

ONE YELLOW RABBIT'S 39TH ANNUAL

# HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

JANUARY 14 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2025



# WELCOME TO OUR DIGITAL STAGE!

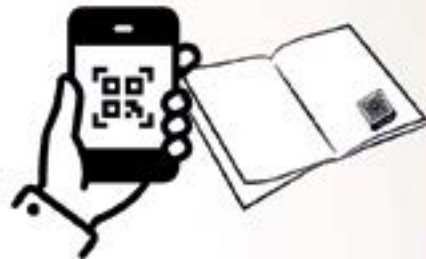
CHECK OUT OUR NEW DIGITAL GUIDE!

## Let's try something new together

Welcome to the 39th Annual High Performance Rodeo! This year, we're introducing a new way to access show schedules, locations, and exclusive content—right from your phone using QR codes.

### How It Works

- **LOCATE** - find a code
- **SCAN** - use your camera and open the link
- **DISCOVER** - schedules, artist info and so much more!



### Join us on this journey!

We're showing Calgary that there's more than one way to Rodeo. By embracing digital access, we're reinvesting in the arts, keeping ticket prices accessible, and bringing you shows that inspire, connect, and entertain.

Moving our resources online helps us save on printing costs, reduce waste, and keep the festival affordable. Every dollar we save means more investment back into the high-quality shows you love.



DONATE TODAY

### KEEP US HOPPING!

Help us empower artists at every stage with the workshops, mentorship, and opportunities they need to thrive. Your tax-deductible donation makes all the difference.

# GIDDY UP!

Is this your first Rodeo?  
Or maybe you've seen a show or 100?  
Want to get a feel for what you can expect for this year's festival?

Scan to watch the video now!



We've got tonnes of great digital content to share with you. Keep your device handy and get ready to scan and discover!

## Message from Blake and Oliver

Welcome back Friends, new and old, join us in a brief thought experiment:

Ok, take a deep breath, close your eyes. Cast your mind back and remember an event. Feel the glow of a special night out and how connected it made you feel to the world. Who was with you? What happened?

Now open your eyes and start flipping through this book. Take your time. Ask questions. Read a bit more.

With your heart and mind open, follow the path that leads you to a show or experience that has allure and calls to you, and prepare to take a step. Take the leap. Or a plunge. Feel the shock of the cool water or the welcome embrace of heat. Confidently return to the surface and breathe again.

Repeat. Tell a friend.

The festival is about the world. The festival is about you.

See you at the Rodeo!

**Blake Brooker**  
Artistic Director

**Oliver Armstrong**  
Producer



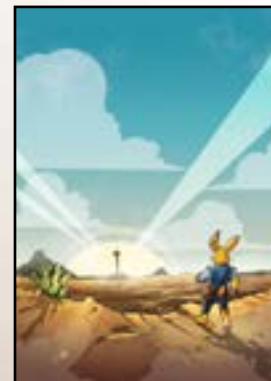
## Land Acknowledgment

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, Bears paw, 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.



**Jackson Gee is the amazing local artist behind the 39th Annual High Performance Rodeo festival creative!** The art is bold, vibrant, and a little bit cheeky - remind you of anyone else you know? And if you spot the program or poster around town, snap a pic and tag us. Let's spread that #HPRodeo love far and wide! @jacksongeart

## 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 39th Annual High Performance Rodeo.

It is marvellous and amazing to consider that the Rabbits and the Rodeo have been providing Calgarians with unique and inspiring performance experiences for four decades. The Board of Directors is honoured to support the incredible creative, technical, administrative and volunteer teams that present Calgary's most enduring theatre festival.

OYR is currently engaged in intensive strategic planning to ensure the future of the Rodeo in a changing theatre landscape, and we deeply appreciate your continued loyal attendance and individual financial support. We are profoundly excited to share new ways for us to showcase the legacy of the company and its founders, 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.

Have a great Rodeo! See you in the Lounge.

