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SPOTLIGHT presentation series



The Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society (VDPAC) is a non-profit 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 over 25 hardworking staff members and over 200 volunteers. Each year we present our SPOTLIGHT Season of diverse performances, complemented by more than 100 concerts, festivals, and events.

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

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

Come join us!

SPECIAL

DANCE

THEATRE

KIDS

FIRST STAGES

#### ABOUT THE FRONT COVER:

Red Sky Performance traces our ancestral origins back to the very beginning of the universe in their performance of Trace.

Red Sky Performance is also a part of our Diwali in Vernon
Festival on October 17, 2019

SPOTLIGHT AT A GLANCE

Buffy Sainte-Marie SEP 23

Michael Kaeshammer SEP 28

Charlotte Diamond 0016

Trace OCT 17

Diwali in Vernon Festival 00719

The Troll Grandfather 00127

Backbone NOV 2

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet NOV 10

Bed and Breakfast NOV 12

Paper Playground NOV 17

A Christmas Carol DEC 15

Infinity JAN 22

Samajam JAN 25

Anne of Green Gables FFB 2

New Canadian Curling Club FEB 4

Epilogos FEB 22

Hands and Feet FEB 23

I Am Woman, Hear Me Laff! MAR 6

Big Little Lions MAR 14 - 15

Dino Light MAR 22

Birthday Present for Myself APR1

Afrique en Cirque APR 22

#### 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.

## SPOTLIGHT Presentation Series SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGES

#### **CLASSIC** Subscriptions

For the theatregoers who prefer the traditional series subscriptions...Choose ONE Series & enjoy all the shows it has to offer and save! Subscribe to the SPOTLIGHT Dance, Theatre, or Kids Series to receive the discounted price on all the shows in the Series.

Dance: \$140 Save \$25

Theatre: \$135 Save \$20

Kids: \$48 Save \$18

#### **PICK 5** Subscriptions

#### NEW for 2019-20!

You can now personalize your SPOTLIGHT Subscription & save \$25 or more! Pick 5 shows from any SPOTLIGHT Series, including Special Presentations\*, to create your own SPOTLIGHT Subscription package.

#### **PICK 10** Subscriptions

#### NEW for 2019-20!

Come here often? Maximize your theatre experience with your saving when you pick 10 shows\* from our 2019-20 SPOTLIGHT Season & save \$70 or more on your Subscription! More shows, more savings, more fun!

All 2019-20 Subscribers are entitled to "Subscriber Discounts" on tickets to additional SPOTLIGHT Shows\*

Contact or visit our Ticket Seller Box Office: 250-549-SHOW (7469) or online at www.ticketseller.ca

\*OnSTAGE Concerts, First Stages, and Kids performances are not included

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our 18th Season and 2nd under our SPOTLIGHT banner! It's a season of discovery: A dynamic new Society look; new vdpac.ca website; spectacular SPOTLIGHT series for all: and you will find us "out there" in our community with an open invitation to join us all season with flexible new Subscription options — your passport to your very own journey of exciting, surprising & unforgettable LIVE! theatre experiences. Thank you for joining us!



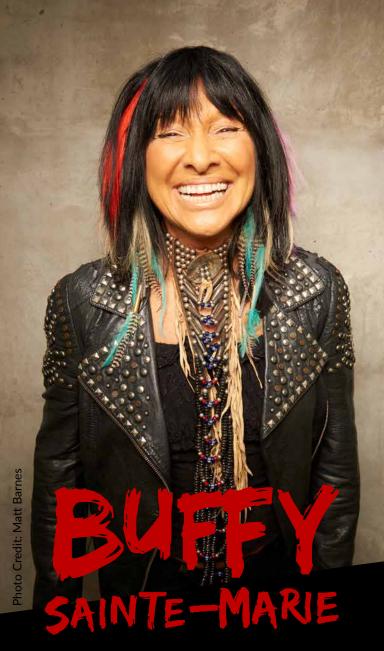
Jim Harding
Executive Director

#### ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What better way to come together as a community than through the performing arts! Celebrate life with Michael Kaeshammer's charismatic virtuosity. Hold your breath with the death-defying feats by Australia's Gravity & Other Myths' cool and contemporary circus, Backbone, Explore and celebrate as a community with our second annual Diwali in Vernon Festival. Experience the fully audience immersive performance for young children Paper Playground. Laugh and cry along with the Arts Club's Bed and Breakfast. Come join us here at your Performing Arts Centre!



