



VERNON & DISTRICT  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTRE  
SOCIETY

2025  
2026

SEASON

A SEASON-LONG GUIDE  
TO THE BEST  
IN LIVE PERFORMANCE

*Signature*  
CONCERT SERIES

  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
presentation series

*Josephine*, Original Photo by: Lindsay Taylor



The Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre Society is a registered charitable organization devoted to fostering artists, their work, and live performance in all genres and for all ages.

The Society operates the VDPAC on behalf of the Regional District of the North Okanagan with the help of 30 hardworking staff members and 200 volunteers. Each year we present our SPOTLIGHT Season of diverse performances, complemented by more than 135 concerts, festivals, and events.

Our SPOTLIGHT Presentations and Signature Concerts are essential to the VDPAC's success. We select touring professional productions to entertain, enlighten, move and amuse. Altogether, they offer audiences of all ages many memorable theatre experiences.

We could not accomplish this without the support of area businesses, governments programs at all levels and most importantly, our audiences.

**SIGNATURE CONCERTS**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**ONSTAGE CONCERTS**

**DANCE**

**THEATRE**

**KIDS**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society respectfully acknowledges that we live, work and play in the northern part of the unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People and that many of their descendants of the Syilx/Suqnaquinx still live here.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back! To all our longtime patrons, subscribers, members and new audiences THIS is your season-long Guide to the North Okanagan's "Best in Live Performance." Keep it close! And dare to explore the many exciting and unforgettable, up-close & personal experiences coming your way this 2025-26 SPOTLIGHT & Signature Concerts season.

We are immensely proud and remain committed to bringing you a wildly diverse and thoroughly engaging program to make you laugh, (a lot of that!), make you sing, make you ponder, perhaps; to make you wonder and gasp, but guaranteed to enthrall and amaze you.

Don't miss out! Join our new "Front of the Line Club" and SAVE by becoming a Classic Theatre, Dance or Kids Series subscriber; or choose a "Pick 3" subscription and design your own season.

Whichever you choose, we look forward to welcoming you here to *your* VDPAC all SPOTLIGHT Season!

Jim Harding  
Executive Director



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*Signature*  
CONCERT SERIES

The VDPAC introduced the **Signature Concert Series** this Spring as a Series of benefits to help support our diverse annual SPOTLIGHT Seasons of curated Theatre, Dance, Kids & Special Presentations. We continue to feature iconic Canadian singers, songwriters and bands from a wide-range of music genres that may not otherwise be accessible to our audiences-right here at home!

**Signature Concerts** also allow us to showcase a variety of rapidly emerging artists from right here in the North Okanagan and the Valley as opening acts who consistently surprise and amaze our audiences — adding a true sense of discovery and excitement to the headlining concert experience.

Watch for more Signature Concerts this 2025-26 Season!

## SPONSOR A SIGNATURE CONCERT!

Help bring major headlining Canadian artists to the VDPAC by becoming a "Signature Sponsor"! Includes:

- Ticket packages
- Seating privileges
- VIP Meet & Greet with the Special

**Contact:** VDPAC Admin for details: 250-542-9355

\*Subject to Artist's approval & terms

# SPOTLIGHT AT A GLANCE 2025 2026 SEASON

## DANCE Series

Atlantic Ballet Theatre - Pisuwin NOV 8

T'el: The Wild Man of the Woods and Carmina Burana JAN 31

Ballet Jorgen - A Midsummer Night's Dream FEB 5

Ballet Kelowna - Macbeth MAR 17

## THEATRE Series

Funny You Don't Look Autistic NOV 4

Josephine FEB 7

Constellations FEB 18

AWOL MAR 21

## KIDS Series

Zaniac Christmas DEC 7

Same Same Different MAR 15

Circus Incognitus APR 29

Merry Marching Band MAY 19

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jeremy Dutcher in Concert NOV 12

The Barra MacNeils NOV 19

Shane Koyczan SEP 24

Afrique en Cirque OCT 7

A Coast-to-Coast Cowboy Christmas DEC 19

A Perfectly Reasonable... OCT 15

An Evening with Sarah Slean FEB 14

Five Alarm Funk OCT 17

I am Woman Hear Me Laff MAR 7

CHOIR CHOIR CHOIR NOV 11

Tango Fantasia APR 16

## OnSTAGE CONCERTS

Rose Cousins Trio OCT 8

JIMI & Her Band JAN 25

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SPOTLIGHT Season Subscription Packages

## CLASSIC SERIES SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dance Series: ~~\$222~~ \$178<sup>^</sup>

SAVE 20%!



Theatre Series: ~~\$169~~ \$135<sup>^</sup>

SAVE 20+%!



Kids Series: ~~\$68~~ \$55<sup>^</sup>

SAVE 19%!



**CHOOSE  
YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
SEATS!**

**SUBSCRIBE & CLAIM  
“MEMBER” PRICE**

on other  
SPOTLIGHT Shows

**ACCESS TO  
PRE-SALE TICKETS**

for SPOTLIGHT Shows  
& Signature Concerts on  
“Front of the Line Club”



<sup>^</sup>Adult subscription price. Additional discounts for Members/Seniors & Students (Ages 25 & under).

## Or: ‘Pick 3’ FLEX SUBSCRIPTIONS!

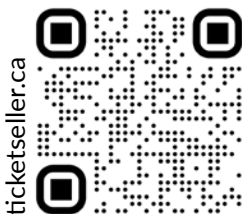
Pick 3 or more SPOTLIGHT Shows,  
including “Special Presentations\*”  
series & SAVE 10%!

