

ONE YELLOW RABBIT'S 40TH ANNUAL

# HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

JANUARY 13 TO 31, 2026





## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh'kinsstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Îethka Nakoda Nations: Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney and Tsuut'ina Nation.

We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

We gather together during the High Performance Rodeo to create meaningful connections and memorable experiences through live performances, and to celebrate culture on this sacred land. As generations before us have, we gather together to build community through storytelling.

One Yellow Rabbit strives for respectful partnerships with all peoples as we search for collective healing through truth and reconciliation to honour this beautiful land together.

## THANKS TO OUR CORE FUNDERS



## MESSAGE FROM BLAKE & OLIVER

**For many, including us, the High Performance Rodeo feels much like an annual holiday.** We build our calendars around it. With anticipation and pleasure we prepare with lists, decorations and intricate menus. It anchors our Winter, and it brings welcome heat and illumination just when we need it.

Consistency. Wonder. Mischief. Comfort. Risk.

After 40 years we know we can take nothing for granted. We are filled with gratitude for you, our dearest patrons and audiences, as well as to the supportive community we inhabit.

We salute the creators and performers who put their bodies, minds, and souls on the line. We appreciate the volunteers who keep things moving. When all forces join, there is a unique, shared energy that flows between performers and audience, between the festival and the city that creates a resonant and powerful relationship.

It makes us better and it makes our city better. More welcoming, more interesting, more fun.

The time is here. Let's get together at the High Performance Rodeo.

**Blake Brooker**, Artistic Director  
**Oliver Armstrong**, Producer



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Directors and everyone at One Yellow Rabbit it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 40th Annual High Performance Rodeo.

We are very proud to have had the privilege of bringing you one of Canada's foremost theatre festivals for four decades!

The Board is honoured to support the incredible creative, technical, administrative and volunteer teams that have made this a Calgary institution.

OYR is embarking on a period of intensive strategic planning and fund development to ensure the future of the Rodeo and we deeply appreciate your loyal attendance and individual financial support. We are profoundly excited to showcase the legacy of the company with our iconic *Dream Machine* while we construct the framework for our future vision of creating and presenting wild performance in Canada.

We also gratefully acknowledge our corporate and media sponsors and the generous support we receive from all three levels of government.

We hope you have a great Rodeo! See you in the Lounge.

**Jim Laycraft**  
One Yellow Rabbit Board Chair

## ONE YELLOW RABBIT & HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

For three wild weeks every January, One Yellow Rabbit presents the High Performance Rodeo, an international festival of live art. It's a chance for everyone to watch touring performances from across Canada, acclaimed international shows and new and experimental work from artists here at home.

### ONE YELLOW RABBIT TEAM

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Ensemble Artist **Andy Curtis**  
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# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

We are so grateful for our incredible team  
of volunteer Rabbits, we just couldn't do what  
we do without YOU.



## Scan for more info!

Do you want to join the fun?  
Get in touch to volunteer at future  
events, we can't wait to meet you.

# ARE YOU READY TO RODEO?

## ★ GET YOUR TICKETS!

With so many shows, we have a number of ways to grab your seats. We also work hard to keep ticket prices affordable for our community with various ways to save.

**ONLINE | OYR.ORG**

## VISIT US IN PERSON AT WERKLUND CENTRE

225 8th Ave S.E., Downtown Calgary

Werklund Centre Box Office  
(main floor) or One Yellow Rabbit  
Box Office (second floor above  
Centre Court)

## WERKLUND CENTRE BOX OFFICE

403.294.9494 | For general ticket  
purchases and information

## HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9AM - 6PM  
Saturday | 10AM - 6PM  
Sunday / Holiday | CLOSED

## ONE YELLOW RABBIT BOX OFFICE

403.294.7592 | For customized  
concierge services, call or visit for  
personalized recommendations and the  
inside scoop on shows and promotions

## SAVE WITH US!

### BUNNYSAVER DISCOUNTS

Flash sales with special HPRodeo discounts available for a limited time only. Sign-up for our newsletter and watch our socials to know when these discounts go live and stock up while the deals are hot!

