unique voice and connect with fans through his music. With an incredible six Top 10 tracks, he has earned a CRIA Gold certification for his single "Better On You" and accumulated over 50 million career streams to date.

## The Irish Rovers ~ 60 Years A~Roving ~ Fan Favourites

**Thursday, February 27 | 7:30 PM | Tickets: \$54.50 + fees & taxes = \$69.00**

The legendary Irish Rovers are returning to Pictou! They recently hit Spotify's VIRAL TOP 50 in both the US and the UK/ Ireland and recorded the album, *No End In Sight*.

These Kings of Celtic have been honoured as one of Ireland's greatest exports by the EPIC Ireland Museum in Dublin and their hometown of Ballymena.

Fans should fasten their seat belts for a rollicking night of hits, new material, and hilarious stories from their years on the road.





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# RUM RAGGED

**Sunday, March 2 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$50.03

Members 2 for 1: \$19 + fees & taxes = \$28.18 | Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.58

JUNO Award Nominees Rum Ragged take a bold approach to the distinct folk music of Newfoundland. With a reverence for their roots and a creative, contemporary edge, this young band has quickly become known internationally. Boasting bouzouki, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, guitar, and button accordion, these new champions of East Coast music enliven and enlighten audiences with their signature brand of Newfoundland folk. Always honest, thought-provoking, and often humorous, it's Rum Ragged's live show that makes them a fast favourite with any audience. Rum Ragged has maintained a rigorous tour schedule, performing at some of the world's premier folk, Celtic and roots venues and festivals. They are the genuine article.

# AYSANABEE

**Monday, March 3 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$36.80 + fees & taxes = \$48.65

Join two-time JUNO Award-winning Oji-Cree artist Aysanabee (Ace-in-abbey) on his first-ever Canadian headlining tour, *Now & Then*. After several support tours, it is time for Aysanabee to take center stage and share his powerful music and engaging storytelling.

Originally from the Sucker Clan of Sandy Lake First Nation, a remote fly-in community in Northwestern Ontario, he now calls Toronto home. He has performed over 300 shows across Canada and globally.

In March 2024, Aysanabee made history as the first Indigenous artist to win JUNO Awards in the Alternative Album of the Year and the coveted Songwriter of the Year categories. His debut album, named after his grandfather, was shortlisted for the 2023 Polaris Music Prize.

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# OH WHAT A NIGHT!

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO  
**FRANKIE VALLI &  
THE FOUR SEASONS**



**Thursday, March 6 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$55 + fees & taxes = \$69.58

OH WHAT A NIGHT! is a blockbuster musical revue that continues to thrill audiences around the world.

“Sherry”, “Big Girls Don’t Cry”, “Walk Like A Man”, “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You”, “My Eyes Adored You”, “Working My Way Back To You”, “Let’s Hang On”,

and “Who Loves You” are just some of the many hits you’ll enjoy from the dynamic songbook of those boys from Jersey, FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS. Between the score of recognizable tunes, and non-stop dancing OH WHAT A NIGHT! also delivers informative and often hilarious banter between the high-spirited cast!

OH WHAT A NIGHT! is more than just a concert. It’s a flashy all-around feel-good experience that leaves audiences on their feet beggin’ for more.

## THE FABULOUSLY RICH

# Tragically Hip TRIBUTE

**Saturday, March 8 | 7:30 PM** | Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$50.03

Members & Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.58

In 2016, The Fabulously Rich came together as friends to honour musical icon and friend Gord Downie with a tribute concert following his cancer diagnosis. That one-time event sparked a journey that has led them to become one of the most sought-after tribute bands on the East Coast. They take pride in contributing to the legacy of The Tragically Hip and in delivering heartfelt performances that resonate with fans, fostering the spiritual connection shared with their music.

Fronted by PEI’s multi-award-winner Dennis Ellsworth, Fabulously Rich features an ace band dedicated to these legendary songs. If you are a Hip fan, this is a show you shouldn’t miss.