\*Does not include Signature or OnSTAGE Concerts or Kids Series

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**

 250-549-SHOW (7469)  [vdpac.ca](http://vdpac.ca)

**ON SALE NOW!**



[ticketseller.ca](http://ticketseller.ca)

# STUDENT RUSH! PROGRAM

## Discount Student Tickets for \$15



Hey Students! YOU have an easy way to get special access to world-class SPOTLIGHT Season shows! SIGN-UP for VDPAC's **Student RUSH!** program.

A limited number of Student RUSH! seats will be made available on a "first come" basis — *for JUST \$15!*

### SIGN-UP TODAY!

- 1 Bring your Student ID to our Ticketseller Box Office at the Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre
- 2 Post-Secondary (Ages 25 & Under) & high school Students welcome!
- 3 YOU will be signed-up FREE! To Ticketseller's new "Front of the Line Club" to receive SPOTLIGHT, Signature Concert & VDPAC guests' pre-sale & new Event announcements for first choice of seats!

ticketseller.ca



**Visit Ticketseller Box Office**  
3800-33rd Street, Vernon, BC  
Call: 250-549-SHOW (7469)

\*Does not include OnSTAGE Concerts (Limited cabaret seating);  
OR Signature Concerts (VDPAC benefit performances)





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# Signature CONCERT SERIES



Special Guest:  
**DAWSON GRAY**

WATCH VIDEO



JUNO AWARD "CANADIAN COUNTRY ALBUM OF THE YEAR" - WILD AS ME (2020)  
3 CCMA AWARDS "RISING STAR AWARD (2017)" & "FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR (2017, 2018)"  
19 CMAO AWARDS INCLUDING "ALBUM OF THE YEAR" - GRACE AND GRIT (2017)

## MEGHAN PATRICK

IN CONCERT WITH BAND

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025 AT 7:30PM | \$45 ALL SEATS



Special Guest:  
**JIMI**

**SOLD OUT**

WINNER OF 8 JUNO AWARDS • CANADIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME  
CANADIAN MUSIC INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME • CANADIAN WALK OF FAME

## TOM COCHRANE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 AT 7:30PM | \$85 ALL SEATS



*"If your heart is broken,  
make art with the pieces." - S.K.*



# SHANE KOYCZAN

The world caught a glimpse of Shane Koyczan's prodigious Spoken Word brilliance with his presentation of ***We Are More (Define Canada)*** at the 2010 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies in Vancouver. This stand-out performance shone a bright light on this street poet from Vancouver's Downtown East Side. His *"To This Day"* video garnered 24 million views and is used worldwide as a teaching tool. His voice has also been sought by such luminaries as filmmaker George Miller, for *"Mad Max: Fury Road"*. Koyczan has collaborated with such artists as Ani DiFranco, Dan Mangan, Tanya Tagaq and more, elevating the Spoken Word art form.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION

**\$40**  
Adult

**\$35**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$30**  
Student  
(25 & Under)



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# Signature CONCERT SERIES

1970

## Chilliwack

2025

**SOLD OUT**  
JOIN THE WAIT LIST

### GONE GONE GONE

★ FAREWELL TO FRIENDS TOUR ★

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AT 7:30PM | \$69 ALL SEATS

## VDPAC'S NEW “FRONT OF THE LINE CLUB”

With a new Ticketseller.ca website and our dynamic new, easy-to-use Spektrix ticketing platform coming in early-September, Ticket Seller's longtime e-Newsletter becomes our new **Front of the Line Club!**

The **Front of the Line Club** will be your Number 1 source for SPOTLIGHT and Signature Concert advance pre-sale announcements, and for all VDPAC and community partner shows and events. Plans are to introduce subscriber-rate discounts on future pre-sales and to add other onsite benefits for VDPAC-hosted performances and events.

This Spring, VDPAC launched pre-sales for our 2025-26 season to over 9,000 e-Newsletter subscribers. This first-time, advance appeal attracted over 4,500 ticket sales – from patrons ensuring they got their favourite seats!

The **Front of the Line Club**, powered by the more robust Spektrix ticketing system, will ensure audiences can get their **FIRST CHOICE** of their favourite seats for all the shows you really don't want to miss!

To Subscribe, contact Ticket Seller at: **250-549-SHOW (7469)**  
Or visit [Ticketseller.ca](https://ticketseller.ca) & under “Newsletter” click-on **SIGN UP**

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“Throbbing, spinning, beautifully  
balanced and rippling muscular Africa.”

BEN LUDLOW



# AFRIQUE EN CIRQUE



24<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
BASH

Back by popular demand as VDPAC's featured 24th Annual Birthday Bash season opener, *Afrique En Cirque* symbolizes the strength, agility and joy of life found in African youth. Daring acrobats, accompanied by their musicians, perform to the pulsating rhythm of the *djembe*s of Guinea with their authentic and original choreography and breath-taking acrobatics. With the melodious sound of the Kora, Yamoussa Bangoura transports us to a place where the diversity of traditional African arts are illuminated, and combined with the virtuosity and awe-inspiring physicality of a modern North American Circus performance.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION

\$49  
Adult

\$45  
Member/  
Senior

\$35  
Student  
(25 & Under)



“The simplicity of these songs is deceiving; as sparse as they feel, her voice draws you in until you realize you are at the heart of the storm.”

THE GUARDIAN



# Rose Cousins Trio

Photo: Lindsay Duncan

On her new album, “*Conditions of Love, Vol. 1*” released in March 2025, followed by her April 2025 headline tour across Canada, acclaimed Canadian folk singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, **Rose Cousins**, with her trio, graces the VDPAC stage for the very first time. Rose holds our hands as she guides us on a journey through “the conditions of love.” Ever the emotional explorer, the much-revered, double JUNO Award-winning, Nova Scotia-based folk artist seeks truth, in all its imperfection, in the depths of our most complicated of emotions: Love.

