

WHAT'S ON AT RIVER RUN?



2024
LOTS ON
2025

River Run Centre

SEASON SPONSOR **RICHARDSON**
Wealth



Celebrating our local arts community

**Richardson Wealth is a proud
sponsor of River Run Centre.**

Find peace of mind in managing your wealth with our trusted advice. As an independent firm, we help individuals, families and business owners protect and grow their legacy with personalized, unbiased strategies designed for long-term success.

**Contact us today and discover
how we can help you achieve your
financial goals.**

www.RichardsonWealth.com/RiverRun
Steven.Hunter@RichardsonWealth.com

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Lots On – For Everyone

For all ages, for all genres, for all to enjoy.

Welcome to **LOTS ON**, River Run Centre's 2024–25 Season! We say it every year, and this year, we're even saying it in the season name.

Our programming goal is to truly deliver something for everyone. As the premiere performing arts centre in Guelph — a city which prides itself on its rich arts and culture — we want everyone to feel welcome here. And we want everyone to find something to enjoy.

We hope that this season's eclectic lineup delivers just that. With various genres of music, a few different styles of comedy, a cirque troupe, a new dance series, and more, **LOTS ON** promises excitement — and a few special surprises as well.

Whether it's your first time here, or you've attended every year since 1997 — welcome! We're glad you've joined us, and we hope that YOU find something to enjoy.

Bill Nuhn

Manager

Theatre and Civic Events



AT A GLANCE

MOVEMENT: THE DANCE SERIES



World After Dark · 8



Ballet Jörgen —
Sleeping Beauty · 9



Step Afrika! · 10

SLEEMAN-SPRING MILL MUSIC SERIES



Holly Cole —
Dark Moon Tour · 11



Glass Tiger —
This Island Earth · 12



Christmas with
The Ennis Sisters · 13



YAMATO Drummers
· 14



54·40 · 15



Finger Eleven · 16



Flamingos · 17



Mudmen · 18



Ladysmith Black
Mambazo · 19



Gowan · 20

GUELPH TODAY.COM COMEDY SERIES



Maria Bamford · 21



Girls Nite Out · 22



The Umbilical
Brothers — The
Distraction · 23



Just For Laughs
Road Show · 24

BOREALIS MUSIC SERIES



FORZA featuring
Jason Raso and
Special Guests · 25



Brooks & Bowskill · 26



Ammoye · 27

TICKET OPTIONS

Under 30 Tickets · 44

Sliding Scale · 45

Subscribe & Save · 47

Theatre Information · 58

Seating Plans · 59

2024
LOTS ON
2025

River Run Centre

SEASON SPONSOR **RICHARDSON**
Wealth

SHOWCASE SERIES



Outerbridge Magic —
Mysteries of the
Keyhole House · 28



A Next Generation
Leahy Christmas · 29



Boreal's Songs for a
Snowy Season · 30



Murray the Magician
· 31

WOOLY FAMILY SERIES



Video Phase —
Alt-Escape · 36



Life-Cycle · 37



Jim Henson's
Fraggle Rock: Back
to the Rock Live · 38



Cirque Kalabanté —
Afrique En Cirque
· 39

MAGIC MUSIC NOW



The Strumbellas · 32

MIIJIDAA MUSIC SERIES



A Very Charlie Brown
Concert · 33



Mimi O'Bonsawin · 34



The North Sound · 35

**PARK EATERY
KINDERCONCERTS**



The Nutcracker · 40



The Dragon's Gate
· 41



The Spider and the
Magic Drum · 41

Volunteering at
River Run Centre · 6

Thanks to Our Sponsors · 7

Linamar for the
Performing Arts · 42

Calendar · 48

Welcome!



Volunteering at River Run Centre

With close to 200 dedicated volunteers, River Run Centre has one of the most extensive and successful theatre volunteer programs in Ontario.

Each season, our volunteers donate over 10,000 hours, serving visitors as ushers, bartenders, and more. On average, volunteers put in about 350 hours a week supporting River Run Centre's programs and performances.

Volunteer with us!

Join this welcoming team for an engaging way to support the arts. We offer training and mentorship and get together for appreciation events, celebrating milestones throughout the year.

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Season Sponsor

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Series Sponsors



1854
SPRING MILL
DISTILLERY

GUELPHTODAY.com



Borealis
GRILLE & BAR
Obsessively Local



miijidaa
café + bistro

GUELPH'S MEETING PLACE
The Woolly
Pub
ESTABLISHED 1940

Show Sponsor



Linamar for the
Performing Arts –
School Programs



Youth Programs
Sponsor



Hospitality
Sponsors



Exclusive
Accommodation
Sponsor



Transportation Sponsor



Media Sponsors



GUELPHTODAY.com



Season funded in part by



World After Dark



**MOVEMENT:
THE DANCE SERIES**



Reclaim the night

Co-presented by 

Night is electric, immersive, rejuvenating, and disarming. Inspired by Christopher Dewdney's award-winning book, *Acquainted with the Night*, Shannon Litzenberger's multi-media, multi-sensory production explores our relationship with the night. With an outstanding creative team and ensemble of performers, *World After Dark* invites us to reclaim the night — a metaphor for the sensual, the embodied, and the feminine.