### GROUP DISCOUNTS

Groups of 10 or more seeing a single show can take advantage of a 10% discount. >> *Discounts only available by calling or visiting a HPRodeo Box Office*

### STUDENT / ARTS WORKER PRICING

Do you work in the arts? Are you a student? Many shows have a special price of \$25 or \$40 for eligible patrons. >> *Tickets for eligible shows are subject to availability and a maximum of 2 tickets per person, per show.*

### RUSH SEATS

This sweet deal is only available in person for select shows at the venue Box Office just before the show starts. But be warned - the deal is only available if there are still seats available. >> *Watch our socials for availability and pricing!*

### GIFT CARDS

Give the gift of experience - whatever your budget! Redeemable for most shows at the High Performance Rodeo. Visit [oyr.org](http://oyr.org) or call the OYR Box Office at 403.294.7592 to purchase or redeem.

## ACCESSIBILITY

In collaboration with Inside Out Theatre, we are proud to offer accessible performances during the HPRodeo. >> *For a detailed list of accessible performances and venue accessibility, visit our website or call us at 403.294.7592 to learn more.*



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# HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

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**HYPNOTIC. INSPIRING. HOPEFUL.**

# DREAM MACHINE

## A One Yellow Rabbit Production

At the heart of it all is the mysterious Dream Machine, a psychedelic device meant to shatter conformity and unlock new ways of seeing.

Through evocative light, hypnotic songs and boundary-bending storytelling, this production transcends traditional theatre and invites you to experience the electric energy and visionary pulse of a cultural revolution.

Join the revolution of the mind. This is a trip beyond traditional theatre and is perfect for those who dare to think differently.

**Discover the legacy that promises to continue challenging us today and for years to come.**



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Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 24 - 7:30pm

**Big Secret Theatre, Werklund Centre**





# FUN | FREE | STUFF

Get more out of your HPRodeo experience and  
be kind to your pocketbook too.

**YOU MIGHT LAUGH!  
YOU MIGHT CRY!**

**Workshops & Talkbacks  
Parties & Art  
Lunchtime Concerts  
Previews & Readings**



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More info on our website.  
You know what to do!  
Scan and discover now.

**RAW. REBELLIOUS. RIDICULOUS.**

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF SMOKING CIGARETTES

**Created and performed by  
Deanna Jones in association  
with Suitcase in Point**

Some habits die harder than we do.

From first drags behind dumpsters to last  
smokes outside hospital doors, this darkly  
funny and sharp solo show written by Deanna  
Jones traces one person's lifelong relationship  
with nicotine, memory and self-destruction.

It's not about cigarettes. It's about  
everything you light to keep from going out.  
From teenage rebellion to existential crisis,  
this performance will drag you through the  
rituals we cling to when nothing else sticks.

Inhale. Exhale. Regret. Repeat.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Tue Jan 27 - 7:30pm  
Thu Jan 29 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 31 - 7:30pm

**Heather Edwards  
Theatre,  
Contemporary  
Calgary**



**BOLD. AUTHENTIC. REFLECTIVE.**

## BEAUTIFULYOUNGARTISTS **POETRY CABARET**

**Curated by Denise Clarke**

Step into the beating heart of Calgary's performance scene with the BeautifulYoungArtists of One Yellow Rabbit. Raw, intimate, and fearlessly expressive, this cabaret blends poetry, movement, and unfiltered live performance.

Guided by the artistry and vision of OYR's own Denise Clarke, these emerging performers carve out space for vulnerability, grit, and fearless artistry.

A staple of the High Performance Rodeo, this late-night favourite is where new voices take flight.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri Jan 30 - 9:30pm

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**

Pay what you can

**ONE  
NIGHT  
ONLY**

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**PERSONAL. UNAPOLOGETIC. UNFORGETTABLE.**

## **BEYOND FALLUJAH**

**Created and performed by Patrick Graham**

War is theatre. This is the front row. In 2004, while U.S. Marines surrounded Fallujah, Iraq, intrepid correspondent Patrick Graham pulled off the ultimate covert mission: he transformed himself into the “handicapped brother” of a local doctor, complete with wild hair and a fake Iraqi ID. And guess what? It worked!

Through razor-sharp dialogue and gut-punch pacing, this gripping new production doesn't flinch. It stares war in the face and dares you not to look away.

The collateral damage? Your comfort zone. Buckle up for a raw, riveting ride through the heart of conflict and the chaos of ambition. This isn't just a story—it's a revelation.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 21 - 7:30pm

Thu Jan 22 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm

Sat Jan 24 - 7:30pm

**Engineered Air Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**





ADVENTUROUS. INTIMATE. TRANSPORTIVE.