*Limited Cabaret-style Seating on the Mainstage*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

ALL SEATS

\$45

OnSTAGE  
CONCERT

**FROM THE CREATORS OF "BARONESS VON SKETCH SHOW" AND "CBC'S THIS IS THAT"**



# A Perfectly Reasonable Night of Comedy

Step out of the house for an unforgettable evening with Peter Oldring and Pat Kelly (CBC Radio's *This is That*) as they reunite with Carolyn Taylor (*Baroness von Sketch Show*). These comedy powerhouses come together for the first time since their early days at The Second City to deliver a delightfully absurd and wildly entertaining variety show. Presenting a little bit of what made *This is That* and *Baroness von Sketch* so special, your algorithm has no business being in the theatre during this evening when these seasoned comedians launch into their exceedingly reasonable evening of comedy.

**DON'T MISS THIS RARE AND HYSTERICAL REUNION!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**

**\$45**  
Adult

**\$40**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$25**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

# FIVE ALARM FUNK

**GET ON YOUR FEET!  
DANCE AT YOUR SEAT!**



Photo: Brendan Meadows

Five Alarm Funk is Canada's premiere horn-powered, percussion-fueled sonic and visual assault! With high voltage Funk infusion, FAF has carved a new path of live entertainment. The engagement, the hilarity, the precision and execution have heralded these manic Funk Bots with eight studio albums, two JUNO Award nominations, three Western Canadian Music Awards and a rap sheet of positive reviews.

From FAF front man & drummer Tayo Branston:  
"Let's Funkin' GO!!"

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**ALL SEATS**

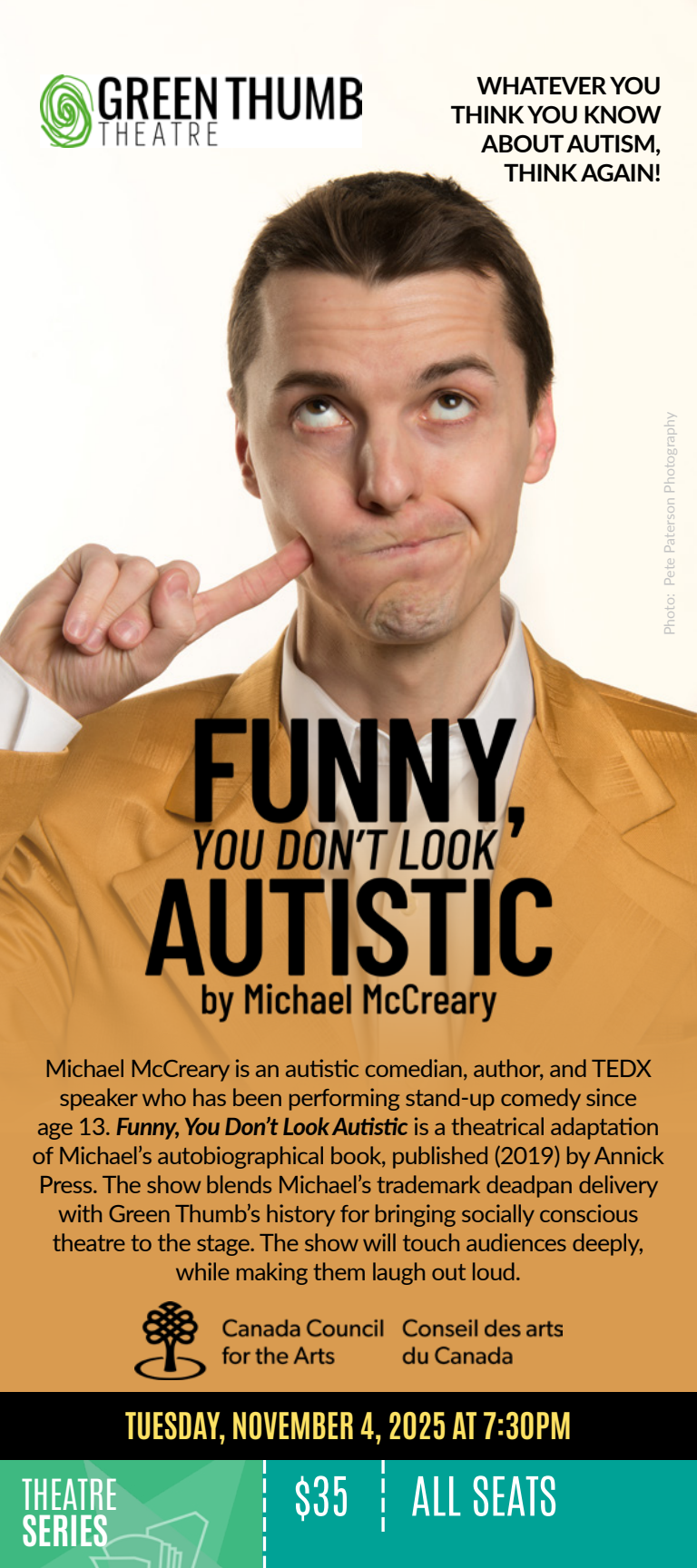
**\$42**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**



WHATEVER YOU  
THINK YOU KNOW  
ABOUT AUTISM,  
THINK AGAIN!

Photo: Pete Paterson Photography

A portrait of Michael McCreary, a man with short brown hair, wearing a mustard-colored blazer over a white shirt. He is looking upwards and to the side with a thoughtful expression, his right index finger pointing towards his chin.