## Sunday, March 9 | 1:00 PM

Reserved Seating Levels B/C/D/E

\$39.00 + HST (\$5.85) = \$44.85 + fees = \$50.30

General Admission Floor Seating

\$49.00 + HST (\$7.35) = \$56.35 + fees = \$61.85

\*VIP Package – Seating in Front 3 Rows

\$79.00 + HST (\$11.85) = \$90.85 + fees = \$96.35

The Mini Pop Kids Live are bringing the CELEBRATIONS across Canada with their brand-new, 20th Anniversary Celebration Tour! This jam-packed concert features songs by Taylor Swift, Chappell Roan, Sabrina Carpenter, Harry Styles, and even includes some favourite throwbacks that EVERYONE will love. This isn't just a show, it's an experience that the whole family will enjoy. Don't miss your chance to sing, dance, and pop with Canada's best-selling music group for kids! It's a show for kids by kids...and adults too!

*\*VIP Package: Includes seats closest to the stage, a meet and greet with the artists, an autographed photo of the artists, and your picture with the cast.*

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## Therrien-Go Duo

Wednesday, March 12 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.58 | **Students FREE**

The Therrien-Go Duo, featuring cellist Daniel Hamin Go and pianist Jean-Luc Therrien, is a musical partnership born from the prestigious Rebanks Family Fellowship at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Their mission? To preserve the legacy of classical music while inspiring new generations of artists and audiences.

Daniel, described as “authoritative, poised, and dripping with élan,” has graced renowned stages like Carnegie Hall and Berlin’s Konzerthaus, collaborating with luminaries such as Steven Isserlis and Fazil Say. Playing a 1690 Francesco Rugeri cello, his artistry is steeped in tradition yet alive with passion.

Jean-Luc, a CBC Music “30 under 30” artist, brings a dynamic flair to the piano. A prizewinner in international competitions, he has dazzled audiences across Europe and Canada with both solo and collaborative performances.



# HELP! BEATLES

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**Thursday, March 13 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$46.58 | Members & Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$43.50

HELP! is the definitive Beatles live experience and one of the most popular Beatles tribute acts in Canada. Founded in 1999, the group has performed more than 850 shows on multiple continents. Their repertoire attracts an audience from multiple generations of Beatles fans, most of whom know the songs and the lyrics and sing-along throughout the show.

The fab four members of HELP! pay close attention to detail: the tone of the voices, stunning three-part harmonies, the exact guitar, drum, keyboard and left-handed bass parts, the custom-tailored grey and black suits, the Sgt-Pepper and Abbey Road outfits, the hair, the instruments - It has to look and sound as Beatle-like as possible.

The HELP! show is guaranteed to ensure everyone in the audience has a fantastic time.

## St. Paddy's Day

**with Evans & Doherty**

**Monday, March 17 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$50.03

Members & Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.58

Join us for a lively St. Paddy's celebration featuring Evans & Doherty. No strangers to the deCoste and Pictou, the dynamic duo has been entertaining together for four decades. Their extraordinary talents as musicians and vocalists are complimented by their razor-sharp wit and hilarious between-song banter. Yes, it is a Monday, but it is St. Paddy's Day! Do you know how hard we had to work to get these guys to Pictou and away from Old Triangle establishments?

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### Grammy Awards

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### Olivier Awards

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**Thursday, March 27 | 7:30 PM**

**Friday, March 28 | 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, March 29 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$39.50

(including taxes) + fees = \$45.00

Regarded by many as the finest musical ever created, *Gypsy* is the ultimate tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success – while secretly yearning for her own. This Rotary Club of Pictou show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humour, heart, and sophistication.

The celebrated score boasts one glorious hit after another, including “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” “Let Me Entertain You,” “Some People,” and “Together Wherever We Go.”