Friday, October 18, 2024
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth



SINGLE TICKETS



SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

REGULAR

OVER 60

UNDER 30

\$39.00

\$37.00

\$29.00

\$31.20

\$29.60

\$23.20

Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)

Ballet Jörgen – Sleeping Beauty




MOVEMENT:
THE DANCE SERIES

Exciting ballet delights fans of all ages

Experience this timeless romance, set to the music of Tchaikovsky, with innovative choreography by **Bengt Jörgen**. Renowned for breathtaking choreography, stunning costumes, and exemplary productions, Ballet Jörgen delivers a familiar tale with breathtaking beauty. The company travels across Canada, bringing professional productions and dance education to remote areas. In Guelph, local students perform as supporting cast.

Sunday, January 12, 2025
2 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00	\$25.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20	\$20.00

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Step Afrika!



**MOVEMENT:
THE DANCE SERIES**

A polyrhythmic, percussive symphony

Step Afrika! is the world's leading authority on the art form of stepping. Their energetic performances blend percussive dance, traditional West and South African dances, and an array of contemporary dance and art forms. Integrating songs, storytelling, and humour, each show involves the audience to deliver a completely unique, cohesive, and compelling artistic experience.

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage**

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

Holly Cole

Dark Moon Tour



World-class, sultry-voiced chanteuse

Spend a memorable evening with multi award-winning, Canadian jazz songstress Holly Cole and hear decades of fan favourites and new music from her September 2024 release, *Dark Moon*. A gold and platinum-selling artist, Cole's live performances are known for their playfulness and expert showmanship as she delivers the finest jazz with hues of country, folk, and pop-inspired melodies.

Sunday, October 20, 2024
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$59.00	\$57.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$47.20	\$45.60	\$31.20

SHOW SPONSOR

SEASON SPONSOR

Glass Tiger

This Island Earth



Award-winning, decade-defining pop

Revisit the classics of the 80s with one of Canada's most enduring bands. Glass Tiger takes the stage for a one-of-a-kind retrospective with one of the decade's most popular MuchMusic VJs and present-day media icon, **Erica Ehm**. With songs including "Don't Forget Me (When I'm Gone)," "Someday," and "My Town," among others, Glass Tiger delivers timeless international hits.

Friday, November 29, 2024
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

Christmas with The Ennis Sisters



Sweet harmonies and powerful songs

This holiday season, join the JUNO and SOCAN Award-winning sister trio from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, for a mix of original songs, holiday classics, and a little Irish step-dancing to ignite the holiday spirit. With music flavoured by Celtic and traditional Newfoundland influences, Maureen, Karen, and Teresa captivate audiences with seamless harmonies and powerful storytelling.

Friday, December 6, 2024
8 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$39.00	\$37.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$31.20	\$29.60	\$23.20

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

YAMATO Drummers



1858
SPRING MILL
DISTILLERY

SLEEMAN-
SPRING MILL
MUSIC SERIES

An emotional, exuberant performance

Feel the power of a 400-year-old instrument in the hands of this Japanese Taiko drumming group. The drummers exhibit precise control with a performance ranging from explosive, powerful sound to soft, delicate music. Their motto is to deliver energy and joy worldwide, and their performances are known as “physical music,” garnering critical acclaim across the globe.

Sunday, January 19, 2025
7 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth



SINGLE TICKETS



SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

REGULAR

OVER 60

UNDER 30

UNDER 14

\$69.00

\$67.00

\$39.00

\$29.00

\$55.20

\$53.60

\$31.20

\$23.20

54·40



Decades of hits and new music

Hear decades of hits from one of Canada's favourite alt-rock bands. Recording for over 40 years, 54·40 has carved out a legacy of gold and platinum albums and earned an outstanding reputation for their performances. Their songs have touched countless fans and in 2021, their iconic hit "I Go Blind" was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Sunday, January 26, 2025
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Finger Eleven



Riff-driven, genre-defining rock

Rock out with one of the best-selling Canadian rock bands. Finger Eleven boasts a series of consecutive hit albums, incredible live performances, and international, best-selling singles such as the breakthrough favourite from their 2003 debut, “One Thing,” and 2007’s genre-crossing smash hit, “Paralyzer.” After a seven-year hiatus, the band returns with a stomping new #1 single, “Together Right,” and a *Greatest Hits* collection.

Thursday, February 20, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

Flamingos



SLEEMAN
1858
SPRING MILL
DISTILLERY
**SLEEMAN-
SPRING MILL
MUSIC SERIES**

Dance with Guelph's best-dressed band

Come break in the inaugural Main Stage dance floor with a band you cannot sit still to! Local favourites Flamingos deliver a nostalgic and fresh Top 40 soundtrack, cruising seamlessly between rebel-rousing sock-hops, technicolor roller-rinks, and decades of high school proms. Expertly delivering the best hits from the decades, their performances incite dancing and heartfelt singalongs from fans of many genres.