# FUNNY, *YOU DON'T LOOK* AUTISTIC

by Michael McCreary

Michael McCreary is an autistic comedian, author, and TEDx speaker who has been performing stand-up comedy since age 13. ***Funny, You Don't Look Autistic*** is a theatrical adaptation of Michael's autobiographical book, published (2019) by Annick Press. The show blends Michael's trademark deadpan delivery with Green Thumb's history for bringing socially conscious theatre to the stage. The show will touch audiences deeply, while making them laugh out loud.



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du Canada

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

THEATRE  
SERIES

\$35

ALL SEATS

**"Pisuwin is a Triumph! One of the most visually powerful performances I have ever seen."**

**AMANDA CAMPBELL, THE WAY I SEE IT (TWISI BLOG)**



***"Why does the water no longer quench our thirst?"***

# PISUWIN

**("Bee-zu-win")**

From award-winning director and choreographer Igor Dobrovolskiy, and multi-disciplinary artist Nipahtuwet Naka Wespahuwet (Possesom) Paul (Wolastoqiyik, Sitansisk First Nation), ***Pisuwin*** is an epic, first-ever Wolastoq story-ballet that reflects on the current state of "dis-ease" in our world, illuminating a path to wholeness and re-balance. Featuring dynamic lead Jera Wolfe (above) and set to the soaring, ethereal music and vocals of double Polaris Prize and JUNO Award-winning composer **Jeremy Dutcher**, (Wolastoqiyik, Neqotkuk First Nation), (Also LIVE in Concert at VDPAC, on November 12, 2025)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**\$49**  
Adult

**\$45**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$35**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**DANCE  
SERIES**

**WE TEACH!  
YOU SING!**

**WE  
WILL  
CHOIR!  
YOU**

**“Choir! Choir! Choir! has fashioned a profound way for people to connect and interact.”**

**THE NEW YORKER**

**AN EPIC QUEEN SING-ALONG!**  
**CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!**

Choir! Choir! Choir! is the world-wide phenomenon, fully interactive, participatory show that turns audience into performer!

So get ready to laugh, dance and SING! your hearts out with hundreds of other music lovers just like you. It's like a big birthday party for the greatest songs of all time - AND you're invited!

This time, Choir! Choir! Choir! Presents:

***We Will CHOIR! You!: An EPIC QUEEN Sing-Along!***

So grab a friend (or ten), and come out ready to GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT! - all voices welcome, no experience necessary.

They Teach, You Sing! Everyone Wins!

**YouTube: Search CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**

**\$59**

All Seats

**\$49**

10+ Group  
Rate



“There is no-one making music like this...”

NPR MUSIC

JUNO & TWO-TIME POLARIS MUSIC PRIZE WINNER

# JEREMY DUTCHER

IN CONCERT

Photo: Kirk Lisaj

Classically-trained Canadian Indigenous tenor, composer, musicologist, performer and activist, **Jeremy Dutcher** became widely-known for his ground breaking first album *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa*, which won the 2018 Polaris Music Prize and the JUNO Award for “Indigenous Music Album of the Year” (2019). Jeremy merges traditional songs with neo-classical, jazz, and pop influences. Join Jeremy and your VDPAC for this transcending performance, featuring music from *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa* and his newest album, *Motewolonuwok*.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**\$49**

Adult

**\$45**

Member/  
Senior

**\$35**

Student  
(25 & Under)

SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION



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# Signature CONCERT SERIES

## A Tour de Force!! **SLOAN**



MUR-81 GENERAL AUDIENCES ALL AGES ADMITS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 7:30PM | \$49 ALL SEATS**

## VDPAC'S MARIE FLEMING STUDIO

Accessible, Affordable & Available for:

- Live Small Concerts
- Standup & Open Mike
- LED Video & Film Screenings
- HD & Digital Recording
- Guest Speakers
- Playreading, Poetry, Spoken Word
- Artist Residencies
- Rehearsals (Music, Dance)
- Theatre & Technical Camps
- Corporate & Community Events
- And MORE!

### WATCH FOR UPCOMING MFSTUDIO EVENTS!

For Availability, Rates & Technical Production information:  
Contact: [rentals@vdpac.ca](mailto:rentals@vdpac.ca) or Call: 250-542-9355

15 EAST COAST MUSIC AWARD NOMINATIONS  
4 ECMA AWARDS

# The Barra MacNeils



## *An East Coast Christmas*

The Barra MacNeils – *An East Coast Christmas* is a musical potpourri of traditional MacNeil family favourites gleaned from Christmas ceilidhs, midnight masses and the general festive frolic that accompanies each holiday season.

With their captivating vocals, distinctive harmonies and extraordinary musicianship, **The Barra MacNeils** inject new life and energy into the sights and sounds of Christmas...one moment a rousing chorus, then a hauntingly beautiful Gaelic ballad, the next a flurry of foot-stomping instrumentals, which of course pulls one then another into a step-dancing revelry.

For a delightful seasonal celebration, don't miss *An East Coast Christmas* with The Barra MacNeils!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**\$49**  
Adult

**\$45**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$25**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**



“You’re hip, funny and well choreographed.  
You’re the total package!”

PIERS MORGAN, AMERICA’S GOT TALENT!



THE  
**ZANIAC**

# A ZANIAC CHRISTMAS

**A Holiday Comedy  
for the Whole Family**

**Back by popular demand!**

Two-time Guinness World Record holder Alex Zerbe delivers belly laughs with a jolly twinkle in his eye as he catches a giant candy cane WITH HIS FACE! A master of multi-tasking and mirth, the Zaniac sprinkles laughter and merriment like confetti. Flying props will leave you breathless, and “Seattle’s Funniest Prop Comedian” makes the laughter contagious, and the holiday spirit is infectious!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 AT 2:00PM**

KIDS  
SERIES

\$18

ALL SEATS

An intimate evening featuring stories, songs,  
and holiday favourites from two of Canada's  
biggest country music stars.

