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**Friday, September 23, 2022, 7:30 pm - Canada's Ballet Jörgen - Anne of Green Gables - The Ballet™**

This creation is monumental for the company and enables us to present this uniquely Canadian story to communities across the country. Canada's Ballet Jörgen's Anne of Green Gables—The Ballet® will be the first time the story has been authorized for creation as a full-length ballet. This creation is made possible through the assistance of the heirs of Lucy Maud Montgomery. A full-sized symphonic ballet score will be created as an extended orchestration of the Anne of Green Gables—The Musical™ made possible through a partnership with Avonlea Productions Ltd. and Erinsharn Productions Ltd. [www.canadasballetjorgen.ca](http://www.canadasballetjorgen.ca)

**Monday, November 7, 2022, 7:30 pm - Twin Flames**

Building bridges across cultures, continents, and styles, Twin Flames bring together a richness of personal history and musical experience. Blending together Indigenous and western instruments, as well as their own unique sonic creations, this Multi-Award Winning duo effortlessly floats between Inuktitut, French, and English leaving audiences fascinated and inspired. Twin Flames create a sonic landscape that spans Canada's vast country, they transcend cultural boundaries and inspire unity while honoring their ancestor's history and Indigenous Backgrounds. Twin Flames push the boundaries of "Contemporary Folk".

Consecutive year winners of The Canadian Folk Music Award; Aboriginal Songwriters of the year their songs tell stories of courage and survival. Prepare to dive into the hearts and minds of the beloved couple, we guarantee a journey like no other. [www.twinflamesmusic.com](http://www.twinflamesmusic.com)

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 7:30 pm - Motus O: Prisoner of Tehran**

Prisoner of Tehran, based on the book of the same name, is a unique collaboration between Iranian born writer/speaker Marina Nemat and MOTUS O. This unique performance piece is a synthesis of theatre, video and storytelling that swims in a landscape of movement brushing the themes of oppression, persecution, survival and most of all HOPE. After the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Marina was arrested at the age of sixteen and spent more than two years in Evin, a political prison in Tehran, where she was tortured and came very close to execution. She came to Canada in 1991 and has called it home ever since. Marina's book *Prisoner of Tehran* has been published in 28 other countries and is an international bestseller. After each show a Question and Answer period will take place. Prisoner of Tehran has toured much of Canada including performances to over 10,000 high school students. [www.motuso.com](http://www.motuso.com)

**Saturday, April 22, 2023, 7:30 pm - Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra presents Keyed to Life: The Music of Stevie Wonder**

100 million albums sold world-wide, 22 Grammy Awards, an Academy Award (Best Original Song), Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, R&B Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Songwriter's Hall of Fame, are but a few of the accolades honouring the spectacular musical career of the one and only Stevie Wonder. The universality of Stevie Wonder and his music serve as the inspiration behind this Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra show. It will feature a blend of classic and reimagined renditions of Stevie Wonder's incredibly joy-filled music, presented through the 'lens' of Saskatoon's premiere large jazz orchestra the SJO. [www.saskatoonjazzorchestra.com](http://www.saskatoonjazzorchestra.com)

**Monday, October 17, 2022, 7:30pm - Christine Tassan et les Imposteures**

With a decade and a half of bringing their special blend of Gypsy jazz and revisited cover songs, Christine Tassan et les Imposteures have made a name for themselves on the music scene. The latest show of these four exquisitely talented musicians brings together some of the best works by Django Reinhardt, Félix Leclerc and American swing composers. With a singular mix of virtuosity, daring and humour, the string band draws inspiration from one artist's poetry and the other's swing to weave a rich new musical universe. They've expanded their concept to the wonderful swing music of some contemporary "friends" of Django and Félix. They revisit hit songs created by George Gershwin, Louis Prima or Charlie Chaplin and blend them nicely with Django's beautiful melodies. <https://christinetassan.com/en/artist/christine-tassan-et-les-imposteures/>