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# Derek Edwards ~ Oxy Moron

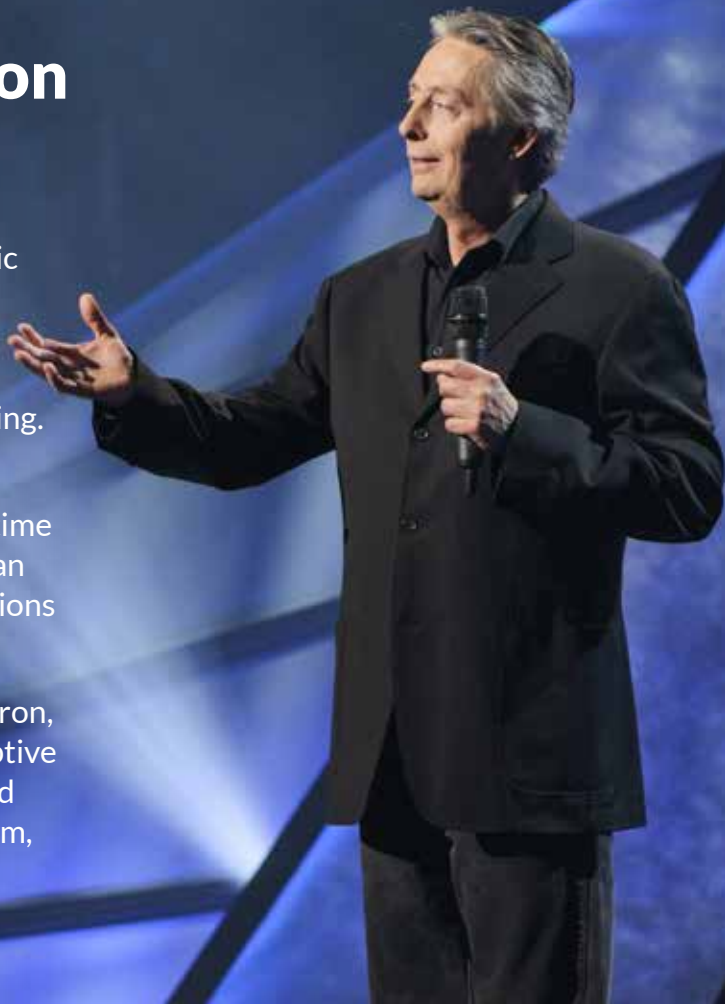
Wednesday, April 2 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$62.68 (including taxes) + fees = \$68.18

Every few millennia, a comic emerges, born from the cosmic soup of fate and time, jostled by the gales of change onto the unpredictable shores of comedic brilliance. This is a man who embodies pluck and wit, lighthearted yet encumbered, and a naivete that somehow remains endearing.

From Vegas to St. John's, this Just For Laughs veteran is universally considered among the comic elite. He's a four-time nominee and winner of Best Standup Comic at the Canadian Comedy Awards, and has earned multiple Gemini nominations for Best Performance in a Comedy.

So come on out and join Derek for his latest show, Oxy Moron, as it makes its way across Canada. Expect a night of perceptive guesswork and charmingly misguided jabs from a cherished performer. Enjoy some hearty laughs, a sprinkling of wisdom, and the pleasure of mingling with fellow humans. It's a triple win!



# ABBA REVISITED

Friday, April 4 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$50.03

Members & Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$46.58

ABBA Revisited is North America's #1 tribute to ABBA and its members have been dazzling audiences across the globe since 2001.

ABBA REVISITED recreates the magic of ABBA with authentic costumes, spectacular harmonies, and note-perfect musicianship, taking their audience on a musical journey back in time. From Vegas to Bermuda, Mexico to Dubai and Guatemala, ABBA REVISITED recreated the show-stopping look and sound that ABBA fans around the world can't resist!





# The GRAND TOUR

TIMELESS COUNTRY CLASSICS

**Friday, April 11 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$34.50 (including taxes) + fees = \$40.00

STEP RIGHT UP.....