# A COAST-TO-COAST *Cowboy Christmas*

INVICTUS  
ENTERTAINMENT  
GROUP

Presented By  
 **Children  
Believe**



STARRING



**GEORGE  
CANYON**

**AARON  
PRITCHETT**

CCMA winners, and beloved Canadian country superstars **George Canyon** and **Aaron Pritchett** unite for their *A Coast-to-Coast Cowboy Christmas* tour. With countless accolades between them, and over 25 years of hits, the pair will come together to treat fans to some of their own chart topping songs, as well as some all-time favorite Christmas classics. Truly a show not to be missed, in celebration of the Holiday season.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**\$69**  
Adult

**\$65**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$35**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**

**“The Future of Blues-Infused Pop.”**



# **JIMI & Her Band**

Fresh off her emerging star-revealing opening performance for Tom Cochrane's Signature Concert at VDPAC in July, **JIMI** is undeniably a rising force in contemporary Rock, Country & Blues. Blending virtuosic guitar riffs, soulful vocals, captivating songwriting and a magnetic stage presence, **JIMI** brings a fresh, genre-defying sound. Her many viral performances have led to co-writing collaboration with rock icon Bryan Adams and a Western Canada tour opening for multiple CCMA-nominated Cameron Whitcomb. Bold, raw and unapologetically real, **JIMI** is the next big artist to watch! Check-out her latest video @jimisound.

***Limited Cabaret-style Seating on the Mainstage***

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**OnSTAGE  
CONCERT**

**\$40**

**ALL SEATS**





CANADA'S ROYAL  
WINNIPEG BALLET

DOUBLE  
BILL



Photos: Daniel Crump

# *T'əl: The Wild Man of the Woods*

CHOREOGRAPHY BY CAMERON SINK<sup>w</sup> & FRASER-MONROE

and  
*Carmina Burana*

A bold new chapter for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, this program features *T'əl: The Wild Man of the Woods*, choreographed by Cameron Fraser-Monroe and told through an Indigenous lens with narration by Elder Elsie Paul and music by JUNO-nominated Cris Derksen, alongside the visually stunning and emotionally charged *Carmina Burana*, Mauricio Wainrot's electrifying fusion of Carl Orff's powerful score with bold, athletic choreography in a ritual-like performance.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 AT 7:30PM | DOUBLE BILL**

**\$69**

Adult

**\$65**

Member/  
Senior

**\$35**


Student  
(25 & Under)

**DANCE  
SERIES**

"Our newest original Canadian creation!"

BALLET JÖRGEN



National Presenting Partner **BMO** 

BALLET JÖRGEN's

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

**Bengt Jorgen** brings one of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies to life in his own original, family-friendly ballet version - a tribute to the magic of Northern Canada's woodland and tundra landscapes, with forest creatures such as moose, beavers, bears and squirrels: A lighthearted, humorous tale of love and misguided magic, thanks to the mischievous trickster Puck! Set to Mendelssohn's 1827 concert overture & 1843 score Including the famous "Wedding March."

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**DANCE  
SERIES**

**\$55**  
Adult

**\$50**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$35**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

Photo: Tiffany Manankil (Tea & Thread Designs) | Akari Fujiwara & Omar Hernández



Photo: VonHoffman

BEFORE  
ELLA, TINA, BILLIE,  
OR BEYONCE.  
THERE WAS...

# JOSEPHINE

A BURLESQUE CABARET DREAM PLAY

CREATED BY  
TYMISHA HARRIS  
MICHAEL MARINACCIO  
AND  
TOD KIMBRO  
PERFORMED BY  
TYMISHA HARRIS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

“It’s is a perfect piece of theatre for  
the time we are currently in.”

## PLAYS TO SEE NYC

*Josephine*, a burlesque cabaret dream play is an international award-winning one-woman biographical musical that combines cabaret, theatre and dance to tell the story of the iconic Josephine Baker, the first African-American international superstar and one of the most remarkable figures of the 20th Century.

Accompanied Live by Neville Bowman’s 4pc Jazz Band

**19+** WARNING: PARTIAL NUDITY

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

<b>\$49</b>	<b>\$35</b>
Adult/Senior/ Member	Student (19-25 yrs)

**THEATRE  
SERIES**



**“Once you have heard Sarah Slean performing her music, you won’t find it easy to forget her.”**

**S. PEDERSEN, THE CHRONIC HERALD**



# SARAH SLEAN

## WITH STRING QUARTET

Sarah Slean is a 4-time JUNO, 2-time Gemini nominated performer and a CSA-winning composer with 25 years of broad experience in music; widely-recognized for her lyrical songwriting, exquisite orchestral arranging and virtuosic piano-playing – But don’t overlook her ethereal voice – described by CBC as a “19th century Kate Bush.”

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**

**\$49**

Adult/Senior/  
Member

**\$35**

Student  
(25 & Under)


  
EXACT RESEMBLANCE  
*presents*

# Constellations

by Nick Payne

“Visceral and moving evening of powerful  
humanity with juggernaut talents.”

DAVE DEVEAU, CAROUSEL THEATRE



*Groundhog Day* meets *The Theory of Everything* in Nick Payne's Tony nominated play. Marianne, a Cambridge physicist, and Roland, a London beekeeper, meet by chance, and are instantly drawn to each other. As their relationship grows, they are confronted by choices that will alter the trajectory of their lives.

A love story told through the framework of string theory, *Constellations* is a play about missed chances, second chances, and what it means to be alive.