**Jim Laycraft**  
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.

### FESTIVAL TEAM

- Artistic Director **Blake Brooker CM**
- Associate Artist **Denise Clarke CM**
- Ensemble Artist **Andy Curtis**
- Managing Director **John Dunn**
- Producer **Oliver Armstrong**
- Company Manager **Johanne Deleeuw**

Big Secret Theatre Technician **Dylan Bauer** | Administrative Assistant **Alison Bloxham** | Outreach Coordinator **Noah Boyle** | Program Cover Art **Jackson Gee** | Business Manager **Amanda Germain** | Front of House Supervisor **Kloee Huberdeau** | Bar Manager **Devlin Imeson** | Program Guide Designer **Billy James** | Venue Technician **Adam Kostiuik** | Box Office Manager **Max Maxwell** | Box Office Representative **Tayla Mapatac** | Front of House Manager **Glenda Morrison** | Front of House Supervisor **Tori Morrison** | Front of House Supervisor **Marinko Pavic** | Box Office Representative **Taylor Petersen** | Beautiful Young Students Coordinator **Maezy Reign** | Production Manager **Nole Richardson** | Festival Representative **Hassan Rizwan** | Digital Coordinator **Connor Sadler** | Graphic Artist **Sreejani Sarkar** | Bartender **Tiffany Ste Croix** | Festival Driver **Adrian Stroud** | Technical Director **Mike Skwara** | Marketing and Communications **Tina Wolfe**

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# Let's see what Oliver Armstrong, HPRodeo Producer has to share!

## WEEK 1

Jan 14 to  
Jan 19



“**WEEK ONE** is going to whet your palate with some major, joyful theatrical work. We're bringing you legendary artists like Taylor Mac from NYC and the best queer rock from British Columbia, alongside virtuoso Alberta-based creators. There are shows for festival newbies and the wildest of the Rodeo veterans.”

## WEEK 2

Jan 21 to  
Jan 26



“There is not a single show in **WEEK TWO** that won't hit you where you FEEL. These are shows with massive emotional impact, and each and every one will stay with you. It's incredible what a 3-foot marionette is capable of doing, when wielded by the master Ronnie Burkett. These solo shows were created from deeply personal, but also universal experiences. Come with an open heart and open mind and you won't regret it.”

## WEEK 3

Jan 28 to  
Feb 2



“By now, HPRodeo will be in the swingy-est of swings, which is the perfect place to find yourself with Lucy Darling or Mump & Smoot in **WEEK THREE**. Perfect. We're taking you back to the days of grunge. We're coming with you to the book club to mess things up. And we're setting you up with some of the world's best dancers. And then we're inviting everyone to a dance party (that includes you). Going out with a bang has always been our style.”

# ARE YOU READY TO RODEO?

## SAVE WITH US!

### BUNNYSAYER 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 \$35 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. Be warned - the deal is only available if there are still seats available.

>> *Watch our socials for availability!*

### 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.

### 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 ARTS COMMONS

225 8th Ave SE, Downtown Calgary

### ARTS COMMONS BOX OFFICE (main floor)

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 (2nd floor)

403.294.7592 | [tickets@oyr.org](mailto:tickets@oyr.org)

*Get in touch for customized concierge services and personalized recommendations on shows and promotions*

### HOURS

*Leading up to 2025 HPRodeo*

- Tuesday - Thursday | 12pm - 5pm

*During 2025 HPRodeo | Jan. 14 to Feb. 1*

- Tuesday - Saturday | 12pm - 8pm

*Holiday closure | Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, 2025*

### 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.*

# LET'S GET SOCIAL

Connect with us and help spread the word about the bold, cutting-edge and full-of-heart experience that is High Performance Rodeo.

**#HIGHPERFORMANCERODEO**  
**#HPRODEOFOMO #HPRODEO2025**  
**#ONEYELLOWRABBIT**



   **@HPRodeo**  
**@OneYellowRabbit** 

Heavens to Murgatroid

# BACKSTAGE & VIP EXPERIENCES

Do you want the opportunity to get up close with your favourite HPRodeo Headliners?



**Ronnie Burkett | BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCE**  
Two Nights Only

**Jan. 22 & Jan. 24**

Meet Ronnie and his amazing marionette characters in person.