After selling out six consecutive shows on PEI, The Grand Tour is going on the road!

“THE GRAND TOUR” is a timeless journey through classic country music! Join us for electrifying performances of hits from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s.

Experience the soulful voices of George Jones, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Jim Reeves, Charley Pride, and much more, brought to life with fresh energy and passion. These talented musicians will have you remembering the days when you would sing along to the radio or sit at the Grand Ole Opry! Don’t miss this nostalgic celebration of country music’s rich heritage!



**Thursday, April 24 | 7:30 PM |** Tickets: \$44.50 (including taxes) + fees= \$50.00

SWAMP is a Canadian band doing a tribute to the legendary 60’s-70’s band Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR). Founded in July 2005, SWAMP succeeds in reproducing the unique and sublime sound of CCR with hits like “Susie Q”, “Proud Mary”, and “Bad Moon Rising”.

SWAMP has a vintage tone, a gentle touch of modern while keeping the songs close enough to the original classics by carefully recreating the tight-but-loose spirit of Creedence. SWAMP are not mimicking the original band’s appearance. They believe the sound is more important than the look.

They are entering their 20th year of celebrating and sharing CCR’s music with passion and energy.

# ENNIS

SISTERS

Friday, April 25 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$30 + fees & taxes = \$40.83

Members & Students: \$27 + fees & taxes = \$37.38

The Ennis Sisters, a JUNO award-winning trio from St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, have captivated audiences worldwide for over 25 years with their seamless harmonies and compelling songwriting. Rooted in Celtic and traditional Newfoundland influences, their music blends original songs with uniquely interpreted ballads.

Since their debut album *Red is the Rose* in 1997, Maureen, Karen, and Teresa Ennis have released 14 studio albums and earned numerous accolades, including a JUNO Award, a SOCAN Award, and multiple ECMAs and MusicNL awards. Their songs, often reflecting the resilience and warmth of Newfoundland's spirit, resonate deeply with listeners.

As proud cultural ambassadors, they continue to enchant audiences, proving that the melodies of Newfoundland & Labrador hold timeless, universal appeal—a testament to the enduring power of family, tradition, and music.



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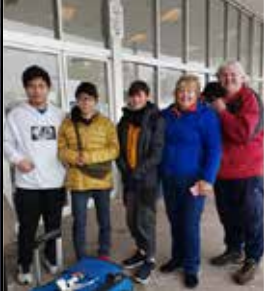
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# Classic Troubadours Live: The Songs of James, Joni, Jackson & Carole

Friday, May 2 | 7:30 PM | Tickets: \$42.50 (including taxes) + fees = \$48.00



The Songs of James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne & Carole King...all in one unforgettable night! Award-winning Hamilton Ontario singer-songwriter Jacob Moon brings you a dynamic 5-piece ensemble of incredible singers and musicians paying homage to some of the most influential artists of our lifetime. You'll hear nonstop hits like "Fire and Rain," "Running on Empty," "Big Yellow Taxi," "You've Got a Friend," and more! Kids, bring your parents! Parents, show your kids the soundtrack of our lives.

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## Apollo Vol. 2 ~ Kasador

featuring Andre Pettipas & The Giants and Fairgale

Saturday, May 3 | 7:30 PM | Tickets: \$39.50 (including taxes) + fees = \$45.00

### KASADOR



Apollo Sessions Vol. 2 brings together top talent from across Canada for a night of electrifying live music.

Ontario's Kasador channels raw emotion and punkish energy into their guitar-driven sound, exploring youth, memory, and resilience. Known for sharing stages with Arkells, Sam Roberts Band, and The Glorious Sons, their new album *Youth* showcases a vibrant, heartfelt journey.

### ANDRE PETTIPAS & THE GIANTS



Nova Scotia's Andre Pettipas & The Giants deliver high-octane performances, blending southern rock, prog, and pop with fearless creativity and fun.