Friday, February 21, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$20.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$20.00	\$18.40	\$16.00

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Mudmen



SLEEMAN
 1858
 SPRING MILL
 DISTILLERY
**SLEEMAN-
 SPRING MILL
 MUSIC SERIES**

Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors return

Get ready for an engaging, exciting performance from Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors. Entertaining fans for close to 30 years, the Mudmen are an integral part of Canadian culture, playing festivals coast to coast and more than 3,000 live shows across the county. Experience the joy through music that the Mudmen radiate with their fun-loving performances.

Saturday, March 22, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$39.00	\$37.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$31.20	\$29.60	\$23.20

Ladysmith Black Mambazo



Internationally acclaimed World Music

Come hear the group that President Mandela designated South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world. For 60 years, these five-time Grammy Award winners have warmed the hearts of audiences. They first gained international attention on Paul Simon's 1987 *Graceland* and have since continued gaining critical and popular acclaim. Ladysmith Black Mambazo delivers a message of peace and love through uplifting harmonies.

Sunday, March 30, 2025
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Gowan



1858
SPRING MILL
DISTILLERY

**SLEEMAN-
SPRING MILL
MUSIC SERIES**

Pop icon returns

Experience the iconic, influential hits of Lawrence Gowan live! With a stunning career boasting three gold and four platinum records, and several hit singles, his performances are renowned around the world. Now, the JUNO Award-winning artist — and the lead singer of Styx — returns to perform selections from his outstanding catalogue of songs including “Strange Animal” and “A Criminal Mind.”

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

Maria Bamford



GUELPHTODAY.com

GUELPHTODAY.COM
COMEDY SERIES

The funny side of darkness

Laugh out loud at deeply personal, experimental comedy about mental illness. Uniquely honest, brazenly vulnerable, and flirting with the dark side, Maria Bamford's comedy is often as surprising as it is hilarious. She is winner of the 2014 American Comedy Award for Best Club Comic and highly regarded as one of the most original voices in comedy.

Sunday, November 3, 2024
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Girls Nite Out



GUELPHTODAY.com

GUELPHTODAY.COM
COMEDY SERIES

Cream of the crop of Canadian comedy

Laugh yourself silly with this all-female, all-funny comedy ensemble. The showcase features a mix of standup and improv from some of the funniest comedians in Canada: **Elvira Kurt**, **Jennine Profeta**, **Diana Frances**, and **Karen Parker**. Celebrating friendship and hardship through story and song, Girls Nite Out delivers a new performance every evening, improvising scenes based on audience suggestions.

Saturday, February 22, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$45.00	\$43.00	\$25.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$36.00	\$34.40	\$20.00

The Umbilical Brothers

The Distraction



GUELPHTODAY.com

GUELPHTODAY.COM
COMEDY SERIES

Wizards of comedy and special effects

Get ready for a mind-blowing combination of sketch comedy and special effects. Named two of *Entertainment Weekly's* 100 Most Creative People, The Umbilical Brothers have appeared on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and have performed for the Queen of England. Simultaneously performing on stage and the big screen, they weave together live performance with the spectacle of cinema.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$59.00	\$57.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$47.20	\$45.60	\$31.20
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)			

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Just For Laughs Road Show

JUST FOR LAUGHS

ROAD SHOW

2025

GUELPHTODAY.com

GUELPHTODAY.COM
COMEDY SERIES

Road Show returns for its 20th year

Expect an evening of laugh-a-minute entertainment with some of the best acts in standup. Four comics take the stage in this annual favourite for a night of pure comic relief. With a reputation for touring the best of the best, the Just For Laughs Road Show is sure to leave you in stitches. Lineup to be announced!

Friday, April 25, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$59.00	\$57.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$47.20	\$45.60	\$31.20

FORZA

ft. Jason Raso and Special Guests



Borealis
GRILLE & BAR



Obsessively Local

**BOREALIS
MUSIC SERIES**

Musical improv based on legendary hits

Expert drummer **Enio DiReto**, master bassist **Jason Raso**, and smooth guitarist **Daniel Steduto** come together as FORZA. The trio are joined by special guests including **Mike Ferfolia** on vocals and bass and **Sam Cino** on percussion for a night of exceptional music. FORZA explores classic rock, pop, and jazz influences and celebrates the art of the improvising trio.

Thursday, November 7, 2024
8 p.m. | Studio Theatre

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)			

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Brooks & Bowskill



Borealis
GRILLE & BAR

Obsessively Local

**BOREALIS
MUSIC SERIES**

Musical old souls deliver sweet chemistry

Take in some cool, country twang with this sweet and hip duo. Husband-and-wife team Jimmy Bowskill and Brittany Brooks deliver a cool, genre-bending sound expertly balancing 60s folk-rock, 70s country, and contemporary Americana. They have quickly become known for their tight harmonies, well-crafted songwriting, and dynamic live performances showcasing velvety vocals and masterful instrumentation.