**Mump & Smoot | BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCE**  
One Night Only

**Jan. 30**

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to see the set and props up close.



**Après Lucy | POST-SHOW EXPERIENCE**  
Meet the grand dame of magic

**Jan. 28, Jan. 29 & Jan. 30**

Enjoy a front-row seat to a dazzling sleight-of-hand experience.

**Limited availability!**  
**Get your tickets before they vanish like a rabbit in a hat at a magic show...**



# TEN MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

HPR KICK-OFF | SPONTANEOUS | MUST SEE



*Curated by Jamie Dunsdon*

*Get ready to kickstart opening night of the High Performance Rodeo with a bang!*

*A perennial favourite, the Ten Minute Play Festival is our favourite way to celebrate opening night of the festival. Say goodbye to convention and dive headfirst into the uncharted waters of theatrical spontaneity. A sell-out event every year, witness Calgary's most fearless theatre troupes embrace the ultimate creative challenge: crafting a wholly original 10-minute play in just 24 hours, fuelled only by a prop and a single line of dialogue!*

*This challenge is not for the faint-of-heart; it's a gauntlet thrown down to those who dare to be different, those who revel in audacity, and those who thrive on the unexpected.*



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Tue, Jan 14 7:30pm

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Arts Commons**

# RONNIE BURKETT IN WONDERFUL JOE

TOUCHING | HUMOROUS | HUMANITY



**Created and Performed by  
Ronnie Burkett**

Joe and his dog Mister lose their home, and facing separation, head into the world for one last grand adventure together. The world seems broken, but Joe sees magic in the mundane, beauty amidst brutality, and life in the lost and lonely. A seemingly simple tale of a simple man, *Wonderful Joe* is a love letter to imagination, hope, and the art of filling broken hearts with gold.

***“At its heart, it’s about community, empathy and imagination. All things that help elevate the lives of average Joes everywhere.”***

- Toronto Star

Tue, Jan 21 7:30pm  
Wed, Jan 22 7:30pm  
Thu, Jan 23 7:30pm  
Fri, Jan 24 7:30pm  
Sat, Jan 25 7:30pm  
Sun, Jan 26 2:00pm



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Arts Commons**



# MUMP & SMOOT IN EXIT

**DARK | TWISTED | HILARIOUS**



***Created and Performed by  
Michael Kennard and  
John Turner***

In this deliciously dark comedy, Mump & Smoot - two otherworldly clowns from the planet Ummo - stumble through a nightmarish quest in search of salvation. Speaking their bizarre native tongue, these disciples of the mysterious god Ummo bring audiences on a twisted journey that's equal parts horrific and hilarious. Forget everything you think you know about clowns - this is not a show for children. A wickedly entertaining performance that ventures into decidedly adult territory with macabre humour and surreal sensibilities.

***"The particular genius of Mump & Smoot is the way they put the physical — no, the visceral — into dark comedy."*** - Liz Nicholls



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Wed, Jan 29 7:30pm  
Thu, Jan 30 7:30pm  
Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm  
Sat, Feb 1 7:30pm*

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Arts Commons**



# LUCY DARLING IN INDULGENCE

MAGICAL | HILARIOUS | VINTAGE

## Starring Carisa Hendrix

Back by popular demand! A returning favourite from the High Performance Rodeo in 2024, join Lucy Darling, the grand dame of magic, for a semi-improvised comedy show you won't want to miss. Lose yourself in the enchanting world of Lucy Darling, renowned across the globe not only for her quick wit and irresistible charm but also for her impeccably fabulous hair. Indulgence is a delightful fusion of spontaneous improvisational comedy, side-splittingly clever repartee, and mind-boggling feats of magic. With a touch of audience interaction, Lucy Darling transforms the very fabric of magic with every performance.