# BISON NOIR:

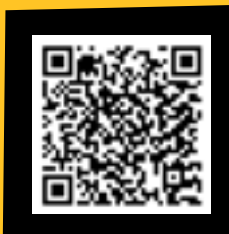
## SONGS OF DISTANT SHORES

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ONLY

**With Ladom Ensemble  
Presented by Honens**

Step into a musical voyage of continents, centuries, and moods at Bison Noir: Songs of Distant Shores, featuring the classically trained and fearlessly virtuosic Ladom Ensemble.

This Canadian “mini-orchestra” of piano, cello, accordion, and percussion returns to Calgary after leaving the audience spell-bound at their 2023 sold-out show. Their program weaves Persian lyricism, klezmer dance, East Coast melodies, and classical touchstones into a seamless tapestry of sound—intimate, wild, and full of surprise.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 7:30pm

**Engineered Air Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**

CATHARSIS. CHAOS. FAMILY.

# BLOODLUST SUMMER- TIME

**Created and performed  
by Shenoah Allen**

Wild roots. Wiser laughs. Dive into Shenoah's one-of-a-kind coming-of-age story that's both messy and magical.

From a NASA engineer grandfather to a fiercely creative dad carving safe spaces in a tough world, plus uncles, aunts and chaos that's anything but typical. This hybrid theatre-standup show flips the script on family drama.

Gunshots, LSD and unexpected love collide in a hilarious, cathartic ride through a life lived loud and unapologetic.

Celebrate the chaos and experience the thrill of a family history like no other.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm

**Heather Edwards Theatre,  
Contemporary Calgary**

**POETIC. RESILIENT. HUMANITY.**

# BODY CONCERT

## A Lone Wolf Tribe Production

In this 50-minute genre-defying solo performance, world-class puppeteer Kevin Augustine blends dance and puppetry to a bittersweet and haunting electroacoustic score by Mark Bruckner.

Wordless but deeply human, Body Concert moves through vulnerability, resilience and the quiet beauty of being alive.

Experience the joy of poetically elevating our shared humanity.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 7:30pm

Thu Jan 29 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm

Sat Jan 31 - 7:30pm

**The Studio,  
Vertigo Theatre**



**COSMIC. POIGNANT. CURIOUS.**

# DoT

## A Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry Production

This is a surrealist puppet show that takes you on a journey from the molecular to galactic. A captivating wordless tale, DOT follows the evolution of a tiny speck as it transcends dimensions, exploring the intricate interplay between the micro and macro, through 2D and 3D worlds.

A highly-visual experimentation brought to life through a blend of manipulated liquids, colours, geometric forms, playful vegetables, shadows, and dynamic light. It reflects the vast shades of our human existence from the delightful to the cantankerous, through absurdity and non-traditional storytelling.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Thu Jan 15 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 16 - 7:30pm

Sat Jan 17 - 7:30pm

**Heather Edwards  
Theatre,  
Contemporary  
Calgary**



**GLORIOUS. GLEEFUL. GOBLINS.**

# GOBLIN:GALA

**The Goblins are back - and this time they've brought a human!**

You've seen them conquer Shakespeare's poetics and master the prophetic texts of Sophocles, but what happens when they have no script at all? Canada's most chaotic trio returns with a one-night-only extravaganza filled with mayhem and madness, with a special sacrifice, er, umm... we mean guest, along for the ride.

Dress up, get loud, and descend into the shenanigans as Wug, Kragva, Moog and their surprise guest human take over the High Performance Rodeo.

No script. No Rules. No adult supervision.  
Just Goblins.

Guests are invited to dress in their best cosplay or outrageous outfits to fully embrace the evening's events.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Thu Jan 22 - 7:30pm

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**

**ONE  
NIGHT  
ONLY**





# DISCONNECT TO CONNECT

## HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO 2026

**Forget scrolling and spark conversations IRL**

It's time we choose actors over algorithms and rediscover the joy we experience from connecting with others in real life.

Will YOU ditch the social media scroll and join us at the Rodeo?

After all, less screen time means more time for the things that matter most. We can't wait to welcome you!

**SATIRE. MUSICAL. PUNK ROCK.**

# HUCKSTERLAND



## **Chromatic Theatre & Thumbs Up Good Work Theatre**

When the city is built on lies, someone has to bring the house down.

Corporate landlord Jordan Jamieson sits at the top of his empire. He is rich, ruthless and riding high alongside his whip smart executive assistant and the mayor in his back pocket. It's not long before a fearless prosecutor starts asking questions and we see cracks beginning to form and Jordan's power starting to crumble.