**Friday, January 13, 2023, 7:30 pm - Prairie Debut presents: Farhad Khosravi & Daniel Stadnicki**

The earliest version of the santur dates back to as far as Babylonian stone carvings (669 B.C.). Now, Prairie Debut audiences have the opportunity to hear the evocative sound of this ancient Persian instrument performed in contemporary style that traverses time. The long resonating tones of Farhad Khosravi's santur weave naturally with the earthy sounds of Daniel Stadnicki's percussion, creating a seamless musical journey. Their second collaborative album, *Mosàfer*, was released in August 2020 to critical acclaim. Farhad and Daniel have performed in multiple venues and festivals in Edmonton including Royal Alberta Museum, Winspear Centre, Alberta Culture Days, Mile Zero Dance, and the Yardbird Suite. [www.prairiedebut.com/2021-22-khosravi-stadnicki/](http://www.prairiedebut.com/2021-22-khosravi-stadnicki/)

**Friday, February 17, 2023, 7:30 pm - Prairie Debut presents: Viðarneisti**

Imagine a concert program blending the adventurous spirit of Nordic explorers with the shimmering allure of the Northern Lights, and you'll have an inkling of what you might hear in the collaboration of clarinet and marimba duo Catherine Wood and Victoria Sparks. The two come together as Viðarneisti (pronounced vee-thar-nest-ee). The Icelandic term for "woodspark" is an apt description for what happens when the rich, sultry tone of the clarinet meets the percussive punch of marimba. The recognition of their shared Icelandic heritage serves as a spring board for Wood and Sparks, as they delve into themes from their Nordic roots. Viðarneisti invites audiences to experience this fascinating and unusual musical combination, as these warm and personable artists innovate from a variety of styles and genres. [www.prairiedebut.com/2021-22-vidarneisti/](http://www.prairiedebut.com/2021-22-vidarneisti/)



**Saturday, November 19, 2022, 7:30pm - Chris Henderson**



A veteran singer, songwriter, and storyteller, Chris Henderson weaves his stories and music together for an evening that will leave you laughing, crying, and hopefully a few emotions in between. With four albums to his credit and more than 15 years of touring across Canada, Henderson brings a charisma and charm to the stage that leaves audience members feeling like they've known him for years and have lived the stories in his songs. Backed by some of Western Canada's finest musicians, the show works well for all ages, and is sure to be an enjoyable evening. [www.chrishendersonmusic.com](http://www.chrishendersonmusic.com)

**Saturday, February 4, 2023, 7:30pm - Luke McMaster**

With ringing endorsements from Motown icons like Lamont Dozier, who collaborated on Luke's 2018 *Icons Of Soul* album, and Smokey Robinson who shouted him out on Twitter "Check out @lukemcmaster's cover of my song 'Ooh Baby Baby,'" adding, "Amazing job, Luke!" Luke confidently honors the Motown era that we know and love while crafting new soulful hits for the next generation. Referring to Luke's latest release, the five-song EP *Time*, Bob Mersereau of CBC says "*Time* is a slow burn, McMaster unveiling his silky falsetto over a rich groove and layers of irresistible harmonies... Its timeless, classic sound is perfect right now." Join Luke and his band for an evening of your favourite old and new, soulful songs, behind-the-scenes stories, and a whole lot of feel-good. You'll be humming and smiling all the way home. [www.lukemcmaster.com](http://www.lukemcmaster.com)



**Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:30pm - The Derina Harvey Band**

Derina Harvey leads the award-winning Celtic Rock sensation, the Derina Harvey Band (dHb), who were very well-received on their 2018 Saskatchewan tour. dHb returns this season with new original music and reimaginings of traditional folk songs—songs that are streamed over a million times per month across the globe. Derina's vibrant personality takes centre stage with humour, storytelling, and her world class vocals. dHb has been likened to a "rockier" version of Great Big Sea... if fronted by Adele! They've brought their high-energy east coast kitchen party across North America, leaving many an audience out-of-breath and hollering from their seats!  
[www.derinaharvey.com](http://www.derinaharvey.com)