Saturday, November 30, 2024
8 p.m. | Studio Theatre

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00

Ammoye



Reggae musician delivers positive vibes

Celebrate love, life, and justice with six-time JUNO nominee Ammoye. Musically fusing reggae, dancehall, and R&B alongside messages of personal empowerment, she is a self-declared lightworker and soul rebel. She delivers positive vibes with a soothing, multidimensional voice coupled with positive songwriting. Her performances deliver infectious beats with a modern global flair.

Friday, March 28, 2025
8 p.m. | Studio Theatre

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)			

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Outerbridge Magic

Mysteries of the Keyhole House



River Run Centre
SHOWCASE
SERIES



Experience enchantment and history

Join Ted and Marion Outerbridge for an unforgettable evening of world-class magic. Their new show is a spectacular live and interactive performance of mesmerizing grand illusion, theatre, and dance, inspired by true events that unearthed a trove of artifacts and whispering tales. Witness grand illusions, comedy-magic, mesmerizing mentalism, and more, in this thrilling and enchanting show for all ages.

Friday, November 8, 2024
8 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$59.00	\$57.00	\$39.00	\$29.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$47.20	\$45.60	\$31.20	\$23.20

A Next Generation Leahy Christmas



River Run Centre
SHOWCASE
SERIES

Joyful, energizing music for the holidays

Join The Next Generation Leahy for a seasonal celebration. The group features six accomplished multi-instrumentalists aged 14–22, renowned for their high energy performances delivering the infectious Celtic spirit that earlier generations have come to associate with the Leahy heritage. This performance delivers beautiful music with fiddle, accordion, piano, and French-Canadian step-dancing woven together in song.

Friday, December 13, 2024
7:30 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20	\$23.20

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Boreal's Songs for a Snowy Season



River Run Centre
SHOWCASE
SERIES



Spellbinding harmonies weave a warm hug

Experience the magical, musical collaboration of three award-winning soloists: **Tannis Slimmon**, **Katherine Wheatley**, and **Angie Nussey** play together as the multi-talented trio, Boreal. Their annual celebration of wintertime classics and originals is a beloved favourite. Experience the warmth of the winter season through heartwarming melodies, spellbinding harmonies, and the honesty of storytelling through song.

Saturday, December 14, 2024
7 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

 SINGLE TICKETS

 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)		

Murray the Magician



River Run Centre
SHOWCASE
SERIES

A true master of illusion

Be prepared to be amazed by one of the most internationally successful magicians. Murray the Magician has been touring for 20 years, delighting and surprising fans, and leaving them downright dumbfounded around the globe. He is the winner of several prestigious awards including the title of World Champion Magician, and his dazzling performances never fail to reinforce the honourable title.

Friday, February 7, 2025
8 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$59.00	\$57.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$47.20	\$45.60	\$31.20

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

The Strumbellas



MAGIC 106.1
TODAY'S BEST MIX

**MAGIC MUSIC
NOW**

Award-winning, anthemic folk rock

Join these two-time JUNO winners and one of Canada's favourite alt-country, indie rock bands for an evening of hand-clapping, boot-stomping sing-alongs. The Strumbellas deliver fan favourites and new music from their recent album, *Part Time Believer*. Heading into a new era, they blend powerful piano with electric accents, feather-light harmonies and swelling strings to expertly capture heartfelt, sonic discrepancies.

Sunday, December 15, 2024
7 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$39.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$31.20

A Very Charlie Brown Concert



miijidaa
café + bistro

**MIIJIDAA
MUSIC SERIES**

A treasured soundtrack of the holidays

Celebrate the season with Vince Guaraldi's beloved soundtrack of the 1965 Emmy Award-winning film, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. This heartwarming performance features music from the album performed by **Adam Bowman** on drums, **Duncan Wilson** on piano, and **Tyler Wagler** on bass. The jazz trio is accompanied by a children's choir, **The Kingsbury Music Singers**, directed by **Shannon Kingsbury**.

Sunday, December 22, 2024
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
SINGLE TICKETS	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$16.00	\$14.40	\$12.00	\$8.00

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

Mimi O'Bonsawin



Deep-rooted rhythm and songs

Embark on a musical stroll with this contemporary roots singer-songwriter through a rich and layered landscape inspired by her Franco-Ontarian and Abenaki roots. With music that delivers sounds from the forest, uplifting melodies, and introspective lyrics woven with pop sensibilities, Mimi layers percussion and surprising harmonies which make listeners feel the music rather than just hear it.