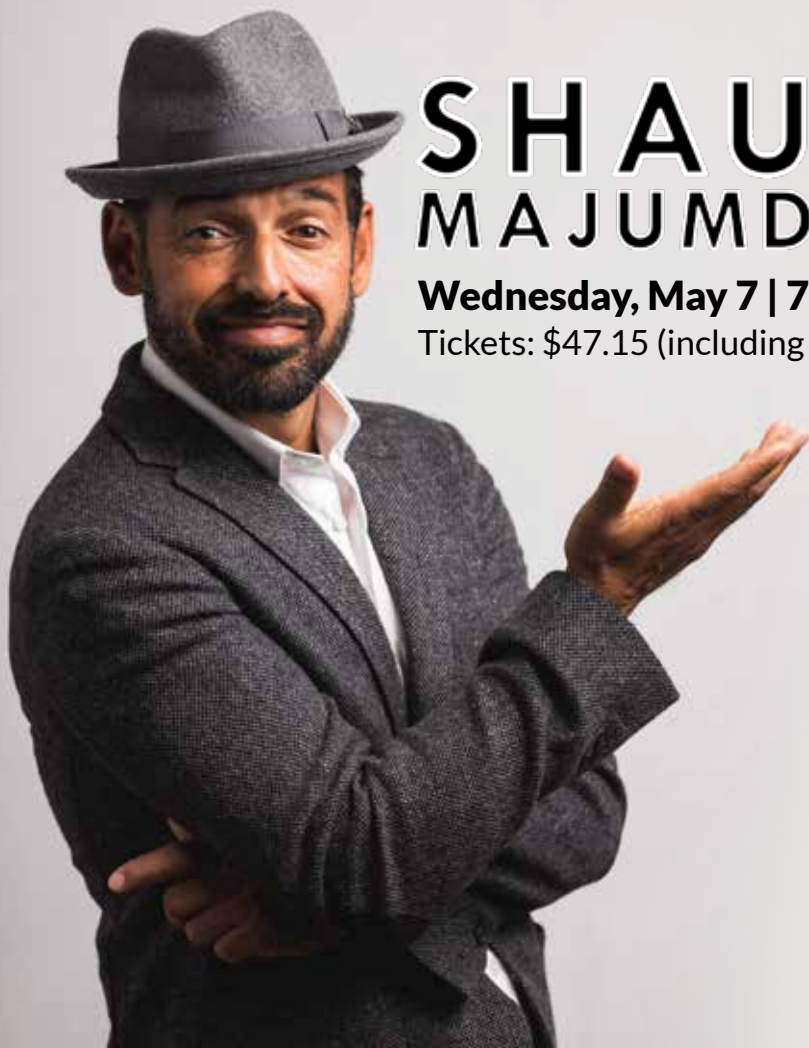
### FAIRGALE



Newfoundland's Fairgale captivates with its genre-blending rock-pop sound, dynamic energy, and seamless vocal chemistry.

With surprises still to come, Apollo Sessions Vol. 2 promises an unforgettable musical experience that bridges provinces and celebrates Canada's diverse music scene.





# SHAUN MAJUMDER

*Cool Dad*

**Wednesday, May 7 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$47.15 (including taxes) + fees = \$52.65

Comedian Shaun Majumder is hitting the road to celebrate his brand-new comedy album, ***Cool Dad!*** Known for his explosive energy and razor-sharp wit, Shaun delivers an unpredictable night of laughs, blending fresh material with his greatest hits. From rural sex ed to America's wild ride to grappling with society's ever-shifting goalposts and the absurdities of modern life, no topic is off-limits.

This adult show will have you rolling with laughter and leave you feeling great. Get your tickets now for a comedy experience like no other!

Produced by Premiere Entertainment Group  
This show may contain adult content. Ages 16+

## Shania Twin Tribute

**Thursday, May 8 | 7:30 PM** | Tickets: \$38 + fees & taxes = \$46.58

Members & Students: \$35 + fees & taxes = \$43.50

"Shania Twin" is a spectacular look-a-like sound-a-like tribute show that is endorsed by Shania Twain, and performed by Canadian born Las Vegas entertainer Donna Huber. Shania Twain declared on live television, "She's the best tribute out there anywhere."

