



**VERNON & DISTRICT
PERFORMING
ARTS CENTRE
SOCIETY**

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Artistic Director's Report

Thanks to the steadfast support from Canadian Heritage the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society (VDPACS) was able to quickly adapt to the changing public health orders while delivering live and virtual performances to the community uninterrupted throughout 2021.

VDPACS supported twenty-four local artists with artist fees and individual audio/video recording sessions, resulting in our **FOCUS Online Series**. Each streaming broadcast included a variety of artists performing a 3-5 min pre-recorded segment taken from their recording session. These created six episodes ranging from 15-20-minute in length. Each episode broadcasted for four days, every two weeks beginning on January 21, 2021. VDPACS had so much great material we extended the series with an additional four episodes titled **FOCUS Online Series - The B Sides**.

This series provided a platform for many local established and emerging artists to connect with audiences and gain exposure. These recording sessions also created a professional quality performance video that the artists can use to further develop their careers. This project garnered more than 5,000 household views.

In 2020 VDPACS provided a technical residency for **Ballet Kelowna** to create **One With**. We had a fantastic online audience of 1,020 viewers over a three-day broadcast in February 2021.

VDPACS produced, recorded, and broadcast local retired dancer **Sean Ling Allen's** solo dance performance in **Aleatoric Solo No. 3**, which was originally performed when Sean was a dancer with **Peggy Baker Dance Projects**.

Highlights from the thirteen OnSTAGE Concerts performances included a new collaboration with the Okanagan Indian Band to create an event for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day, a live performance showcase featuring young emerging local artists and phenomenal performances from **Alex Cuba**, **Harry Manx** and the **Celeigh Cardinal Trio**.

We are grateful for the funding from Canadian Heritage that supported the Society's presenting activities. We also received valued financial support from the BC Touring Council. We appreciate our local sponsors, for their commitment to VDPACS, and for their valuable contributions to our Presenting series. In addition, we would not be able to deliver these activities to our community without the support of our partners at the Regional District of the North Okanagan.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kennedy
Artistic Director
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