From award-winning playwright Caleigh Crow, and composers Sacha Crow and Gus Rendell, Hucksterland is a new musical pulsing with humor, heart and rebellion.

It's loud. It's fearless. And when the music stops, not everyone makes it out alive.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 7:30pm  
Thu Jan 29 - 7:30pm  
Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 31 - 2:00pm  
Sat Jan 31 - 7:30pm

**Alexandra Centre  
Concert Hall (Inglewood)**



CANDID. ROMANTIC. STRANGE.

# I WOULD PREFER NOT TO



## A Strange Victory Production

Part confessional, part fiction, all heart this bold new piece from award-winning artists David Gagnon Walker and Tori Morrison, dive into the rhythms of mental illness, memory and meaning.

Words repeat. Stories fracture. Truth and fiction twist together like melody and echo. With sound and silence, humour and heartbreak, this production asks: How do you keep going when the song won't end?

If you've ever felt stuck, this one's for you.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Tue Jan 20 - 7:30pm  
Wed Jan 21 - 7:30pm  
Thu Jan 22 - 7:30pm  
Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm

**Heather Edwards Theatre,  
Contemporary Calgary**

BOLD. VIBRANT. WANDERLUST.

# IT TAKES TWO: A SYMPHONIC COLLABORATION

## Co-presented with Calgary Philharmonic

Warm up your January with a symphonic escape and join the Calgary Phil, led by conductor Fawzi Haimor as they bring the heat with bold rhythms, sweeping drama and a dash of Parisian charm in this wide-ranging evening.

The Calgary Youth Orchestra joins the Phil in a side-by-side performance of Valerie Coleman's powerful call for unity in a divided world with Umoja: Anthem of Unity, and Canadian cellist, Luka Coetzee takes centre stage in Prokofiev's fiery Sinfonia concertante.

Not hot enough? Feel the heat as Alberto Ginastera's high-octane Argentine dances light the fuse followed by a wistful wander through Parisian streets with George Gershwin's An American in Paris.

A vibrant, wide-ranging night of music and one unforgettable ride.

Satisfy your wanderlust without leaving your seat.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 24 - 7:30pm

**Jack Singer Concert Hall,  
Werklund Centre**



**HILARIOUS. IRREVERENT. KICK-ASS.**

# **JULIET: A REVENGE COMEDY**

## **A Monster Theatre Production**

What if Juliet doesn't kill herself?

In this fast-paced, feminist action-comedy, Juliet takes control of her own story and she's not going down without a fight. Played by Betty Mitchell winner Lili Beaudoin, Juliet ditches the dagger and sets off on a genre-busting quest to uncover why Shakespeare's women are always the ones to die. With help from a rogue's gallery of iconic heroines - Lady Macbeth, Ophelia, Cleopatra and more (all hilariously played by Carly Pokoradi) - Juliet battles mansplainers, fate and the Bard himself, performed by co-playwright, Ryan Gladstone.

**Can they alter their fate?  
Spoiler: It's a hilarious fight to live!**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 21 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm

Sat Jan 24 - 2:00pm

Sat Jan 24 - 7:30pm

**Martha Cohen Theatre, Werklund Centre**





**WRESTLING. BURLESQUE. MAYHEM.**

# MISS RITA'S **LUCHA VAVOOM**

**Presented by One Yellow Rabbit**

Body slams. Tassel spins. Absolute madness.

Step into the ring where masked wrestlers fly, burlesque queens slay and the crowd is one tequila shot away from speaking in tongues.

This is not your average fight night. It is glamour-fueled, glitter-splattered, spine-cracking chaos where the only rule is more is more. Expect outrageous characters, drag drama and flaming passion.

You'll scream. You'll sweat. You'll beg for more.

**Think telenovela meets WrestleMania  
meets a horny fever dream.**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**ONE  
NIGHT  
ONLY**

Sat Jan 24  
Doors - 5:30pm | Show - 7:30pm

**WinSport Event Centre**



HOPEFUL. HEARTBREAKING. RECONCILIATION.

# NEW BLOOD

**A production of Strathmore High School**

Where movement meets meaning.

Strathmore High School's collaborative collection is not just about dance steps; it's a celebration of voices, stories, and connection—set to the evocative sounds of Peter Gabriel's music. From hip-hop beats to contemporary flow, students come together to express, heal and imagine a future rooted in respect and reconciliation.

This is collaboration in motion showcasing creativity and courage, blending cultures and breaking barriers. The heartbreaking, inspiring story of Siksika First Nation Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman and his experience as a child in residential school, how he reclaimed his way of life and became Chief of his people.