Thursday, January 23, 2025
8 p.m. | Studio Theatre

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

 SINGLE TICKETS

 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)		

The North Sound



miijidaa
café + bistro

**MIIJIDAA
MUSIC SERIES**

A refreshing take on traditional country

Swoon to smooth alt-country with this duo, quickly rising the ranks with accolades and awards. Music and life partners **Forrest Eaglespeaker** and **Nevada Freistadt** bring a fresh take to country with crisp, bright guitar and catchy melodies. Their fresh country sound has earned them international praise and airplay, and the 2020 SaskMusic Award for Indigenous Artist of the Year.

Thursday, April 3, 2025
8 p.m. | Studio Theatre

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$25.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$24.00	\$22.40	\$20.00
Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)			

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Video Phase

Alt-Escape



A completely new concert experience

Dive into an immersive performance combining music, video, and digital technologies. Video Phase — a duo of virtuoso creators — uses digital technologies to create interactive instruments integrating in real-time with music and video projections. *Alt-Escape* immerses the spectator in a series of mesmerizing sonic and visual realms, delving into concepts of gravity, physics, and time.

Thursday, January 30, 2025
7:30 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

 SINGLE TICKETS

 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
\$29.00	\$27.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
\$23.20	\$21.60	\$15.20	\$15.20

Sliding Scale \$20 or \$10 (page 45)

Life-Cycle





The Woolly Pub
WOOLLY FAMILY SERIES

Storytelling with acrobatics and magic

Take an enchanting trip into a world filled with magical realism in this unique production. Circus artist **Guillaume Doin** delivers a heartwarming piece about a man motivated by an old bicycle to search for his roots. This touching tale is for the young at heart, cleverly staged and a delight to watch with playful clowning and Doin's expert, fun-filled acrobatics.

Thursday, February 6, 2025
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$16.00	\$14.40	\$12.00	\$8.00

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth

Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock Live





Starring Jim Henson's original characters

Join Gobo and his friends on an adventure! Fraggles, Doozers, and Gorgs come alive when Gobo sets out to find a treasure with Mokey, Boober, Wembley, and Red. Their journey is accompanied by favorite songs and new characters along the way. This show will be an unforgettable theater experience for first-time theatre goers and *Fraggle Rock* fans young at heart.

Saturday, March 15, 2025
4 p.m. | Main Stage

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$39.00	\$29.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$31.20	\$23.20

Cirque Kalabanté

Afrique En Cirque




The Woolly Pub
WOOLLY FAMILY SERIES

A stunning showcase of African arts

Experience the excitement of circus arts imbued with the richness of African culture. Through its form and through its theme, *Afrique En Cirque* symbolizes the strength, agility, and joy of life in African culture. With original choreography, stunning acrobatics, and live music showcasing the rhythm of Guinea's djembe drums, this performance pays homage to traditional African arts.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
7 p.m. | Main Stage

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$39.00	\$29.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$31.20	\$23.20

SEASON SPONSOR
RICHARDSON
Wealth



PARK EATERY KINDERCONCERTS

Classical Music Curated for Toddlers

Park Eatery Kinderconcerts bring the symphony to life through interactive performances for children aged 5 and under. Members of **Guelph Symphony Orchestra** share stories and works by great composers, introducing children to timeless fairy tales, classical music, and the experience of live performance. Kinderconcerts are enriching, hands-on experience with audience participation highly encouraged!





The Nutcracker November 16, 2024

Join Clara on a magical adventure as she battles a Mouse King and travels with her Nutcracker to the Land of Sweets. The magical score by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky will sweep you away. Narrated by **Joe Ringhofer**.

Saturdays | Nov. 16, Feb. 1, Mar. 22
9:30, 10:30, 11:30 a.m. | Studio Theatre

SEASON SPONSOR

RICHARDSON
Wealth

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$11.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$12.00	\$10.40	\$10.40	\$8.80



The Dragon's Gate February 1, 2025

Follow Mei, the smallest fish in her school, on a journey of transformation. This inspiring Chinese fairy tale shares a message of courage and perseverance, and is accompanied by traditional Chinese folk songs and music by Xian Xinghai. Narrated by **Joe Ringhofer**.



The Spider and the Magic Drum March 22, 2025

Experience the trickery of a little spider who always had eight tricks up his sleeves. He hatched a plan to steal Hyena's prized possession, but it might be more than he bargained for! This West African fairy tale is set to music by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and narrated by **Kween**.



GRADES 1 & 2



The Carnival of Animals
November 26 to 28, 2024



Rapunzel
April 29 to May 1, 2025

GRADES 3 & 4



SAMAJAM
November 5 to 7, 2024



Life-Cycle
February 4 to 6, 2025

Every child,

Linamar for the Performing Arts

- A long-term program of River Run Centre for children in Grades 1–8
- 32,000 to 34,000 children attend each school year
- Generously sponsored by Linamar Corporation for the past 20 years
- Designed to expose children to the rich breadth of performing arts

GRADES 5 & 6



Mimi O'Bonsawin
January 21 to 23, 2025

GRADES 7 & 8



Video Phase — Alt-Escape
January 28 to 30, 2025



The Alphabet of Awesome Science
April 1 to 3, 2025



Huu Bac Quintet
March 25 to 27, 2025

every year

**FREE
ADMISSION**

So every child has
the opportunity
to attend



LINAMAR
Power to Perform

Canada



ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL
CONSEIL DES ARTS DE L'ONTARIO
an Ontario government agency
un organisme de gouvernement de l'Ontario

Ontario



See more shows!