***"Lucy Darling is a true original – both hilarious and delightful. An exceptional new talent in magic."*** – David Copperfield

### Après Lucy | POST-SHOW EXPERIENCE

Join us after the show and meet the grand dame of magic (extra ticket required)

Lucy Darling in Indulgence

**Tue, Jan 28 7:30pm**

**Wed, Jan 29 7:30pm**

**Thu, Jan 30 7:30pm**

Après Lucy

**Tue, Jan 28 9:30pm**

**Wed, Jan 29 9:30pm**

**Thu, Jan 30 9:30pm**

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

# DENISE CLARKE'S SALON

ELEGANCE | PERFORMATIVE | EVOCATIVE

Nobody holds their audience in the palm of their hand quite like our own Denise Clarke. Back by popular demand for two nights only, you too can bask in this genuine experience. Join her in this distinctive theatrical environment for a poetic and dynamic creation by the woman who literally wrote the book on performance theatre. Rooted in evocative movement and an elegance all her own, this night is certain to enchant and engage.

***"Simple, precise, relaxed. Denise is offering us a raw and honest exploration of performance. We will join her there in joy and in intentional thought. Sure to sell out, Denise's Salon is not to be missed."*** - Oliver Armstrong, Producer



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm  
Sat, Feb 01 7:30pm

Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons



# BEAUTIFUL YOUNG ARTISTS CABARET

ECLECTIC | RISKY | RAW

For one sparkling night only, join these talented artists as they return to the Big Secret Theatre. Curated by Denise Clarke, these BeautifulYoungArtists will explore poetry, songs, small scripted chunks, original music, and more. A sold-out hit since 2022, anything goes - from haiku to sonnet, prepared to be surprised, impressed and inspired!

***"The cabarets are this year's raw and risky offering. For many, this is what makes the Rodeo a rodeo. Unpredictable, original and important, the next generation of festival performers are here to make you an offer - one which you can take or leave, but never overlook."*** - Oliver Armstrong, Producer



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Fri, Jan 31 9:30pm

Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons

ARE YOU READY TO EXPLORE?

# THE 39TH ANNUAL HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO

NOW IS THE TIME TO DISCOVER!

ICONIC CHARACTERS  
LEGENDARY PUPPETRY  
NOT-SO-BASIC BOOK CLUBS  
MAGNIFICENT MAGIC  
& VIRTUOSIC SOLOS

THE ONLY QUESTION WE HAVE...  
IS THREE WEEKS ENOUGH TO  
EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING?

Ronnie Burkett in Wonderful Joe | Mump & Smoot in Exit  
Lucy Darling in Indulgence | Ten Minute Play Festival  
Day Player Machine | Mother Nature | Flux in the City | Rat Academy  
Denise Clarke's Salon | BeautifulYoungArtists Cabaret  
Alexandrov, Nava and Nielsen | Call and Response  
I Don't Even Miss You | Hot Dyke Party | Scratch Party  
Taylor Mac in Conversation with Denise Clarke  
CRM&PNSHMNT | Echoes of the Land | Fun Free Stuff  
The First Bad Man | Ribstone | Words in Progress  
Mozart's Birthday Party | Unplugged: Nirvana Reimagined  
ProArts Concerts | Closing Night Party | Laycraft Lounge



## ALEXANDROV, NAVA AND NIELSEN

JOYOUS | RHYTHMIC | YOUTHFUL

Co-presented with *Decidedly Jazz Danceworks*

Danny Nielsen combines dazzling technique, natural musicality, and a drive to constantly innovate with a heartfelt desire to honour the rich traditions of the form. Alexandrov, Nava and Nielsen is a collaboration with renowned Bulgarian pianist/percussionist Kristian Alexandrov which delves into the symbiotic relationship between tap dance and jazz piano. Completing the trio is Calgary based, Venezuelan born, bassist extraordinaire, Daniel Nava. Touching on new takes of old standards, and original music, the three will co-create a performance drawing on everything from traditional and contemporary jazz to R&B, hip hop and rock.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Thu, Jan 30 7:30pm

Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm

Sat, Feb 1 2:00pm

Sat, Feb 1 7:30pm

DJD Dance Centre

# CALL AND RESPONSE

**DANCE | SPICY | JOYOUS**

**Co-presented with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks**

A new show from Decidedly Jazz Danceworks featuring live music by the Falling Bullets Jazz Band from New Orleans, led by Marla Dixon. Featuring Traditional New Orleans Jazz (the birthplace of jazz!), watch as highly skilled dancers respond with all of their foot stomping, finger snapping, head nodding, shoulder shimmying, torso wiggling, hip shaking, groove busting ways.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Thu, Jan 16 7:30pm*  
*Fri, Jan 17 7:30pm*  
*Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm*  
*Tue, Jan 21 7:30pm*  
*Wed, Jan 22 7:30pm*  
*Thu, Jan 23 7:30pm*  
*Fri, Jan 24 7:30pm*  
*Sat, Jan 25 7:30pm*  
*Sun, Jan 26 2:00pm*

**DJD Dance Centre**



# CRM&PNSHMNT

**MOVEMENT | NARRATIVE | MOODY**

**Co-presented with  
 Cloudsway Dance Theatre**

The character Raskolnikov tries to get away with murder, the author Dostoevsky tries to get away with writing forbidden ideologies. Come along for the ride as they try to explain everything in less than 80 minutes. CRM&PNSHMNT is a playfully abridged exploration of the original axe-murderer, his imprisoned and pardoned creator, and its modern artistic context.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Wed, Jan 29 7:30pm*  
*Thu, Jan 30 7:30pm*  
*Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm*  
*Sat, Feb 1 7:30pm*

**The Pumphouse Theatre**

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

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



## DAY PLAYER MACHINE

FUNNY | INTERESTING | PREMIERE

*An Influence B Production*

Day Player Machine is the brainchild of Tom Scholte, a Genie award nominated actor, director, and writer whose work has been celebrated at such film festivals as Sundance, TIFF, Rotterdam, and the Berlinale. Inspired by Scholte's experiences working as a day player on American film sets, this world premiere is a darkly funny ride through the imploding psyche of a Canadian film actor who thinks he might just be an android in a simulated reality.

Direction and Dramaturgy by Blake Brooker.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed, Jan 22 7:30pm  
Fri, Jan 24 7:30pm  
Sat, Jan 25 3:00pm  
Sat, Jan 25 7:30pm

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons**

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.



# FLUX IN THE CITY

**PARTICIPATORY | PLAYFUL | SCRAPPY**

**A Major Matt Mason Collective  
production in collaboration with  
Contemporary Calgary**



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

This ain't your grandpa's municipal consultation. Intrepid theatre artists and amateur urbanists, Nathaniel Hanula-James and Wesley Reibeling, try to reinvent one of the most frustrating, opaque, and downright boring processes known to humankind: the municipal consultation. At its heart, this show is a celebration of the glorious messiness that makes every city exciting and unique. This world premiere of Flux in the City speaks directly to the city of Calgary: its past, its present, and where it might go from here.

*Wed, Jan 22 7:30pm*

*Thu, Jan 23 7:30pm*

*Fri, Jan 24 7:30pm*

*Sat, Jan 25 2:00pm*

**Contemporary Calgary  
Auditorium**

# ECHOES OF THE LAND

**SOUNDSCAPE | COMMUNITY | CREATOR**

**Co-presented with  
Ghost River Theatre**

Echoes of the Land invites audiences to immerse themselves in a transcendent sound bath led by traditional drummers Cedric Lightning and Skip Wolf Leg, featuring an all-star ensemble of local musicians and spoken word artists like Kris Demeanor and Kenna Burima. Grab your yoga mat and lie down as you let the soothing, meditative sounds wash over you. Bask in this powerful sonic odyssey that invites deep reflection on the land.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Thu, Jan 16 7:30pm*

*Fri, Jan 17 7:30pm*

*Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm*

*Sun, Jan 19 3:00pm*

*Thu, Jan 23 7:30pm*

*Fri, Jan 24 7:30pm*

*Sat, Jan 25 7:30pm*

**West Village Theatre**



# LAYCRAFT LOUNGE

THE place to meet up before or after your show. Swoop in and flock to the bar with the finest performance crowd around.