Be part of a movement toward understanding, unity and reconciliation.

Featuring original poetry including *"The Indian in the Child"*, music by Peter Gabriel and Indigenous singers including contemporary and traditional dance. The story of how generations of students have come to experience this work is also available in the CBC documentary: *New Blood*.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm

**The Flanagan Theatre,  
The GRAND**

ONE  
NIGHT  
ONLY



ECLECTIC. SURREAL. EXPERIMENTAL.

# PERFORMS TOM WAITS



**Co-presented with Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts  
and in collaboration with the Calgary Folk Music Festival**

The world of Tom Waits opens up like an apple sliced with a sharp knife when a madcap multi-instrumental orchestra performs familiar songs. The gorgeous stage of the Bella Concert Hall becomes a playground where the music of the legendary American singer-songwriter is vividly brought to life by *L'orchestre d'hommes-orchestre*. Using found objects and self made instruments, Wait's songs are transformed into off-the-rail tableaux vivants in this brilliant reimagining.

Nothing is safe. Everything is music. Everyday objects explode into sound. Bodies twist, collide and improvise. Chaos, brilliance, humor and heartbreak collide in a performance that's as unpredictable as it is unforgettable. This is not just a concert — it's a carnival of invention and a wild ride into the strange, beautiful world of Tom Waits.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Thu Jan 15 - 7:30pm

Fri Jan 16 - 7:30pm

Sat Jan 17 - 7:30pm

**Bella Concert Hall,  
Taylor Centre for the  
Performing Arts**



LOCAL. ARTISTS. IMPRINTED.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO + ALBERTA PRINTMAKERS POSTER SHOW

A new addition to this year's festival includes a Poster Show featuring original works from local artists presented in collaboration with the Alberta Printmakers. This collection of hand-crafted silk screened creations will reflect back on the first forty years of the High Performance Rodeo while also looking forward to the future. Available for viewing in the Laycraft Lounge for the run of the festival, guests will also have the opportunity to bid on limited edition prints in support of One Yellow Rabbit.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**Laycraft Lounge /  
Motel Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**

You can visit whenever the Laycraft Lounge is open, which is most evenings after 6pm.



SONIC. STRINGS. FREE.



# PROARTS

**Co-presented with  
ProArts Society**

Cathedral Church  
of the Redeemer

**FREE SHOWS!**

Noon-hour concerts of boundary-pushing contemporary music, featuring local and Canadian works specially curated for the acoustic environment of Cathedral Church of the Redeemer.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 14 - 12 noon

**HELLO MOTH**

Hello Moth creates abstract synth-pop by night and ambient explosions by day, blending electronic tones with folk influences to create a sound somewhere between soil and sky.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 21 - 12 noon

**THE CALGARY FIDDLERS**

Get ready for a toe-tapping, heart-pounding showcase of pure musical joy with a signature blend of high-energy music, infectious rhythm and youthful spirit.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 12 noon

**ALMOST NOISE**

The electrifying new collaboration between percussionist Chris Sies and guitarist Darren Young, genre-blurring artists who thrive where rock energy meets classical precision.

WHIMSICAL. INSPIRING. CAPTIVATING.

# RARE BEAUTIES

**Presented by Decidedly Jazz Danceworks**

Enter a world of transformation, intensity and movement with Rare Beauties, a highly theatrical dance choreographed by Decidedly Jazz Danceworks Artistic Director, Kimberley Cooper. This new work from DJD explores extreme emotional stages and transformation, bringing the raw, human experience to life through movement.

Set to a dynamic soundtrack spanning multiple eras, the piece fuses music, light and costume to morph and sculpt both the dancers and the space itself. Collaborations with Hannah Fisher and Steve Isom create a living, shifting landscape, where every turn, leap and gesture is amplified by color, shadow and texture.



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Fri Jan 23 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 24 - 7:30pm  
Sun Jan 25 - 2:00pm

**DJD Dance Centre**

HEARTFELT. NOSTALGIC. ROOTED.

# RIBSTONE

**Co-presented with Lunchbox Theatre**

**Created and performed by Christopher Hunt**

Banjo in hand and stories to share, Calgary's own Christopher Hunt digs into his roots in this warm, witty solo show.