Under 30 years old? Get special pricing to all River Run Presents shows!

For more information about
Under 30 tickets:

- Check the show pages in this brochure for pricing
- Get your Under 30 tickets by visiting riverrun.ca/under-30
- Call the Box Office at 519-763-3000



Supported by
TD Bank Group



Making professional performing arts available to more people.

What does this mean?

Select shows have tickets available for \$20 and \$10. The goal is to help alleviate economic barriers that prevent people from enjoying a show at the theatre.

How much should I pay?

Sliding Scale tickets are available to everyone. We invite you to select the price option that works best for you.

In the Spotlight

Get the news.
Enjoy the perks.
Be first in line.



EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS
(Think promo codes)



SHOW LISTINGS
(Next month at a glance)



SNAPSHOTS
(Behind-the-scenes news and views)



PRE-SALE OFFERS
(From time to time)



NEW ON SALE
(Never miss a show)



FIRST IN LINE
(Get access to the best seats)



Sign up at riverrun.ca
for monthly updates and special perks,
and never miss what's *In the Spotlight!*

SUBSCRIBE & SAVE 20%



on 4 or
more
shows.*



MORE SHOWS

Add to your package at any time and you'll continue to save 20%.*

COAT CHECK

Complimentary, offered seasonally. Just show your ticket on show day!

FREE EXCHANGES

Plans change? No problem! Subscribe & Save tickets can be exchanged within the season.**

Murray the Musician
Friday, February 7, 2025
Page 31

* Applies to an equal number of tickets to four or more shows in River Run Centre's 2024-25 Season.

**Original tickets must be returned 24 hours before the scheduled event. Exchanges are subject to availability. Ticket prices vary per show.

CALENDAR

OCT 2024

FRIDAY 18
World After Dark
DAN Page 8

SUNDAY 20
Holly Cole –
Dark Moon Tour
SSM Page 11

Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock:
Back to the Rock Live
Saturday, March 15, 2025
Page 38



KEY

- BOR** Borealis Music Series
- COM** GuelphToday.com Comedy Series
- DAN** Movement: The Dance Series
- MMS** Mijijidaa Music Series
- MMN** Magic Music Now
- PEK** Park Eatery Kinderconcerts
- SHO** Showcase Series
- SSM** Sleeman-Spring Mill Music Series
- WFS** Wooly Family Series