Erin Kennedy Artistic Director



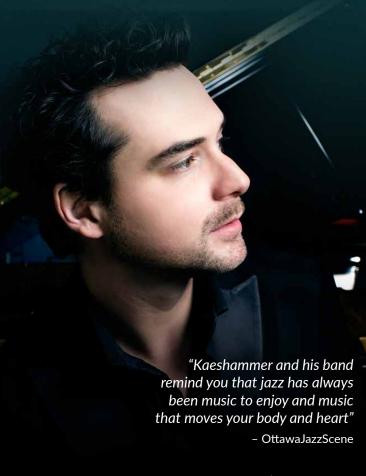
In this rare solo performance, Buffy Sainte-Marie, an Academy Award-winning singer-songwriter, reflects on her artistry, advocacy efforts, and Indigenous leadership, which have made her a unique force in the music industry.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT 7:30PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

\$49 Adult \$46 Senior

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### MICHAEL **KAESHAMMER**

Celebrating our 18th year, our annual Birthday Bash event features Michael Kaeshammer, Canada's triple-threat combo of piano virtuosity, vocal ability and charisma.

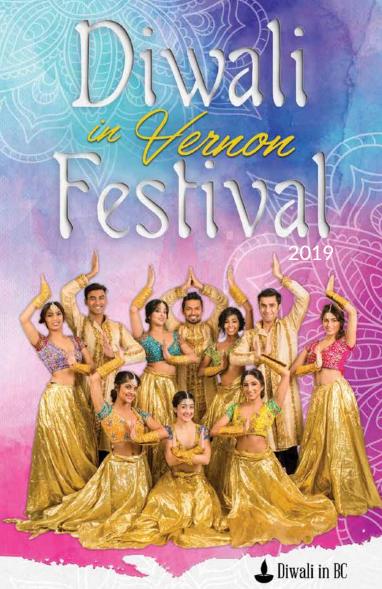
#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 AT 7:30PM

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\$35 Studen

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



Our highly popular Diwali in Vernon Festival is back!

Five days of interactive pop-up events hosted by our Community Partners, with Red Sky Performance's Trace added (see Dance Series) and culminating in a multicultural "Showcase" extravaganza featuring numerous dance & musical performances by local groups & professional headliners who will have you up & dancing in the aisles! Join us for an intercultural celebration of Diwali's "victory of light over darkness!"

Photo: Shiamak dancers from Diwali in Vernon Festival 2018

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 AT 7:00PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

\$35 Adult \$32

\$30 Student "Backbone's artful acrobatics will make you gasp"

- The Georgia Straight

gravity & other myths presents

## BACK BONE

Staged with a deceptively DIY aesthetic and dispensing of trickery and distraction, this Australian troupe of young, gravity-defying artist test physical and emotional strength and break the limits of the human body.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 AT 7:00PM

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SPECIAL **PRESENTATION** 

# I AM WOMAN, HEAR ME



ONE OF THE BIGGEST

STAND-UP COMEDY

EVENTS OF THE YEAR!