CONSTELLATIONS is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC,  
servicing the Dramatists Play Service Collections ([www.dramatists.com](http://www.dramatists.com))

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**\$45**  
Adult

**\$40**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$35**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**THEATRE  
SERIES**



AXISTHEATRE

TAI AMY GRAUMAN

# WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUFFALO GONE?



*Where Have All The Buffalo Gone?* follows two souls through seven different periods of Métis history. Filled with stories about the Sun Traveller and the Callihoo family, incorporating a life-like buffalo puppet. Inspired by historical events of the Métis people of Canada, this original play for young audiences explores the loves, the losses and the fight of Treaty 6's Métis people – and their love and kinship to the buffalo.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026 AT VDPAC**

**SCHOOL  
SHOW**

Hey Schools! Want to participate?  
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## **SCHOOL SHOWS & PRE-SHOW PIZZA PARTIES!**

Together with School District 22, VDPAC works with touring Guest Artists to offer elementary school students chances to experience LIVE performance – Sometimes for the very first time!

High school drama programs can also take part in Pre-Show Pizza Parties, sponsored by Boston Pizza, including discounted tickets to SPOTLIGHT Theatre Series shows and private, post-show talk-backs with professional Guest Performers.

**Interested? Contact VDPAC at: 250-542-9355**



# I AM WOMAN, HEAR ME LAFF!



**21st** ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION OF  
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WOMEN'S  
DAY**

The 21st Annual *I Am Woman, Hear Me Laff!* Comedy Show , a beloved annual tradition, brings a selection of the brightest professional stand-up comedians together for a night of female empowerment guaranteed to deliver side-splitting, tear-inducing laughter. Grab your besties and get ready for a sizzling night out! **Headliner & Guest Comedians to be Announced**

**19+**

**CAUTION:** It gets **SPICY!** May contain strong language & mature content.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**ALL SEATS**

**\$45**

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**



## THE MYRTLE SISTERS

# SAME SAME DIFFERENT

*Same Same Different* is a three part harmony, tap and swing dance spectacle about self-expression and celebration of differences. Through original and historic live music and dance, The Myrtle Sisters embrace their individuality and learn to work together. Expect plenty of charm, shenanigans, surprises and mishaps in this outrageously fun and insightful experience.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 AT 2:00PM**

KIDS  
SERIES

\$16

ALL SEATS

“Gripping, moving, spellbinding.”

“Experience the heart-pounding story  
of *Macbeth* like you have never before.”

SYDNEY MORTON, GLOBAL NEWS



# Macbeth

Photo: Emily Cooper / Dancer: Naomi Kawamura, Emily Murray,  
and McKeely Borger as The Three Witches

Alysa Pires' wildly successful theatrical ballet, *Macbeth*, explores the dark side of human nature. The timeless themes of ambition, power, and corruption that characterize William Shakespeare's iconic tragedy infuse this high-stakes piece with drama and suspense. An original score of toil and trouble by Canadian composer Adam Sakiyama and stunning visuals by Okanagan artist Jane Everett set the scene for an exploration of psychological decay.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**\$49**  
Adult

**\$45**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$35**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**THEATRE  
SERIES**



★★★★★  
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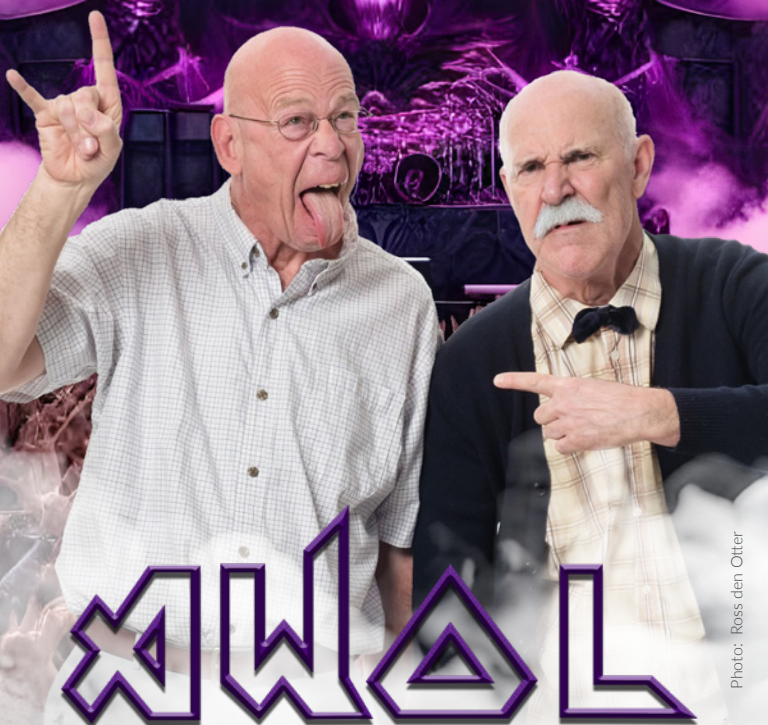


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# AWOL

**2 OLD MEN ESCAPE FROM A CARE HOME & GO TO A METAL FESTIVAL**

Cyril doesn't like old people, which is a shame because he is one. When he learns his estranged granddaughter, Lily, has her big break with her thrash metal band, Abscess, he and his friend Neville are determined to show up and support her. Neither of them will ever be the same again.