NOV 2024

SUNDAY 3
Maria Bamford
COM Page 21

THURSDAY 7
FORZA ft. Jason Raso
and Special Guests
BOR Page 25

FRIDAY 8
Outerbridge Magic –
Mysteries of the
Keyhole House
SHO Page 28

SATURDAY 16
Kinderconcerts –
The Nutcracker
PEK Page 40

FRIDAY 29
Glass Tiger –
This Island Earth
SSM Page 12

SATURDAY 30
Brooks & Bowskill
BOR Page 26



The Strumbellas
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Page 32

DEC 2024

FRIDAY 6
Christmas with
The Ennis Sisters
SSM Page 13

FRIDAY 13
A Next Generation
Leahy Christmas
SHO Page 29

SATURDAY 14
Boreal's Songs for
a Snowy Season
SHO Page 30

SUNDAY 15
The Strumbellas
MMN Page 32

SUNDAY 22
A Very Charlie
Brown Concert
MMS Page 33

A Next Generation
Leahy Christmas
Friday, December 13, 2024
Page 29



JAN 2025

SUNDAY 12
Ballet Jörgen –
Sleeping Beauty
DAN Page 9

SUNDAY 19
YAMATO
Drummers
SSM Page 14

THURSDAY 23
Mimi O'Bonsawin
MMS Page 34

SUNDAY 26
54-40
SSM Page 15

THURSDAY 30
Video Phase –
Alt-Escape
WFS Page 36

FEB 2025

SATURDAY 1
Kinderconcerts –
The Dragon's Gate
PEK Page 41

THURSDAY 6
Life-Cycle
WFS Page 37

FRIDAY 7
Murray
the Magician
SHO Page 31

WEDNESDAY 19
Step Afrika!
WFS Page 10

THURSDAY 20
Finger Eleven
SSM Page 16

FRIDAY 21
Flamingos
SSM Page 17

SATURDAY 22
Girls Nite Out
COM Page 22

MAR 2025

SATURDAY 15
Jim Henson's
Fraggle Rock:
Back to the
Rock Live
WFS Page 38

SATURDAY 22
Kinderconcerts
– The Spider and
the Magic Drum
SSM Page 41

SATURDAY 22
Mudmen
SSM Page 18

FRIDAY 28
Ammoye
BOR Page 27

SUNDAY 30
Ladysmith
Black Mambazo
SSM Page 19

APR 2025

THURSDAY 3
The North Sound
MMS Page 35

TUESDAY 8
The Umbilical
Brothers –
The Distraction
COM Page 23

TUESDAY 15
Cirque Kalabanté
– Afrique En
Cirque
WFS Page 39

WEDNESDAY 16
Gowan
SSM Page 20

FRIDAY 25
Just For Laughs
Road Show
COM Page 24



Ballet Jörgen –
Sleeping Beauty
Sunday, January 12, 2025
Page 9





2024-25
SEASON

**Your
Symphony**

guelphsymphony.com

Ice Cap Entertainment presents

**The Liverpool 4
Canada's Tribute to**



**THE
BEATLES**

Sunday October 6 – 7:30pm



**"50s & 60s Juke Box Musical Concert With a Broadway Feel
Band, Singers, Dancing, Tributes, Video and Trivia"**



100 standing ovations in a row Canada wide

GUELPH RIVER RUN CENTRE - OCT 9/24 - 7:30PM

EAGLES TRIBUTE TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT

OCT 29
7:30pm



River Run Centre

519.763.3000

EaglesTributeShow.com

*From Vancouver!
1st time in Guelph!*

MOON COIN
productions

ELTON

TRIBUTE

Rohn

Saturday Nov 9, 2024

8pm

Tickets \$59.50

www.eltonrohn.com



SUMMERTIME DREAM PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

A MEMORIAL CONCERT

• THE LEGEND LIVES ON • WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

On November 10th, 49 years ago, the Edmund Fitzgerald went down in a storm on Lake Superior.



JOHN STINSON | STEVE EYERS | ERIC KIDD | MALCOLM GOULD

• CLASSIC LIGHTFOOT LIVE •

LIZ ANDERSON | MARK OAKLEY | BRUCE CAMPBELL | BOB DOIDGE

The original *Gordon Lightfoot* tribute since 2014

10th SUNDAY 3PM
NOVEMBER 2024

RIVER RUN CENTRE | GUELPH

WWW.CLASSICLIGHTFOOTLIVE.COM

FANS OF MONTY PYTHON, MR. BEAN, AND DR. SEUSS... GRAB YOUR TEACUPS!

O CHRISTMAS TEA



A
Christmas
wish comes true,
unwrapping a
wildly funny tale
of friendship and
imagination.

Buckle your
theatre seats!

**"COMPLETE
AND
UTTER FUN
FOR ALL AGES."**

★★★★★
CBC

A BRITISH COMEDY
by comedy legends James & Jamesy

Saturday, Nov 30 | Main Stage



A TVB PRODUCTION

WED
DEC
18
2024

Elvis Wonderful World of
CHRISTMAS
GRACELAND EDITION

FEATURING WORLD CHAMPION ELVIS TRIBUTE STEVE MICHAELS
\$63.50 PRIME & \$56.50 REGULAR SEATING

CATHERINE PEARSON
AS CÉLINE DION

FRI
MAY
30
2025

\$63.50
\$56.50

Celine
The tribute

AN ICON PRODUCTION

A Live at the Hippo Pool Events Presentation

THE NUTCRACKER

BALLET JÖRGEN

Your family tradition!

December 19 & 20 | 7:30pm

Adult seating from \$55

*Discounts for students,
seniors and groups*



Media sponsor

**GUELPH
TODAY**.com

GREEN RIVER REVIVAL



CREEDENCE

**CANADA'S PREMIERE CCR TRIBUTE RETURNS
AFTER THEIR SOLD OUT SHOW IN 2024!**

ABBAMANIA

NEW YORK TIMES

"Fantastic show"

APRIL 17/2025

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Amazing vocals and sound"

7:30PM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: ADELE - MICK JAGGER - FREDDIE MERCURY - THE BEE GEES

Hotel California®

THE ORIGINAL
EAGLES TRIBUTE

APRIL 24/2025 AT 7:30PM



Theatre Information

**Box Office
& Information**
519.763.3000
1.877.520.2408

Administration
519.837.5662

Rental Inquiries
519.837.5662
ext. 2804

info@riverrun.ca

riverrun.ca

riverruncentre

@riverruncentre

@riverrunguelph

Ticket Pricing
OVER 60
Age 60 or older

UNDER 30
Age 29 or under

UNDER 14
Age 13 or under

SLIDING SCALE
Details on pg. 45



River Run Centre is owned and operated by the City of Guelph.

Parking

Parking is available at various downtown lots. Visit guelph.ca/parking for details. On-site accessible parking is limited.

Mobile Devices/Cameras/Recording Devices

Please mute all devices while in the theatre. Photography, video, and audio recordings are prohibited unless otherwise specified.

Accessibility

River Run Centre is fully accessible for patrons and performers. Assistive Listening Devices are available at Coat Check (free). Access 2 Entertainment and CNIB cards are accepted at participating events; details on participating events' web pages. Please contact Box Office with questions or for accessible seating.