## HOT DYKE PARTY

ROCK CONCERT | JOY | QUEER

*Co-presented with Arts Commons Presents and Downstage Theatre*

A theatre-rock-concert celebrating dykes, butches, femmes, and queers of all sorts! Coming to you from the west coast! Hot Dyke Party might talk to you. They might talk at you. They will not ask you to come on stage. Queers and allies are welcome to dance (or stand and sway) throughout the night.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

## SCRATCH PARTY

**FRIDAY BONUS!** \* After the Jan 17 show join us for a party with a live DJ and dancing. This event is free and open to all, inspiring you to ride the wave of festival vibes! Cash bar.

Thu, Jan 16 7:30pm  
Fri, Jan 17 7:30pm  
Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm

**Engineered Air Theatre,  
Arts Commons**



**Open Nightly  
6:00PM until LATE  
MOTEL THEATRE**





# MOTHER NATURE

HEALING | ROCK OPERA | EARTHY

*A Bhama Roget Production*

In this genre-defying original rock-comedy, Seattle writer and award-winning comedian Bhama Roget brings Mother Nature alive in all her brutally charming glory.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Tue, Jan 21 7:30pm*

*Thu, Jan 23 7:30pm*

*Fri, Jan 24 9:30pm*

*Sat, Jan 25 9:30pm*

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons**

Rife with unresolved asteroid trauma, and still carrying a torch for those dead sexy dinosaurs, she's here to assure us that just because we're on the way out doesn't mean we can't feel good about ourselves. When humanity finds itself at a boiling point, a crisis of culture mirroring a crisis of nature, Mother Nature wants her children to know that with every crisis comes an opportunity. An opportunity to ROCK!!

# I DON'T EVEN MISS YOU

DYSTOPIAN POP | EXPLORATORY | SOLO

*A Tiny Bear Jaws Production  
co-presented with Verb Theatre*

Non-binary computer programmer Basil (they/them) wakes to a new world and devastating loss. Using live music, dance, and video, *I Don't Even Miss You* is a bold exploration of grief, love, artificial intelligence, and legacy that asks how gender, identity, and family can exist with no one to perceive them.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

*Wed, Jan 15 7:30pm*

*Thu, Jan 16 7:30pm*

*Fri, Jan 17 7:30pm*

*Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm*

**Big Secret Theatre,  
Arts Commons**



# HELP US KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

Your donations help pay the bills and more importantly your support brings incredible stories to the stage.



## MOZART'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

CELEBRATORY | JOYOUS | SOPHISTICATED

*Co-presented with Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra*

It's a double birthday celebration for Music Director Rune Bergman and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart! Come party with the Calgary Phil as they perform Mozart's imaginatively sophisticated Symphony No. 38. Then, stay for one of the finest masses the composer ever wrote. With its grand orchestration and bright character, you'll see why the Mass in C Major became a hit in Prague when it was used for the coronation festivities of Leopold II in 1791.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Sat, Jan 25 7:30pm

Jack Singer Concert Hall,  
Arts Commons

Scan to donate!



Do you like a little taste of **wild** in your entertainment? **Donate today** and help us to keep things spicy!

# PROARTS

Wednesdays @12:00pm  
Cathedral Church

## 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.



Jan 15

### Jaijai Li and Laura Reid SOUNDSCAPE | CONTEMPORARY | DUO

Explore the Cathedral as an acoustic playground for flute and violin.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Jan 22

### Anastassiia Alexander HEARTBREAK | MEMORY | REFLECTION

Engage with a poetic performance blending dance, sound, and memory-driven reflection.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Jan 29

### Icarus 3 JOYFUL | EXPERIMENTAL | IMPROVISATION

Immerse in an improvising trio blending clown-inspired energy with diverse musical influences.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

# RAT ACADEMY

CARTOON-Y | GRITTY | DISARMING

Produced by Batrabbit  
Productions in collaboration  
with Contemporary Calgary

Rat Academy is a physical comedy that follows Fingers, the last rat left in Alberta, immediately after discovering Shrimp, an escaped lab rat. In order to train Shrimp to survive in a world that hates him, Fingers creates the Rat Academy to train his new protégé along with the audience in the ways of the rat.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Wed, Jan 15 7:30pm