Ribstone is part memory, part music, and all heart. Join us for a journey through family legend, lost traditions and Southern Alberta lore. From butcher shops to sacred sites, Christopher spins tales with old-time charm and a sharp modern eye.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 21 - 12:00pm  
Wed Jan 21 - 7:00pm  
Thu Jan 22 - 12:00pm  
Fri Jan 23 - 12:00pm  
Fri Jan 23 - 7:00pm

Sat Jan 24 - 12:00pm  
Sat Jan 24 - 4:00pm  
Sun Jan 25 - 1:30pm

**The Studio,  
Vertigo Theatre**



**ZANY. ADDICTIVE. PROVOCATIVE.**

# SWAN?

**A Bad Knees Studios &  
Heywire Production**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Thu Jan 15 - 7:30pm  
Fri Jan 16 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 17 - 7:30pm  
Sun Jan 18 - 2:00pm

**The Studio,  
Vertigo Theatre**

Splashing around in Swan Lake on a search for true love.

Get ready for a wild ride with a raunchy twist on the classic ballet story!

Meet Odette, a chain-smoking, half-swan, half-ballerina on a hilarious quest for true love. She's dancing her way through a life of limbo and needs YOU to help her break free!

Join Lauren Brady at the lake for a night of laughter as Odette pirouettes her way into your heart, inviting you to declare your undying love. Let's turn this living hell into a fabulous fairy tale! Don't miss out, come and join the fun!

**INDIE. DIVERSE. IMMERSIVE.**

# TD AMPLIFY

**Co-presented with Werklund Centre**

Get ready to amplify your Friday night.

Get ready for an all-out celebration of Calgary's hottest scene-makers, curated by TD Incubator Fellow Kenna Burima and directed by Steven Conde.

Expect a night of boundary-pushing, genre-blending performance where music, art, and movement collide. Before the show, explore the local creators' market packed with funky finds and creative flair — and after, keep the vibe going with a DJ-fueled afterparty and dancing late into the night.

This is where art meets party — and everyone's invited.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri Jan 16 - 8:00pm

**Engineered Air Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**



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# TEN MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

**Curated by Kelly Reay**

Buckle up for a rapid-fire night of storytelling where every second counts. This is a high-octane showcase of brand-new short plays — bold ideas, wild characters and emotional punches, all packed into just ten minutes each.

Expect surprises, laughter, gut-punches and plot twists galore as some of Calgary's sharpest writers, performers and directors deliver stories that hit hard and fast. One moment you'll be laughing out loud, the next you're on the edge of your seat.

Whether you're a theatre junkie or just dipping a toe in, this is your chance to see more stories in one night than most festivals deliver in a week.

Come for the chaos. Stay for the creativity.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Tue Jan 13 - 7:30pm

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**





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# THE END OF THE WORLD CABARET

**Created and performed by ONALEA with special guests**

Step into the smoky allure of Weimar-era Berlin, the romance of Parisian salons, and the intimacy of New York's underground clubs.

Internationally acclaimed performer ONALEA returns to her hometown of Calgary with a hauntingly beautiful theatrical concert where cabaret, storytelling and cinematic songs collide. ONALEA invites

audiences into an emotional world where tenderness and apocalypse intertwine.

With lush, cinematic arrangements by Emmy Award-winning composer Dave Pierce, performed live by a quartet of world-class musicians, ONALEA delivers an elegant, intimate and unforgettable evening of storytelling and song.

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Sat Jan 17 - 7:30pm

**Engineered Air Theatre,  
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# VIVEK SHRAYA: ONE NIGHT ONLY

**Co-presented by  
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Orchestra meets pop icon. Sparks will fly.

Vivek Shraya takes the stage with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Julianne Gallant, for a one-night-only spectacle of glam, guts and genre-defying sound.

From synth-pop swagger to symphonic power, this Alberta-born trailblazer channels the spirit of pop legends with raw emotion and dazzling style.

One stage. One orchestra. One unmissable moment.

FOMO is real and this is the show everyone will be talking about.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm

**Jack Singer Concert  
Hall, Werklund Centre**



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# WORK IN PROGRESS

MY NAME  
IS KAREN

**Created and performed by  
Karen Hines**

Karen Hines is an award-winning, genre-defining creative. As a writer, director and cult-comedian, she is the long-time director of High Performance Rodeo favourites, Mump & Smoot.

Also known for her short films featuring the character Pochsy, Karen has traveled the globe to international critical acclaim.

My Name is Karen is a work in progress and a satirical examination of the "Karen meme".