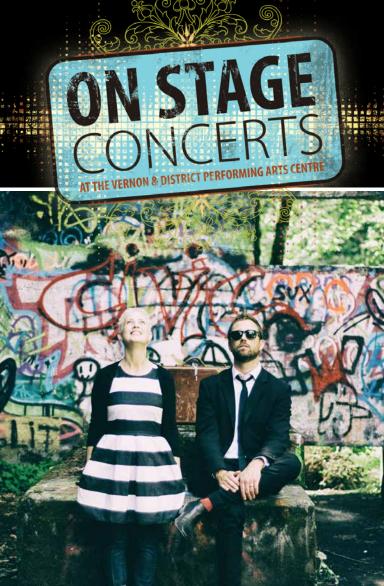
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 AT 7:30PM

SPECIAL **PRESENTATION** 

\$35

\$32

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## BIG LITTLE LIONS

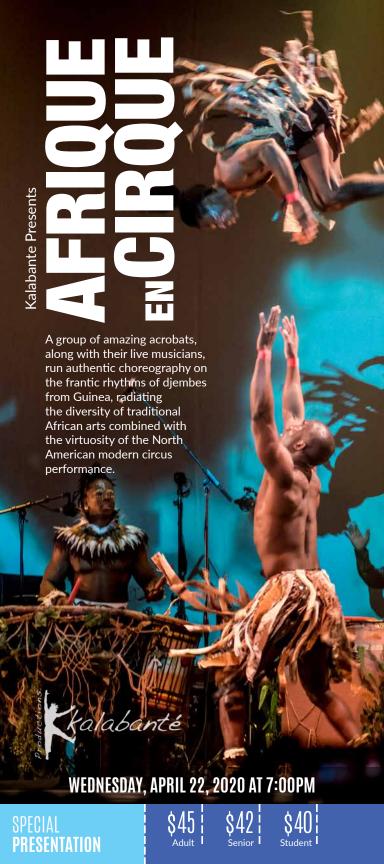
Relax and enjoy an up-close and personal concert with the audience seated cabaret-style on stage.

No Minors (19+ only), Limited seating available, General Admission Watch for more OnSTAGE Concerts TBA in 2019-20

SAT - SUN, MARCH 14 AND 15, 2020 AT 7:30PM

General Admission | \$30

SPECIAL **Presentation** 







Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's bold vision — top global choreographers, distinctive ground-breaking works, and virtuoso dancers — has fostered a jewel of a dance company in the American West. A European sensibility glossed with American ebullience forges ASFB's aesthetic, as the company has come to epitomize the contemporary-classical genre.

Photo Credit: Sharen Bradford

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 AT 7:30PM

DANCE **SERIES** 

\$45

\$42 Senior

\$40 | Student Canada's Ballet Jörgen's

ANNE S GREEN GABLES The Ballet



Canada's Ballet J<mark>ö</mark>RGEN du Canada Based on the beloved Canadian novel by Lucy Maud Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables – The Ballet™ follows the adventures of Anne Shirley, an orphan girl sent to live on a farm in the fictional town of Avonlea, Prince Edward Island in this brand new classical ballet.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 AT 7:00PM

\$49

\$46

\$44 Studer DANCE **SERIES** 

# SHAY KUEBLER RADICAL SYSTEM ART EPILOGOS

Epilogos is a dance theatre work that explores the five canons of rhetoric, the "art of persuasion," and the seven values of Bushido, the honour code of the samurai.