Thu, Jan 16 7:30pm

Fri, Jan 17 7:30pm

Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm

Contemporary Calgary Auditorium



# FUN | FREE | STUFF

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

## YOU MIGHT LAUGH! YOU MAY CRY!

**WORKSHOPS  
& TALK BACKS**

**PARTIES  
& ART**

**LUNCHTIME  
CONCERTS**

**PREVIEWS &  
READINGS**



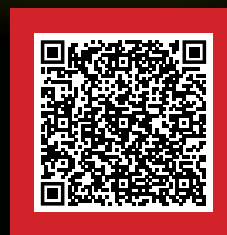
*FREE  
SHOW!*

## PREVIEW PERFORMANCE: RIBSTONE

**OLD-TIME MUSIC | AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL | STORYTELLING**

*A work in progress created and performed by Chris Hunt, A Black Radish Production*

Ribstone uses old-time music, old-time technology, and old-time heart to explore what it means to look back on the old times with today's eyes. Join renowned Calgary actor Christopher Hunt as he returns to the stage to tell his own story... or at least one version of it.



*SCAN FOR MORE INFO*

*Sat, Jan 18 1:00pm*

**Motel Theatre,  
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# TAYLOR MAC IN CONVERSATION WITH DENISE CLARKE

**ELABORATE | IMMERSIVE | INTROSPECTIVE**

*A co-presentation with  
Arts Commons Presents*

Rich with stunning musical performances, the HBO documentary, Taylor Mac's 24-Decade History of Popular Music, captures a tour-de-force performance that was performed only once in Brooklyn, New York. Denise Clarke will lead a live discussion with Taylor Mac about the groundbreaking concert event, followed by a screening of the documentary.



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**Sat, Jan 18 7:30pm**

**Martha Cohen Theatre,  
Arts Commons**

# THE FIRST BAD MAN

**LITERARY | IMMERSIVE | EMOTIONAL**

*A co-presentation with Wordfest,  
A Pan Pan Theatre Production*

Not quite your mother's book club, this immersive theatre experience offers far more than just a literary discussion.

Audience members will join a live performance featuring Dublin's Pan Pan Theatre, based on a reading of "The First Bad Man," a novel by Miranda July. Ahead of the performance, all attendees will receive a copy of the book as an invitation to join in the book club experience during the show.

Grab a seat and settle in to this book club as Kitty Blennerhasset, John Benno, Rose McVittie and Freya Golden explore their first book, week after week, along with the characters of Miranda July's novel. This production of The First Bad Man is a humorous, thoughtful, and occasionally unsettling look at how we engage with others, drawing on the book's themes of loneliness and isolation.



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**Thu, Jan 30 7:30pm**

**Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm**

**Sat, Feb 1 2:00pm**

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Join us as we reflect, connect and get down  
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**NOSTALGIC | GRUNGE | TRAILBLAZING**

**Co-presented with Calgary  
Philharmonic Orchestra**

The musicians of the Calgary Philharmonic and guest vocalists bring their grit to this re-creation of Nirvana's celebrated live album MTV Unplugged in New York! Throw yourself back to the '90s when grunge music reigned supreme and rock out to the band's About a Girl, Come as You Are, Pennyroyal Tea, and more — all given extra oomph with a full symphony orchestra.



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*Fri, Jan 31 7:30pm*

**Jack Singer Concert Hall,  
Arts Commons**

My heart beats like everest and back of heart be  
 God see hope you don't see light God see  
 you and My Dear, I do love you and  
 I help me please help to be me I help  
 smile with you keep you with the  
 rest of our life with I and smile with  
 be in my hold you're hold my life in  
 love this I your life? Sorry love this

My Dear, I do love you and  
 I help me please help to be me I help

# GOOD THINGS ARE COMING TO CALGARY!

Get ready for new storytelling and music by  
 Alejandro Escovedo coming in 2025.

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PLAYWRIGHTS | COLLABORATIVE | LOCAL

An event series created as a platform for artists to connect, converse, and share their work, Words in Progress features a frisky cross section of playwrights sharing selections of new plays in development. Readings and conversation, live and local. Hosted by playwright and curator Louise Casemore (Undressed, GEMINI), and featuring readings of new plays from Kenneth T. Williams (Café Daughter, The Herd), Maezy Reign (Hang In There, Teen Prophet), Harley Howard-Morison (Kaldrsaga, Alberta Queer Calendar Project), and special surprise guests!