Oliver Armstrong, Producer of One Yellow Rabbit, calls this a "must-see production" — come for the laughs, stay to speak to the manager, all for free.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Sat Jan 31 - 2:00pm

**Motel Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**



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# YOUR SHOW HERE



## WORDS IN PROGRESS

**Curated by Louise Casemore**

**Free Show!**

Words in Progress is an electric gathering where bold new voices take centre stage. Playwrights are given the opportunity to test-drive their fresh pages, trade ideas, and spark unexpected conversations. This event features a lively mix of readings from works-in-the-making by seasoned favourites, bright new faces, and everything in between. It's live, it's local, and it's your front-row seat to stories being born.

**Featured Playwrights:** Daniela Vlaskalic, Melanee Murray-Hunt, Vern Thiessen



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Sat Jan 24 - 2:00pm

**Motel Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**

### Produced by reWork Productions

What happens when grief takes centre stage?

Join Daniel MacIvor in this bold, funny and deeply personal theatrical experience. Your Show Here is part intimate and vulnerable comedy, part masterclass on creating your own solo show.

MacIvor expertly blurs the lines between actor and audience, and holds a mirror up to the audience, encouraging them to confront their own expectations and roles. Your Show Here is the last in a series of performances inspired by the creative relationship of the Daniels - MacIvor and Brooks.

This is grief from every angle - funny, painful and deeply human.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed Jan 28 - 7:30pm  
Thu Jan 29 - 7:30pm  
Fri Jan 30 - 7:30pm  
Sat Jan 31 - 7:30pm

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Werklund Centre**



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### HEATHER EDWARDS THEATRE

701 - 11th Street SW - in Contemporary Calgary



### THE STUDIO AT VERTIGO / LUNCHBOX THEATRE

#161, 115 9th Ave SE



### THE GRAND FLANAGAN THEATRE

608 1st Street SW



### WINSPORT EVENT CENTRE

151 Canada Olympic Rd SW



### BELLA CONCERT HALL

4825 Mt Royal Gate SW -  
in Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts



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111 12th Ave SE



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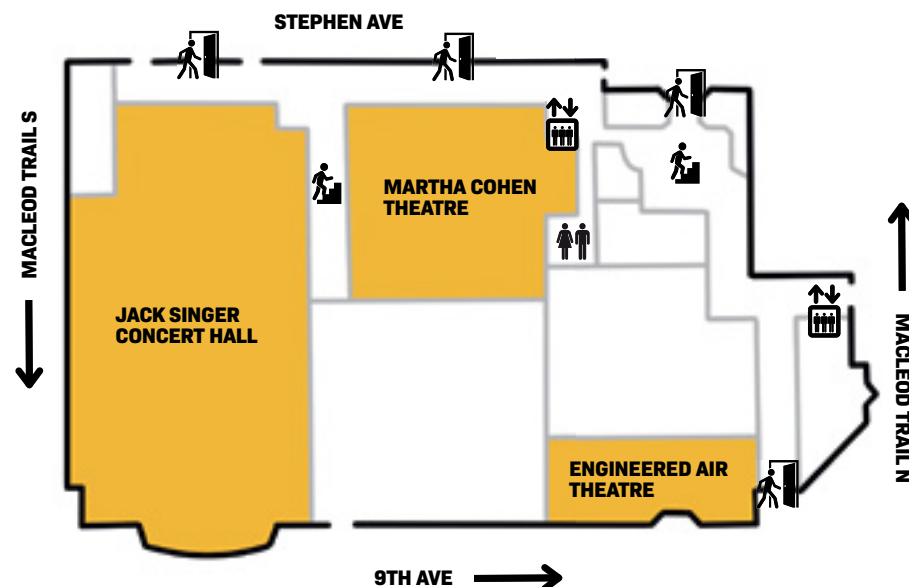


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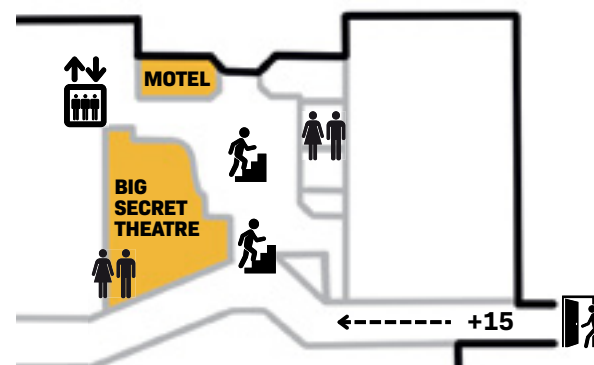
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## HPRodeo Week 1 Jan 13 - 18