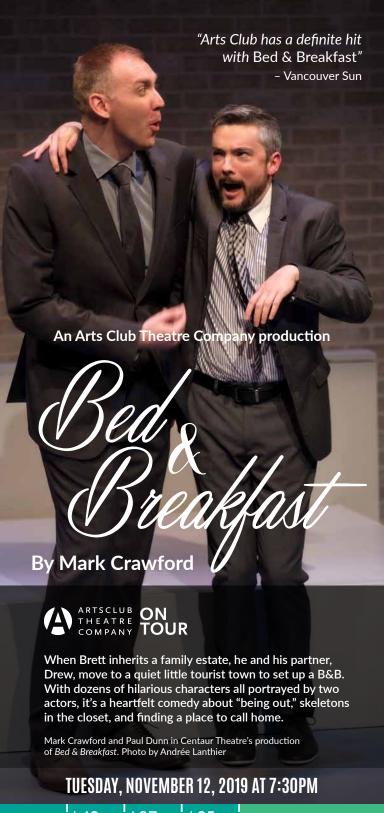


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 AT 7:30PM

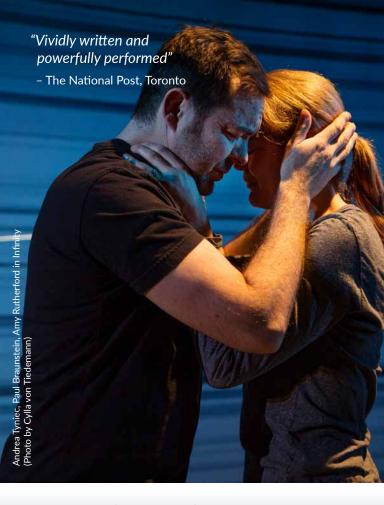
DANCE **SERIES** 

\$35 Adult \$32

\$30 Student



THEATRE SERIES





A Play by Hannah Moscovitch Directed by Ross Manson

Three brilliant minds—a musician, a mathematician, and a theoretical physicist—collide like particles, learning that love and time are connected in ways they couldn't have imagined in this shocking and revelatory play.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 AT 7:30PM

THEATRE **SERIES** 

\$40 Adult \$37 Senior

\$35



A Western Canada Theatre Production in association with Thousand Islands Playhouse

# THE NEW CANADIAN CURLING CLUB Play by Mark Crawford

Comedy abounds when 4 new(ish)
Canadians sign up for a free
"Learn to Curl" program.
What follows is the hilarious and
inspiring story of a group of unlikely
athletes who face off against local
prejudice and become a true team.

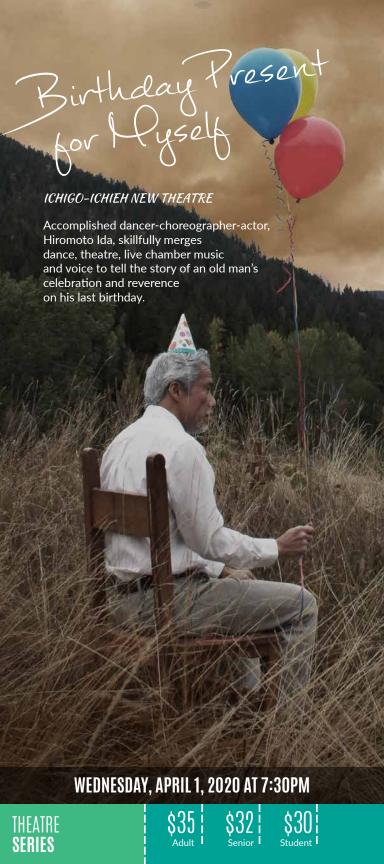


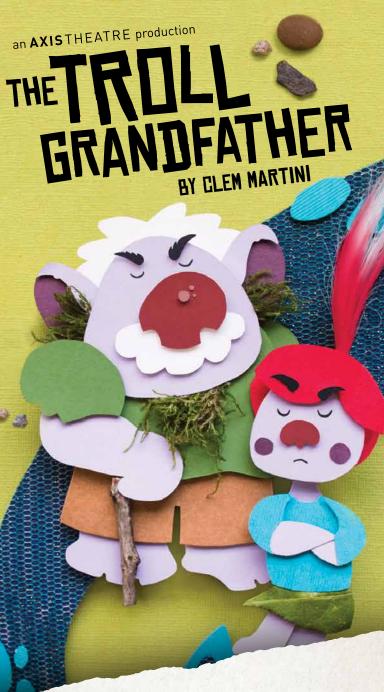
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AT 7:30PM

\$40

\$3/ Senior \$35

THEATRE SERIES





The Troll Grandfather is the epic adventure of a 9-year old girl who, after discovering her grandfather is a troll, sets out on a dangerous journey to learn more about her family and her past.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 AT 2:00PM

ALL AGES | \$14

KIDS **SERIES** 





## SAMAJAM You are the show!

The SAMAJAM Rythmo2! Show is a fully participatory, fun and energetic show, where each audience member receives a bag full of musical instruments to become the performing musicians of the show!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 AT 2:00PM

ALL AGES | \$14

KIDS **Series** 



## **DINO-LIGHT**

A GLOW-IN-THE-DARK ADVENTURE



In this original storyline, a famous scientist with magic powers brings a friendly dinosaur to life. When the dinosaur wanders away from home, he discovers a wonderful world full of creatures that light up the darkness and help him find the true meaning of love.

