

2023



### Songs & Stories: Saltwater Hank & The T. Buckley Trio\*

In our first show of the season, we bring you a night of songs & stories with some incredibly talented artists. The night begins with Tsimshian artist Saltwater Hank, a performer with natural comedic timing throughout his songwriting and his act, who has recently released an album of songs in his native Sm'algayax language.

Rounding out the evening will be the T. Buckley Trio, whose arrangements of bluegrass and country roots perfectly fit their frontman's well-crafted songs and unique interpretations of their musical influences.

Sept. 23 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.



### 54.40: Two Nights with a West Coast Band\*

In our centrepiece show of our season, we present two nights with a band that has not only made their mark on the Canadian music industry, but on the entire cultural landscape. Led by chief songwriter Neil Osborne, 54.40 has carved out a legacy of gold and platinum albums and an outstanding reputation for live performance that carries through to this day. They are also preparing

for the release of their 2023 album, "West Coast Band," which celebrates the common history they share as band members.

Oct. 20 & Oct. 21 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.



### Something Rotten

Set during the English Renaissance, Something Rotten follows brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom through their wacky attempts at finding success in Shakespeare's shadow. With the help of a slightly inaccurate soothsayer, the brothers set off to write the first ever musical – with absurd but entertaining results. Full of clever and witty writing, an upbeat original score, and

a cast of characters who are as clueless as they are hilarious, this is musical comedy at its finest! Presented by the Charles Hays Secondary School's fine arts program. Due to some suggestive language and content, this show is rated PG-13.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.



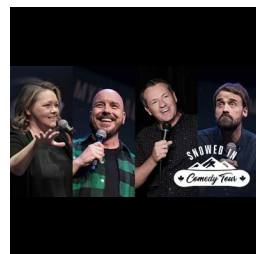
### God is a Scottish Drag Queen: Christmas Edition\*

Back by popular demand! God, dressed in an all new holiday power suit, returns to set the record straight and expound on everything from the beginnings of Christmas with Yule, Saturnalia and Winter Solstice, to holiday foods, Christmas carols, Star Wars, the true story of the Nativity, and even Tiny Tim! Performed by critically-acclaimed

comedian Mike Delamont, this show is the most popular of the entire series and is an absolute must-see. You will never look at egg nog the same way again.

Dec. 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.

2024



### Snowed In Comedy Tour

Back for another year, the Snowed In Comedy Tour will bring you some comedic light to the darkest days of the year. Join some of the funniest comedians in the country for one of the largest comedy tours in Canada. It's sure to be a night of laughs with award-winning comedians who put the "funny" in "fun."

Jan. 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.



### Alex Cuba\*

Though raised in Artemisa, an hour outside of Havana, Alex Cuba's artistry is as far-flung as the place he has settled and lived for over 15 years: Smithers, B.C. His music brings together melodies, popsoul hooks and rock chords in songs that may seem to bear little resemblance to traditional Cuban form. With over 20 awards and nominations to his name, including 4 Latin

Grammys, 2 Juno Awards, and 3 Grammy nominations, he continues to make music at an astounding pace. Come see the performer that the Boston Globe says "is like Marvin Gaye singing soul to a new generation."

Jan. 20 | 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 7 p.m.



### Oktopus\*

Acclaimed with numerous awards, Oktopus is a major presence on the Canadian world music scene, with over 250 performances to its credit at home and abroad. The group is primarily devoted to klezmer, distinguished by a novel approach that incorporates various components of the classical and Quebecois repertoire, with some jazz and Balkan elements. Eight musicians, who sprinkle

their shows with humour and spicy narrative, offer a festive and high-energy performance. Oktopus is simply....spectentacular!

Feb. 8 | 7:30 pm | Doors open at 7 p.m.



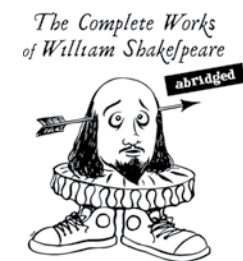
### Ballet Kelowna: taqəš and Other works\*

Featuring a stunning line-up of signature works from Ballet Kelowna's contemporary ballet repertoire, this high-energy program promises to please a wide range of spectators. In the first act, choreographer Cameron Fraser-Monroe brings classical ballet training and knowledge of traditional First Nations dance to "taqəš," which means "to return something" in Ayajuthem. The

next show, "Bolero," features breathtaking lifts and virtuosic choreography in a fascinating interpretation of the beloved song by Maurice Ravel. In the final act, Fraser-Monroe's "The Cowboy Act Suite" explores the dichotomy between "Cowboys & Indians," set to music by Mohawk singer/songwriter Tom Wilson.

March 30 | 7:30 pm | Doors open at 7 p.m.

APRIL



### The Complete Works of William Shakespeare {Abridged}\*

Three local actors/actresses will weave their wicked way through all of Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter. An irreverent, fast-paced romp through all the Bard's plays, "The Complete Works...." covers all 37 plays in 97 minutes. Let's do this.

April 18-20 | 7:30 pm | Doors open at 7 p.m.

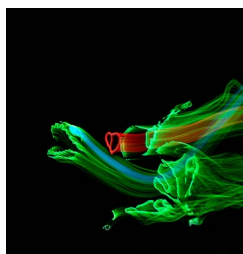


### BC Annual Dance Competition

Back for another year, hundreds of Canadian dancers will descend on Prince Rupert for one of the most unique dance competitions in the country. The BC Annual Dance Competition has been bringing bright young talent to the stage for over 30 years with a commitment to promote the performing arts, and the opportunity to walk away with some of the largest cash

prizes in Canada, And, it's run entirely by volunteers!

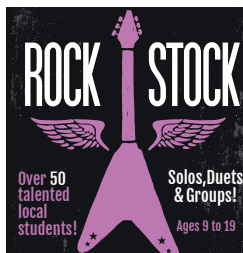
May 5-11 | Various times



### Lightwire Theater: Dino-Light\*

Glow-in-the-dark dinosaurs. Need we say more? Join us for a story of a scientist who brings a dinosaur to life, and how his creation discovers a wonderful world of creatures that light up the darkness and help him find the true meaning of love. Featuring a blend of puppetry and unique lighting design, this show has been praised by audiences all over the world.

May 12 | 7 pm | Doors open at 6:30 pm



### 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 25 | 7:30 pm | House open 7:00 pm

JUNE



### Dance Academy of Prince Rupert: Year-end show

In the finale of the year, dancers from the acclaimed dance studio will show off the hard work from all of their young dancers. With all the talent on stage, this is a show you won't want to miss.

June 15-16 | 7:00 pm | Doors open at 6:30 pm

\* All Lester Centre presentations are marked with a fancy green asterisk.

Shows may be added mid-season.  
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