### TUESDAY JAN 13

Martha Cohen Theatre	7:30pm	Ten Minute Play Festival
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### WEDNESDAY JAN 14

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer	12:00pm	ProArts: Hello Moth
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine

### THURSDAY JAN 15

Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	DOT
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	SWAN?
Bella Concert Hall	7:30pm	Performs Tom Waits
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### FRIDAY JAN 16

Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	DOT
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	SWAN?
Bella Concert Hall	7:30pm	Performs Tom Waits
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties
Engineered Air Theatre	8:00pm	TD Amplify

### SATURDAY JAN 17

Motel / Laycraft Lounge	2:00pm	How We Create Live
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30 pm	The End of the World Cabaret
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	DOT
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	SWAN?
Bella Concert Hall	7:30pm	Performs Tom Waits
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### SUNDAY JAN 18

Vertigo Studio	2:00pm	SWAN?
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## HPRodeo Week 2 Jan 20 - 25

### TUESDAY JAN 20

Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	I Would Prefer Not To
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### WEDNESDAY JAN 21

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer	12:00pm	ProArts: The Calgary Fiddlers
Vertigo Studio	12:00pm	Ribstone
Vertigo Studio	7:00pm	Ribstone
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30pm	Beyond Fallujah
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	I Would Prefer Not To
Martha Cohen Theatre	7:30pm	Juliet: A Revenge Comedy
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### THURSDAY JAN 22

Vertigo Studio	12:00pm	Ribstone
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30pm	Beyond Fallujah
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Martha Cohen Theatre	7:30pm	Goblin: Gala
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	I Would Prefer Not To
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### FRIDAY JAN 23

Vertigo Studio	12:00pm	Ribstone
Vertigo Studio	7:00pm	Ribstone
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30pm	Beyond Fallujah
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Martha Cohen Theatre	7:30pm	Juliet: A Revenge Comedy
Jack Singer Concert Hall	7:30pm	It Takes Two: A Symphonic Collab
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	I Would Prefer Not To
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### SATURDAY JAN 24

Martha Cohen Theatre	2:00pm	Juliet: A Revenge Comedy
Motel / Laycraft Lounge	2:00pm	Words in Progress
Vertigo Studio	12:00pm	Ribstone
Vertigo Studio	4:00pm	Ribstone
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30pm	Beyond Fallujah
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Dream Machine
Martha Cohen Theatre	7:30pm	Juliet: A Revenge Comedy
Jack Singer Concert Hall	7:30pm	It Takes Two: A Symphonic Collab
WinSport Event Centre	7:30pm	Miss Rita's Lucha VaVOOM
DJD Dance Centre	7:30pm	Rare Beauties

### SUNDAY JAN 25

Vertigo Studio	1:30pm	Ribstone f/b Square Dance
DJD Dance Centre	2:00pm	Rare Beauties

## HPRodeo Week 3 Jan 27 - 31

### TUESDAY JAN 27

Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	A Brief History of Smoking Cigarettes
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### WEDNESDAY JAN 28

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer	12:00pm	ProArts: Almost Noise
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Your Show Here
Engineered Air Theatre	7:30pm	Bison Noir: Songs of Distant Shores
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	Bloodlust Summertime
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	Body Concert
Alexandra Centre	7:30pm	Hucksterland (preview)

### THURSDAY JAN 29

Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	A Brief History of Smoking Cigarettes
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	Body Concert
Alexandra Centre	7:30pm	Hucksterland
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Your Show Here

### FRIDAY JAN 30

Chinook Blast Hub at Eau Claire	5:30pm	Cedric Lightning & Kris Demeanor
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	Bloodlust Summertime
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	Body Concert
Alexandra Centre	7:30pm	Hucksterland
The Grand Flanagan	7:30pm	New Blood
Jack Singer Concert Hall	7:30pm	One Night Only: Vivek Shaya
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Your Show Here
Big Secret Theatre	9:30pm	BYA Cabaret

### SATURDAY JAN 31

Alexandra Centre	2:00pm	Hucksterland
Motel / Laycraft Lounge	2:00pm	Work in Progress: My Name is Karen
Contemporary Calgary	7:30pm	A Brief History of Smoking Cigarettes
Vertigo Studio	7:30pm	Body Concert
Alexandra Centre	7:30pm	Hucksterland
Big Secret Theatre	7:30pm	Your Show Here
Centre Court	9:30pm	Closing Night Party

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