\*SPECIAL PRICE - Family of 4 for \$64

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 AT 2:00PM

\$20\* | ALL AGES

KIDS **Series** 



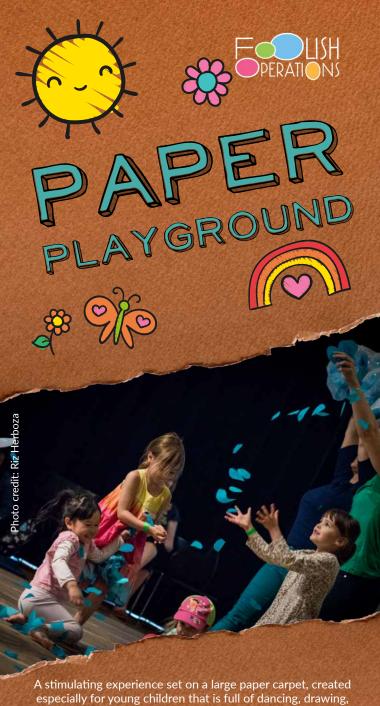
# Charlotte Diamond

The Canadian children's music legend Charlotte Diamond brings her family-friendly hits like I Am A Pizza, Four Hugs A Day, and many more.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 AT 3:00PM

ALL AGES | \$14

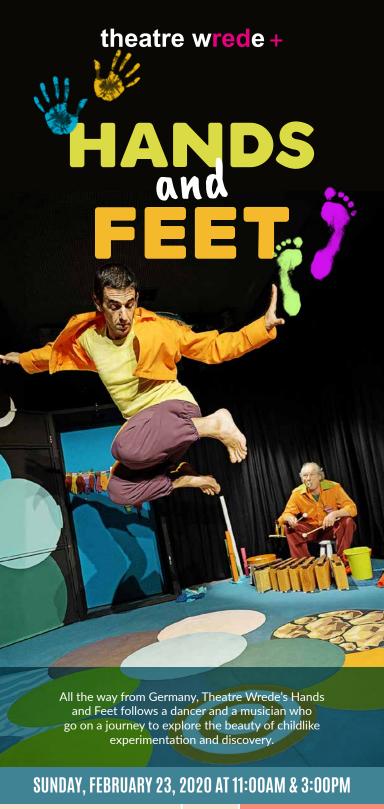
FIRST STAGES **SERIES** 



A stimulating experience set on a large paper carpet, created especially for young children that is full of dancing, drawing, live music and projections. This experience is fully immersive and welcomes children as true creative collaborators as they become an essential part of the performance.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 AT 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 1:00PM

FIRST STAGES SERIES \$14 ALL AGES



FIRST STAGES
SERIES

## **SPONSORS**

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#### Coming up this fall...

#### **JOHN WORT HANNAM**

#### SATURDAY, SEPT 14, 2019

luno nominated Canadian folk musician, from Fort Macleod, Alberta known for his story telling through music. Themes which are central to his music include life in Western Canada, and the human experience as seen through the eyes of working folk.

#### MARTIN SIMPSON

#### TUESDAY OCT 15, 2019

Widely acknowledged as one of the finest acoustic and slide quitar players in the world, his interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling. His solo shows are intense, eclectic, spellbinding and deeply moving.

Stay tuned, and check our website for further concert announcements. Watch for shows by April Vertch, Tillers Folly, Madison Violet, and more!



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2019/2020
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Our programming for this special anniversary season is designed to shine a spotlight on our musicians, the heart and soul of the OSO.