A powerful and super-entertaining concert that has thrilled & captivated audiences across North America and beyond. A truly authentic and accurate recreation of the music & mystique of this country music icon.

This show has entertained people all over the world! Including concerts in Dubai, China, Japan, Germany, England, and across North America. Also opening for renowned recording artists; The Dixie Chicks, Beverly Mahood, Chubby Checker, Jason McCoy, Paul Brandt, Trace Atkins, along with being the chosen artist in residence at Planet Hollywood for four consecutive years.

This concert experience is guaranteed to be a memorable and timeless evening for all ages. Enjoy all of Shania's biggest hits in one incredible show. Like Shania in the flesh. "Shania Twin" is a must-see show!

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# Susan Aglukark

Thursday, May 22 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$43 + fees & taxes = \$55.76

Members & Students: \$40 + fees & taxes = \$52.33

Susan Aglukark is a trailblazing Inuk singer-songwriter whose 25-year career has been a journey of reflection, discovery, and storytelling. Known for her groundbreaking hits "O Siem", "Hina Na Ho" (Celebration), and "Arctic Rose", Susan's music blends Inuit traditions with contemporary pop and folk influences, creating a unique and powerful voice for her culture.

As the first Inuk artist to win three Juno Awards and a Governor General's Performing Arts Award for lifetime achievement, Susan is also an Officer of the Order of Canada and holds multiple Honorary Doctorates. Born in Arviat, Nunavut, her work explores themes of resilience, cultural identity, and reconciliation, inspired by the strength of the Inuit people who have thrived in the Arctic for over 5,000 years.

Through her music and as founder of the Arctic Rose Foundation, Susan advocates for Indigenous youth, using art to foster healing, connection, and self-discovery. Don't miss this inspiring performance.



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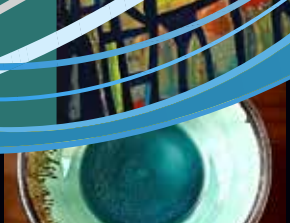
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# Kellie Loder

**MEMBERS 2 FOR 1****Thursday, June 5 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$30 + fees &amp; taxes = \$40.83

Members 2 for 1: \$15 + fees &amp; taxes = \$23.58

Students: \$27 + fees &amp; taxes = \$37.38

There's something captivating about Juno-nominated Kellie Loder, whose poignant lyrics and magical melodies inspire profound emotion in listeners. A dynamic performer, Loder moves audiences to tears and laughter, earning high praise from CBC's Q announcer Tom Power, who says, "If I were a betting man, I'd bet the house on Kellie Loder being the next big thing out of Newfoundland."

As the runner-up on Canada's Got Talent, Loder wowed judges and audiences alike with their mesmerizing performances. Their accolades include 2022 ECMA nominations for Songwriter of the Year and Fan's Choice Entertainer of the Year, the 2021 Ron Hynes Songwriter of the Year, and an ECMA Award for their groundbreaking song "Molded Like A Monster."

Loder's single "Fearless" became the soundtrack for CBC's Tokyo Olympics coverage and an IMAX trailer narrated by Chris Evans. Sharing stages with icons like Melissa Etheridge and Alan Doyle, Loder is poised to take the world by storm.



## THE ULTIMATE FLEETWOOD MAC RUMOURS TRIBUTE SHOW

**Tuesday, Jun 17 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$54.50 (including taxes) + fees = \$60.00

VaughnCo Entertainment is proud to present "Rumours" The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show based in Los Angeles, California. The group recreates the legendary band in its youthful heyday from 1975-1979.

After finding huge success in Los Angeles, selling out their regular Roxy Theatre performances month after month, the band moved from the world-famous Sunset Strip to casinos, theatres, and clubs all over Canada and the United States.

