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Membership has its privileges at the Lester Centre of the Arts! Email us today at manager@lestercentre.ca to find out how you can become a member and get **10% off** all Lester Centre presentations! Check out our program schedule on the inside of this brochure to find out more. (All Lester Centre presentations are marked with a fancy orange asterisk - *)

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Message from the Lester Centre

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you back to the Lester Centre for our 2022-2023 season!

This past spring, after a two-year pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we saw big and enthusiastic audiences return to the theatre. Our community was hungry to come out and enjoy great performances with their friends and family, and we don't see that slowing down for the coming season.

Inside this brochure you'll see some of the great performances we've planned for the upcoming season. This is a snapshot in time, because we may be adding more shows as the year progresses. To find out the most up-to-date information, please visit www.lestercentre.ca

Our season is only possible thanks to the support of our sponsors (on the back page of this brochure), and the hard work of our many dedicated volunteers who help us out at every show. We encourage you to say thanks or give out a fist-bump if you see any of these sponsors or volunteers!

Please feel free to reach out at any time if you have questions about the season, if you'd like to rent the facility, or if you'd just like to talk theatre!

Chris Armstrong, General Manager
manager@lestercentre.ca



We would like to acknowledge that the land the Lester Centre sits upon is within the traditional territory of the Tsimshian people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work, live, and play on their lands.

LESTER CENTRE
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2022/2023
season



2022

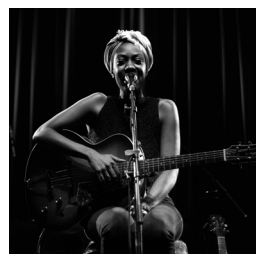
SEPTEMBER



An Intimate Evening with Johnny Reid

Country crooner Johnny Reid makes a stop on his national tour, singing songs about loss, love, pickup trucks, and the last beer of the night. Come enjoy a show the Vancouver Sun calls, “the tour we all need for 2022.”

Sept. 12 & Sept. 13 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm



Tonye Aganaba*

Fusing folk, rock, and Indigenous-influenced music, as well telling stories of Queer rights and dealing with multiple sclerosis, Tonye’s set is not just a celebration of music. It’s a celebration of what it means to be human in the 21st century.

Sept. 29 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

OCTOBER



Bunk #7

It is 1960 at Edmonton Residential School on the prairie flatlands of Alberta and unrest is in the air. Join six Indigenous boys from Northern BC and their English supervisor in this true story of culture and resilience, told with heart and humour, and love of land, sea and tribe.

Oct. 8 | 7:00 pm | House open 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER



Sarah Hagen plays Goldberg Variations*

Cherished by many, the Goldberg Variations are emblematic of keyboard virtuosity, rich expression, and hardcore classical interpretation. Join pianist Sarah Hagen as she brings this formidable work to life.

Nov. 5 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

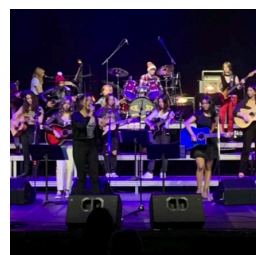
DECEMBER



The SpongeBob Musical

Adapted from the iconic Nickelodeon series, this year’s high-school musical tells the story of how Bikini Bottom faces annihilation – until a most unexpected hero rises to take centre stage.

Dec. 1-2, 7:30 pm | Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m.

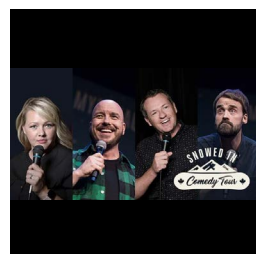


Jingle Bell Rock*

Now in its 11th year, the music students from Ring System Studios bring you festive rock ‘n’ roll cheer for the holiday season. Now a traditional must-see show during Christmastime in Rupert.

Dec. 10 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

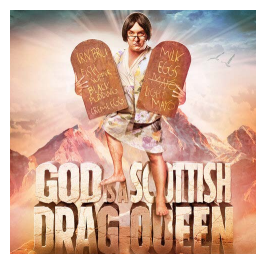
JANUARY



Snowed-In Comedy Tour

Back for another year, the Snowed In Comedy tour will bring comedic light to some of the darkest days of the year. Join some of the funniest comedians in the country for a night of chortles, chuckles, giggles and guffaws.

Jan. 10 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm



God is a Scottish Drag Queen*

God, dressed in a floral power suit, skewers everything from Justin Bieber to the Pope in an unforgettable two-act comedy of biblical proportions. Featuring award-winning comedian Mike Delamont.

Jan. 19 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

2023

FEBRUARY



Regional High School Drama Fest

High schools across the North put their theatrical savvy on display for the chance of thespianistic glory. And also to learn a few things from seasoned adjudicators.

Feb. 23-25 | Various times



Roots & Grooves*

Veteran dulcimer ace Rick Scott and young keyboard wizard Nico Rhodes join forces in an inter-generational smorgasbord of folk, boogie-woogie, jazz and blues. And anyway, when was the last time you saw someone play a dulcimer?

Feb. 26 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

MARCH



Ballet Jorgen’s “Cinderella”*

Balancing the fairy tale elements of the story with a contemporary treatment of Cinderella and her family relationships, this is a classical ballet with modern, dramatic sensibilities.

March 1 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

APRIL



Mamma Mia!*

The story-telling magic of ABBA’s timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

April 20-22 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

MAY



BC Annual Dance Competition

Back for another year, hundreds of Canadian dancers will once again descend upon Prince Rupert for one of the most unique dance competitions in the country, and run entirely by volunteers!

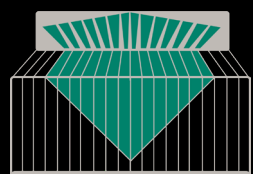
May 7-13 | Various times



Rockstock*

The students of Ring System Studio will once again blow the roof off the joint with rock, roll, and a lot of acoustic guitars. A can’t-miss show!

May 27 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm



35th Anniversary Gala! Three Nights of Great Entertainment: October 13-15, 2022

A Night of Dance & Theatre*



In our first night celebrating our 35th anniversary, we’ll showcase the incredible dramatic and dance talent we have in our community. Bring your dancing shoes for a “dance-off” in the finale.

Oct 13 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

A Night of Wonder & Magic*



On the second night of our 35th anniversary gala celebrations, come see magician/musician Chris Funk, a.k.a. “The Wonderist” astound you. He’s appeared on “America’s Got Talent” and now he’s on the Lester stage for one night only!

Oct. 14 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

A Night of Rock & Roll*



On our final night of our 35th anniversary gala, prepare to get your socks rocked off! Featuring the up-and-coming talents of Ring System Studio, and the skilled sounds of Triple Bypass, we’ll blow the roof off the place. Rock on!

Oct. 15 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

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