#### O'ROURKE'S PEAK CELLARS MASTERWORKS SERIES

#### I - LEGENDS Oct 20, 2019

Dynamic works by Dvorak and Rimsky-Korsakov, featuring Bryan Cheng and our own concertmaster, Rachel Kristenson. And one legendary, expensive Stradivarius cello.

#### II — THEMES AND INNOVATIONS Nov 24, 2019

Iconic themes from Vaughan Williams, Elgar and a world premiere piece written by Mark Haney for our own principal bassist, Meaghan Williams.

#### III — OSO DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY Feb 9, 2020

Featuring OSYO alumni who are making their mark on the wider musical world. Our annual Side by Side will conclude with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

#### IV — OLD FRIENDS March 8, 2020

Haydn, Brahms and pianist Ian Parker come together to celebrate themes and styles of wit and elegance.

#### V – BACH'S PLAYLIST Apr 2, 2020

Renowned baroque specialist Ivars Taurins leads the OSO in an eclectic program that celebrates the music of this historic era.

#### **VI – ODE TO JOY** May 10, 2020

The OSO, Chorus and soloists bring our sixtieth season to a thrilling close with a program including Strauss and Beethoven's iconic *Ninth Symphony*.

#### **SPECIALS SERIES**

#### I - MESSIAH Dec 22, 2019

With a quartet of stunning soloists, our own Okanagan Symphony Chorus and your OSO, this is a Christmas tradition you won't want to miss.

#### II - OKANAGAN ROCK ODYSSEY Jan 19, 2020

The Gary Cable project brings the greatest hits of timeless rock music to our stages, featuring some of Canada's greatest musician's alongside the OSO.

MEACHAN WILLIAMS DOUBLE BASS

SEE IT... HEAR IT... LOVE IT...



#### Concerts are at the Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre 3800 33rd Street

#### 2019 - 2020 Concert Season

Saturday, October 26, 2019 7:30 pm • GALA EVENING

Saguenay and Lafayette String Quartets - These two internationally acclaimed quartets amalgamate to perform three mesmermizing string octets. This is musical dialogue and communication at its most is sensitive and compelling.

#### Sunday, December 1, 2019 7:30 pm

Sords-Severn-Duvall Trio - Andrew Sords (violin), Luke Severn (cello) and Cheryl Duvall (piano), in their BC debut, perform Beethoven, including the Archduke trio, Brahms, Ravel and Severn. Old, new, varied, timeless, stellar!

#### Saturday, February 29, 2020 7:30 pm

Charles Richard-Hamelin - Impressively credentialed, award winning Quebec-born pianist returns, bringing the sheer beauty of his playing, mesmerizing audiences with passion, sensitivity and dynamic performances.

Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:30 pm

Il Violoncello Italiano! Bathe in the delights of Baroque and beyond. Renowned cellist Elinor Frey joins forces with harpsichordist Christina Hutten and archlutist Lucas Harris to present an evening of brilliant virtuosity.

#### Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:30 pm

**Buzz Brass -** What's the Buzz? "Exceptional musicianship", that's what! Hear how a quintet can sound like an orchestra! Buzz Brass is a force of wind to be reckoned with. Five amazing musicians blending and bending the sound of brass as never before.

Tickets available at Ticketseller 250-549-7469 • www.ticketseller.ca Season Tickets:

\$125/Adult • \$62.50/Youth (18 and under)
Individual Tickets:

\$40/Adult • \$20/Youth (18 and under)

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### **ANNOUNCING THE 2019/20 SEASON**

Fall Show (November 20 - 30)

#### THE GAME'S AFOOT (Holmes for the Holidays)

Come join us as Powerhouse presents this fast-paced hilarious murder mystery. Try to figure out 'Who dun it' along with Sherlock Homes cast members at the opulent Christmas dinner party of the famous actor William Gillette.