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Sat, Jan 18 3:30pm

Motel Theatre,  
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 SHOW!**



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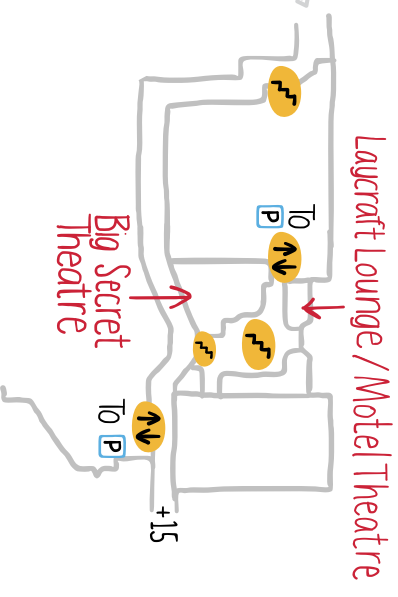
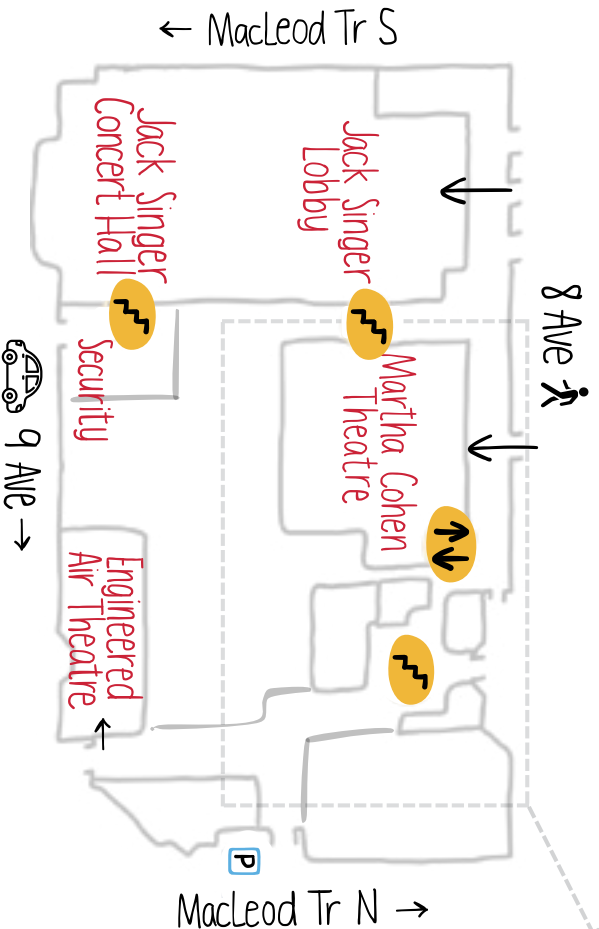
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EVERYTHING  
TOGETHER**

### WEEK 1

Jan 14 to  
Jan 19



Ten Minute Play Festival / AFTER PARTY /  
Call and Response / Echoes of the Land /  
Hot Dyke Party / I Don't Even Miss You /  
Preview Performance: Ribstone /  
ProArts Concert / Rat Academy /  
Scratch Party / Taylor Mac in Conversation /  
Words In Progress

### WEEK 2

Jan 21 to  
Jan 26



Call And Response / **Ronnie Burkett in  
Wonderful Joe** / Echoes of the Land /  
Flux in the City / Mozart's Birthday Party /  
Mother Nature / Day Player Machine /  
ProArts Concert

### WEEK 3

Jan 28 to  
Feb 2



Alexandrov, Nava and Nielsen / Après Lucy /  
BeautifulYoungArtists Cabaret /  
CLOSING NIGHT PARTY / CRM&PNSHMNT /  
Denise Clarke's Salon /  
**Lucy Darling in Indulgence** /  
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The First Bad Man / Unplugged: Nirvana  
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