Rumours takes you back to a time when music was still an unbridled cultural experience, and bands weren't afraid to put on a show. Relive the rock and roll magic with "Rumours" The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show!

**Friday, June 20 | 7:30 PM**

Tickets: \$44.50 (including taxes) + fees = \$50.00

The Freddie & Queen Experience is an unforgettable tribute show. With Ian's impressive portrayal of Freddie Mercury, the performance promises to deliver Queen's iconic hits with authenticity and energy. The show's visual spectacle, audience interaction, and talented supporting band members all contribute to an immersive experience that's sure to delight fans of all ages. If you're a Queen enthusiast, you don't want to miss this show.



# Coming Up at the **HUB** Murray Family Public Library

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## Common Threads Fibre Club

**Tuesdays | 3pm - 5pm**

Join Jennifer Coveyduc for a friendly social gathering of fibre artists. Any skill level and all techniques welcome!

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### Part Two April 15 | 6 pm

Soil, water, pests, weeds.

### Part Three April 22 | 6 pm

Planting, caring for, and harvesting. *Seating is limited, and registration is required for the entire 3-part workshop series.*





## Books on the Breeze: Read by the Sea Library Series

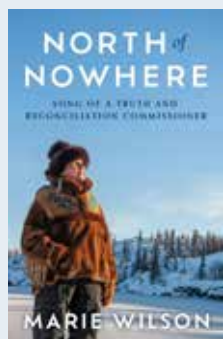
Thanks to the cooperation of Murray Family Public Library, the deCoste, and Creative Pictou County, Read by the Sea Literary Festival is welcoming back Nova Scotian authors to a smaller stage in celebration of the 25th year of the festival.



Special Events

Each month during this time, Read by the Sea will organize for a professional Nova Scotian author to visit PARL branches throughout Antigonish and Pictou Counties from January to June 2025 for a day of programming that includes a one-hour reading/in-conversation event, and a two-hour workshop on either the craft or the business of writing.

The schedule includes **Lorri Neilsen Glenn on February 22nd**, **Alexander MacLeod on March 22nd**, **Lesley Crewe on April 26th**, and **Lana Shupe on May 10th**. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/readbythesea> for the full schedule or email [rjreadbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:rjreadbythesea@gmail.com) with any questions.



### **North of Nowhere Book Tour | Thursday, May 22 | Time TBD**

Join us for an afternoon with Marie Wilson, former Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner and author of *North of Nowhere*, one of *The Hill Times* 100 Best Books of 2024. With powerful storytelling, Wilson shares her firsthand experiences witnessing survivor testimonies and reflects on the ongoing journey of reconciliation in Canada. Presented in partnership with Pictou United Church, Trinity United Church (New Glasgow), the deCoste Centre, and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, this event is an opportunity to engage with an essential conversation on truth, healing, and the future of reconciliation.

## Creative Pictou County



### **Ebb and Flow Exhibition | February 3 - March 15**

The first art exhibition of 2025 at the deCoste Culture Hub Gallery explores nature through photography, painting, and mixed media. Featuring works by Gaétane Martel, Ashley Farrell, Sean Benton, Jennifer Coveyduc, Rose Sangster, Benoît Paradis, and Darlene Dixon.

### **Colour Theory with Sean Benton | March 8 | 12pm - 3pm**

Cost: \$50 + tax | Register at [creativepictoucounty.com](http://creativepictoucounty.com)

Learn the fundamentals of colour mixing, observation, and painting techniques in this hands-on acrylic workshop. Experiment with greyscale, monochromatic, and full-colour applications to enhance your artistic skills.



### **Storytellers Across Generations Showcase**

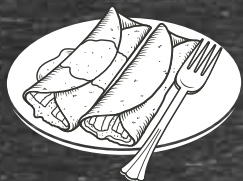
**May 10 | 1pm - 4pm**

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