Written by Ken Ludwig / Directed by Debra Bob

Mid Season (February 19 - 29)

#### GIRL IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL

"You are not very good at being a human being" Iris recounts her final moments of childhood as her quirky, dysfunctional family plays out their mid-life crisis to an unsettling conclusion. This thoughtful, funny, wacky, off-kilter story by BC's very own Morris Panych explores the struggles of a modern household teetering on the edge of change at the same time as the world teeters on the edge.

**Directed by Cara Nunn** 

Spring Show (April 29 - May 9)

#### **BEN-HUR**

Ben-Hur follows a hilariously ambitious amateur theatre troupe of four actors as they produce the massive tale of Jewish prince and merchant Judah Ben-Hur. Ben-Hur falls to galley slave and rises to champion charioteer within Jerusalem during the life of Jesus Christ, while the actors struggle to portray sea battles and chariot races, as rivalries form and offstage romances interfere.

**Directed by Tanya Laing Gahr** 

#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Phone 250-549-SHOW (7469) or online at www.ticketseller.ca

#### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.powerhousetheatre.net

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#### ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre houses two performance venues, as well as the administration offices and our Ticket Seller Box Office, Vernon's official ticket agent, located in the front entrance of the Performing Arts Centre.

The main auditorium is a 750 seat proscenium arch theatre with orchestra and balcony seating.

The Marie Fleming Hall is a black box space with potential seating for 65 seated.

Each venue has its own lobby, entrance and loading area.

#### **Meetings and Community Gathering Spaces**

The Marie Fleming Hall and the Okanagan Spirits Foyer are available for rent and can be used for workshops, social gatherings, small performances, etc. Contact our Rentals Coordinator for pricing and availability.

#### Coat Check Gallery

Located on the lower floor, the Coat Check Gallery was created to showcase the talents of developing artists from our region.

Opened in October 2003, the Coat Check Gallery has rotation exhibits featuring work by North Okanagan visual arts groups.

The gallery is open to ticketholders prior to public performances and during intermissions at events hosted at the Performing Arts Centre.



#### FACILITY INFORMATION

#### Services for Patrons With Disabilities

All events are wheelchair accessible. Please indicate your needs when purchasing your tickets. Non-ticketed events (free, by donation, or pay-what-you-can) have a 'first-come, first-served' special needs seating policy. Allowances are made for special needs individuals to be accompanied by one person. Hearing assistance equipment is available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

#### Gender Neutral Washrooms

Gender neutral washrooms are located next to the bar and in the Marie Fleming Hall lobby.

#### Infant Change Tables

Fold-down change tables are available downstairs in both Men and Ladies washrooms across from the Coat Check and in the Marie Fleming Hall lobby washroom.

#### Scent Free Policy

Please be considerate of our patrons. We are a scentfree theatre! Please do not wear scented items. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

#### **ABOUT THE SOCIETY**

#### Memberships

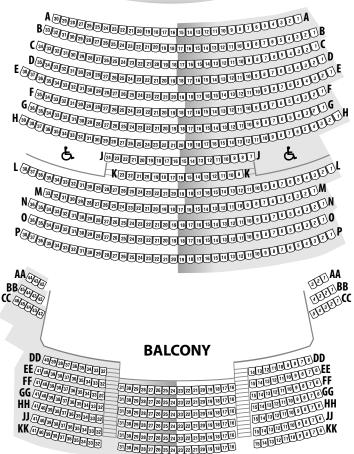
Support the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society by becoming a member. It's only \$10 per year and you'll enjoy special discounts on our subscriptions, SPOTLIGHT shows and other benefits.

With a \$50 MembersPlus membership, you can build your own custom subscription package with maximum savings and flexibility. Call our Ticket Seller Box Office for details.

#### **SEATING MAP**



#### **STAGE**





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Available in \$20 and \$50 denominations; they are redeemable for all events sold by the Ticket Seller and never expire!

## **8-12 HIGH SCHOOL** STUDENT TICKETS

Show your valid 2019/20 high school Student ID for access to extreme ticket discounts, exclusive pre-show parties, and your chance to meet the artists.

Find out more at www.ticketseller.ca/8to12