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Go-To Shows – For Everyone

Performances celebrating past and present

Welcome to River Run Centre's 2026/27 Go-to Season!

Each year, we aim to present the best live performances and this season, we've put it right in the name. With some of Canada's best touring music, exciting family shows, award-winning comics, and more — we want to be your “go-to” choice for live entertainment.

This year, we're proud to be celebrating Guelph's bicentennial with a dedicated **Guelph 200 Series**, featuring a variety of shows reflecting on Guelph's place in history — past and present.

In addition to returning favourites like **Kinderconcerts**, the **Family Series**, and **Comedy Series**, we're featuring two new series this season: **Jazz Sessions** and **Hometown Live**.

And, in an effort to help make live performances available to more people, we are extending River Run's **Sliding Scale** offer to include more shows with tickets starting at \$10. No questions asked, no standards assumed.

Great shows need great audiences. I hope that something piques your interest in our 2026/27 lineup, and that you'll find something to “go-to” this season.

We couldn't do what we do without you.

See you at the theatre!

Alec Harmer

Manager, River Run Centre



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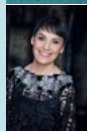


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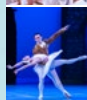


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With close to 200 dedicated volunteers, River Run Centre is proud to have one of the most extensive and successful theatre volunteer programs in Ontario.

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 a robust training and mentorship program and fun social events including an annual gala to celebrate our amazing volunteers.

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Park Eatery Kinderconcerts



Saturdays
November 21
February 6
April 3
9:30, 10:30,
11:30 a.m.
Studio Theatre

Classical music for toddlers

Park Eatery Kinderconcerts bring the symphony to life through interactive performances for children ages 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 an enriching, hands-on experience with audience participation highly encouraged! The stories are narrated by award-winning artist and cultural leader **Kween**.

	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

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The Nutcracker



November 21, 2026

This enchanting classic tells the tale of a young Clara's journey as she confronts the Mouse King and embarks on an adventure with her Nutcracker Prince to the Land of Sweets. Originating in 1816, this timeless tale inspired Tchaikovsky's ballet in 1892. Let this magical score carry you away into a world of wonder!

The Barber of Seville



February 6, 2027

Figaro, Seville's legendary hairdresser is a fountain of wisdom! When the Count becomes infatuated with the enigmatic Rosina, he turns to the barber for assistance. Figaro puts on his cunning hat and devises a clever plan to outwit Rosina's guardian. With melodies from Rossini's opera, *Barber of Seville*, this score is sprinkled with soaring arias.

The Lizard and the Ant



April 3, 2027

In the heart of the African Savannah, Lenny the Lizard lounges, scoffing at his neighbour, Amara the Ant. "Look at that busybody!" Lenny chuckles. "Every day she tackles a new project. She needs to chill out like me!" But when the storm begins to roar, Lenny dashes to Amara's doorstep, hoping she will welcome him inside. This teaching tale features the music of Avril Coleridge-Taylor.

She Carries the Song



Miijidaa Music Series

Music, story, and spirit

Three celebrated Indigenous women — **Celeigh Cardinal** (Cree), **Mimi O'Bonsawin** (W8banaki), and **Lacey Hill** (Oneida/Mohawk) — come together in this intimate performance, weaving together voice, story, and song into a shared circle of strength. With soaring harmonies and a deep reverence for tradition, these artists and changemakers take their audience on a journey through identity, womanhood, and the sacred act of song.



	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20
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Susan Aglukark's Upinnaq ᐃᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ A Beautiful Christmas



**Wednesday
December 2
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage**



Miijidaa Music Series

The spirit of the season in song

Celebrate the holidays with Canada's Arctic Rose: Susan Aglukark, an Inuk musician and multiple Juno and Governor General Performing Arts Award winner. Sharing Christmas songs in Inuktitut and English, Aglukark welcomes all on this heartwarming journey through the season. This unforgettable evening with one of Canada's most celebrated artists features music and Inuit storytelling to warm the soul.