Children/Infants

Everyone must have a ticket to enter the theatre. Infants may not be permitted to attend some performances; please call Box Office for more information. Please supervise children at all times. River Run Centre cannot accept responsibility for unattended children. Booster seats are available (free).

Food/Beverages

With the exception of water in non-glass, sealable containers, food and beverages are prohibited in the theatres.

Coat Check

Coat check services are available seasonally, in accordance with healthcare regulations.

Refunds

Refund policies vary per show. If refunds are offered, tickets must be returned 24 hours before the event. If a show is cancelled or rescheduled and you cannot attend, you will receive a full refund.

Safety Protocols

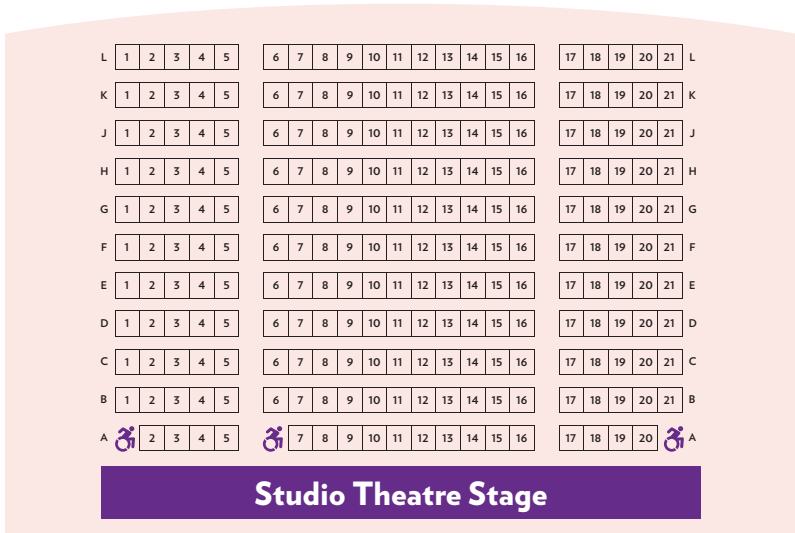
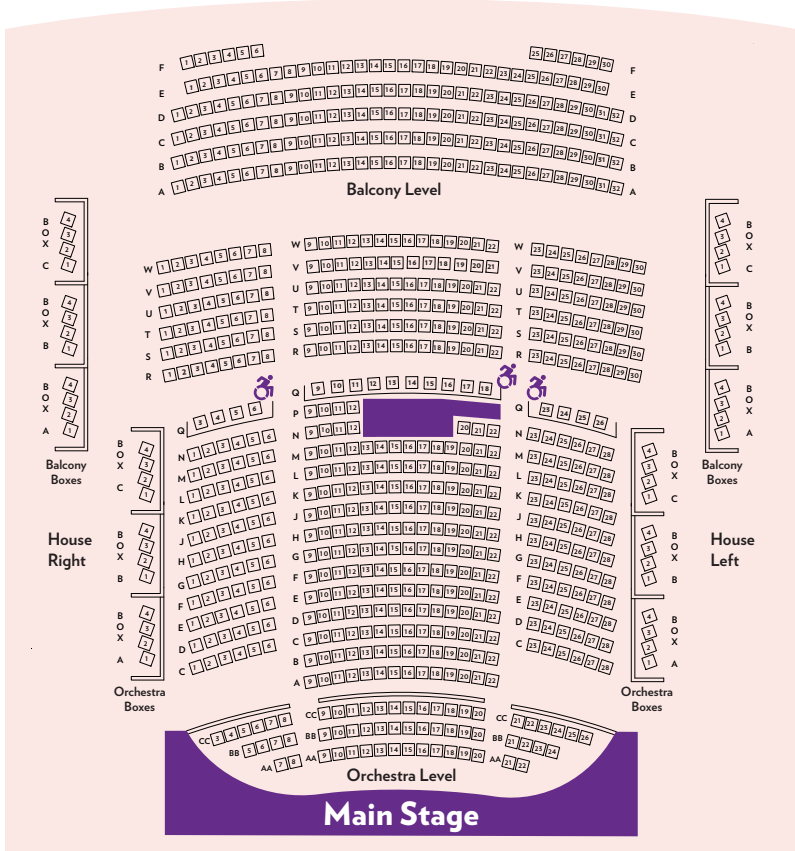
Regulations are subject to change per healthcare guidelines. Please visit riverrun.ca or call 519-763-3000 for current protocols.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals will be seated at a suitable break.

Programming subject to change without notice.

Seating Plans



2024
LOTS ON
2025

River Run Centre
35 Woolwich Street Guelph ON N1H 3V1
519-763-3000 • riverrun.ca

In the Spotlight

Sign up at riverrun.ca for monthly updates and special perks, and never miss what's *In the Spotlight!*

Accessible formats of this brochure are available by calling 519-837-5662 extension 0 or TTY 519-836-9771