AWOL is a hilarious buddy adventure caper about two men who decide they've had enough of bland food, dull company and care home radio.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 AT 7:30PM**

**THEATRE  
SERIES**

**\$40**  
Adult

**\$35**  
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# SOLIDARIDAD TANGO



# TANGO FANTASIA

*Tango Fantasia* takes you on a passionate tango journey from the grand salons of Buenos Aires to the streets of Toronto. Featuring music from Piazzolla to the present, performed by Canada's first all women tango ensemble, with captivating dance performances by local professional tango artists, this show is a close embrace of life.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 AT 7:00PM**

**\$45**  
Adult

**\$40**  
Member/  
Senior

**\$20**  
Student  
(25 & Under)

**SPECIAL  
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“Michael is one of the best pianists in the country. When it comes to boogie-woogie, I don’t know anyone better.”

RON LOPATA, CO-SONGWRITER,  
BASS PLAYER & PRODUCER



# michael kaeshammer

with his Band in Concert

A Western Canadian Music “Entertainer of the Year”, VDPAC favourite, and much-loved, globe-trotting multi-award nominee, master pianist and songwriter, **Michael Kaeshammer** returns with his band to dazzle and delight his many fans. Michael’s superb 15th album, ***Turn It Up*** is broadly described as “eclectic yet accessible jazz-based pop” but more expansive than one simple description - including his audacious treatment of the beloved Queen classic “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” - a bass-boosted anthem that positively soars!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 AT 7:30PM | \$49 ALL SEATS**



**“Jamie Adkins is a clown. A real classy one. He is someone who can make you laugh with next to nothing.”**

**LE MONDE**

Jamie Adkins  
**Circus Incognitus**



Jamie Adkins is a performer in the vaudeville tradition of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. With no hi-tech distractions, his irresistible character heroically battles with the everyday objects of life, permanently on the verge of disaster... moving but hilarious. Everywhere he goes, the public, adults and children alike, laugh out loud at the humour and marvel at the multi-talented performance of Jamie in *Circus Incognitus*. An unforgettable one-man circus comedy!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 AT 6:30PM**

**ALL SEATS**

**\$18**

**KIDS  
SERIES**

INCREDIBLE MUSICAL CLOWNISH PERFORMANCE!

# THE MERRY MARCHING BAND



PRODUCTIONS  
**STRADA**

**They're back!**

Straight from Underpantsburg, this zany brass band - led by a delightfully pompous conductor - takes kids on a musical journey from Quebec to Brazil to Ukraine... and even Mars! Blending world music, clowning, and playful choreography, this high-energy show is packed with humour, rhythm, and cultural discovery that will leave kids eager to embark on a musical journey of their own. **The Merry Marching Band** takes you on a joyful adventure - where every chair just might turn into a drum!

**Winner of the Opus Award for  
"Production of the Year-Younger Audiences"**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 AT 6:30PM**

KIDS  
SERIES

\$16

ALL SEATS

# 2025-26 SPOTLIGHT Presentations SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre Society is committed to fostering Artists and their work for North Okanagan audiences of all ages and cultural communities with our award-winning SPOTLIGHT Seasons, community outreach and new Signature Concert Series.

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20 tickets to SPOTLIGHT	10 tickets to SPOTLIGHT	4 tickets to SPOTLIGHT	2 tickets to SPOTLIGHT

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- Complimentary tickets to VDPAC’s annual Birthday Bash celebration;
- Customized redeemable SPOTLIGHT Season ticket vouchers to use or to gift;
- Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon & events;
- Ask about new advertising options!

Please visit the Society’s website at:  
[vdpac.ca/about-the-society/become-a-sponsor](http://vdpac.ca/about-the-society/become-a-sponsor)  
& Download the “2025-26 Sponsorship Opportunities!” fact sheet, include the “SPOTLIGHT at a Glance” listing.

### Contact:

Jim Harding, Executive Director  
[ed@ticketseller.ca](mailto:ed@ticketseller.ca) or 250-542-9355





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Call our Ticket Seller Box Office at:

**250-549-SHOW (7469)**

or learn more online at:

**[vdpac.ca/about-the-society/membership](http://vdpac.ca/about-the-society/membership)**



# ABOUT THE VDPAC

The Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre (VDPAC) is located at: 3800-33rd Street, Vernon, BC V1T 5T6

- Both a **Presenter** (SPOTLIGHT Season & Signature Concert Series) & a **Rental** performing arts venue, opened in September 2001
- **Theatre:** 750-seat proscenium, balcony, orchestra pit, excellent acoustics & first class backstage amenities
- **Marie Fleming Studio:** Rentable, live/streaming, small performance venue, recording studio, rehearsal hall, workshop, social event & meeting space (capacity varies per event)
- **Okanagan Spirits Foyer** for Receptions & Socials
- **Hospitality:** VDPAC is fully licensed with Bar & Concession services and refreshments permitted 'in the house'
- **VDPAC's Ticket Seller Box Office:** Personalized & online ticketing services available for North Okanagan public & private events
- **Coatcheck Gallery:** Lower floor, showcases our region's diverse visual artists. Open prior to public performances & at intermissions
- **Scent-Free Policy:** Thank you for not wearing scented materials, in consideration of other patrons

## Accessibility

VDPAC received "Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification" (RHF-609-00366):

- **FREE Parking!** East-side lots, with accessible parking stalls & neighbouring Rec Centre & Vernon Curling Club lots
- **Wheelchair Accessible,** with exterior & interior ramps, designated theatre seating with allowances for special needs individuals & attendants
- **Washrooms:** Gender Neutral & Accessible washrooms are available
- **Infant Change Tables:** Fold-downs, available in the main Male & Female (lower level) & Accessible (main level) washrooms
- **Hearing Assistance:** Personal listening assist equipment is available upon arrival by request

## Rental Inquiries

Visit online: [vdpac.ca/rental-inquiries](https://vdpac.ca/rental-inquiries)

Contact VDPAC's Rentals Manager:  
(250) 542-9355

Or email: [rentals@ticketseller.ca](mailto:rentals@ticketseller.ca)

*See Seating Map, inside back page...*





**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

***David Fung***

Praised for his “ravishing and simply gorgeous” performances, David is widely recognized for interpretations that are elegant and refined.



**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

***Gryphon Trio - Gala Evening***

The Gryphon's musical conversations are animated and charming. They have character and detail to spare, and their elegance is no small accomplishment.



**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**7:00 pm**

***J.S. Bach's Long Walk in the Snow***

Narrated by CBC personality Tom Allen, a blend of instrumental music, storytelling, and historical research that illuminates a little known period of the composer's life.



**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**7:00 pm**

***The Arrogant Worms***

The Arrogant Worms continue to provide tuneful and silly escapism for everyone who needs it and have spent over three decades making fun of a big dumb world.



**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

**7:00 pm**

***Solidaridad Tango***

Packed with passion, the performance is played with perfection and makes for an exciting listening experience by musicians who are unafraid of boundaries.

Concerts are at the  
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**Season Tickets**

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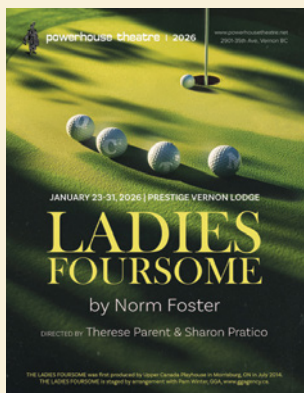


## The Play That Goes Wrong

Nov 21 - Dec 6, 2025  
Powerhouse Theatre

## Ladies Foursome

Dinner Theatre  
Jan 23 - 31, 2026  
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## Legally Blonde

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## Alice in Wonderland

Apr 24 - May 9, 2026  
Powerhouse Theatre



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## OCTOBER 19

OSO cellist **Martin Krátký** plays Anna Clyne's *DANCE*

## NOVEMBER 16

'Exuberantly creative' (*New York Times*) JUNO-winning pianist and composer **Dinuk Wijeratne**

## DECEMBER 21

Song for a Winter's Night — our holiday celebration, featuring **Martine denBok & Noel Fudge**

## FEBRUARY 8

**The Hockey Sweater**

A thoroughly Canadian short story, set to music

## MARCH 8

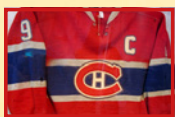
**Roman Rabinovich**, piano

Hailed by the *New York Times* for his "uncommon sensitivity and feeling"

## MAY 10

*This concert will be curated by the new music director and will be announced when ticket sales begin in the summer.*

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- SEP 20**    **DON MACDONALD SEXTET**  
Awarded composer, dazzling instrumentalist
- OCT 4**    **ELECTRIC MILES**  
Stellar musicians pay tribute to Miles Davis
- OCT 18**    **ADAM ROBERT THOMAS**  
Energy filled R&B, funk, blues and jazz
- NOV 1**    **DYLAN HAYES QUARTET**  
West Coast modern jazz piano wizardry
- NOV 15**    **ES:MO**  
Elizabeth Shepherd & Michael Occhipinti  
Imaginative explorations of sounds and styles
- NOV 29**    **POPPA DAWG**  
Pure raw blues to satisfy the soul
- DEC 13**    **CHRIS STARTUP & CAMPBELL RYGA**  
Sax legends + lush arrangements = holiday gifts
- DEC 31**    **NEW YEAR'S with**  
**JUSTIN GLIBBERY QUINTET**  
Celebrate with high energy jazz/pop sound

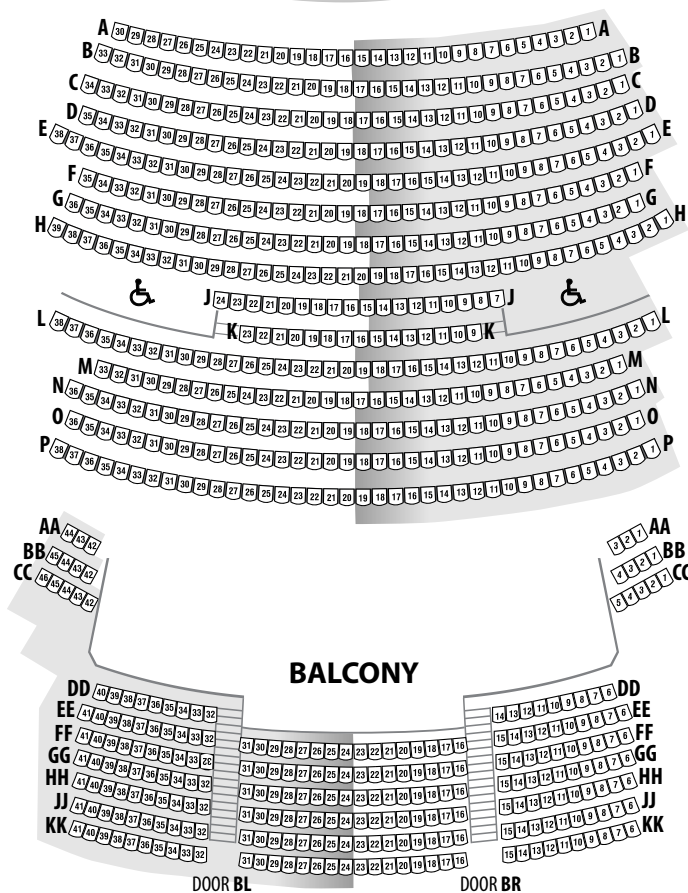
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Check out the Jazz Club's website for more  
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# SEATING MAP

STAGE



VDPAC offers three seat sizes and accessible seating. Please feel free to ask our ticket agent for special seating.

The Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre is located at:  
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