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SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20
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Sing Pitch Perfect with Deke Sharon & Splüsh



Sunday
October 25
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

Spirited sing-along for Pitch Perfect superfans

Join the legendary Deke Sharon, the Father of Contemporary a cappella, to learn the hit song “Since U Been Gone” from the movie franchise *Pitch Perfect*. Sharon provides expert guidance and sheet music for audience members of all ages and singing levels to join in. Plus, enjoy a special performance by Splüsh, the SING! Canadian A Cappella 2025 double champions.

Photos: Karolina Wojtasik and Sandor Bank

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$39.00	\$37.00	\$25.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$31.20	\$29.60	\$20.00

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Becoming The Beatles



Thursday
November 5
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Hits & Legends

A live musical documentary

Hear the genre-defining hits along with the stories that made them. A world-class performance about four lads, how they rose to fame, and how they changed the world. Musical storyteller and historian **Haley Marie** brings The Beatles’ most defining events, and their most heartbreaking moments, to life. This production features stunning projections, incredible performances, and behind-the-scenes stories.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$45.00	\$43.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$36.00	\$34.40	\$23.20
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Matthew Good and His Band

featuring Kevin Fox and His String Quartet



Friday
November 13
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

'90s alt rock reimagined

Multiple Juno Award–winner Matthew Good was a defining part of Canadian '90s and 2000s music culture. This show delivers a cinematic reinterpretation of Good's impressive catalogue, weaving together beloved hits, deep cuts, and rare B-sides. Good and his band are joined by the stunning string quartet led by renowned cellist Kevin Fox for a rich interplay of acoustic and orchestral intensity.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$79.00	\$77.00	\$59.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$63.20	\$61.60	\$47.20

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Mystery Show



Hits & Legends

Exciting announcement this summer

One of Canada's greatest party bands is coming to the Main Stage this fall! These Juno Award winners are known for decades of hits, raising generations of fans. Called "Canadian rock heroes," their albums have earned multiple gold and platinum status. Applauded by critics and fans alike, they have truly woven their sound into the definition of Canadian rock. Stay tuned for details!

Photo: Dan Fischer

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Sharon Riley & Faith Chorale

35th Anniversary Tour



Saturday
January 30
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

35 years of meaningful music

One of Canada's premier vocal groups, Sharon Riley and Faith Chorale proudly celebrate their 35th anniversary with an evening of joy and spirit-filled energy. Since 1992, Riley and her choir have performed as a testament of resilience, faith, and perseverance. With dynamic performances and a powerful sound, this Juno Award-winning group inspires audiences through music that radiates an unwavering message of hope.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00	\$19.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20	\$15.20

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I Mother Earth



Saturday
February 6
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7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

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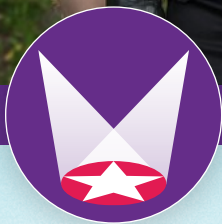
Iconic alt-rock

From jamming in a basement decades ago to their unique brand of psych-rock, these Juno Award winners continue to push boundaries. Blending grunge, prog rock, and funk, their first two albums hit platinum sales with iconic singles including “Rain Will Fall” and “One More Astronaut.” From Toronto’s ’90s club scene to today, I Mother Earth remain one of Canada’s most iconic alt-rock bands.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$79.00	\$77.00	\$59.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$63.20	\$61.60	\$47.20

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Men Without Hats



Sunday
February 7
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

A legacy of danceable hits

Best known for the infectious and highly danceable global hit “The Safety Dance,” this Juno-nominated new wave band celebrates their ’80s fame with pride, continuing to create equally danceable, infectious new music. The band’s founder and frontman Ivan Doroschuk leads a vibrant live show exploding with charisma and enthusiastic energy — like a joyful, synth-pop time capsule.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$49.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$39.20

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The Maple Blues Revue



Friday
February 12
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

A who's who of Canadian blues

This supergroup is a collective of musicians who have defined the country's blues scene over the decades. In addition to the award-winning Maple Blues Band, The Revue features powerhouse vocalists **Jay Douglas**, **Samantha Martin**, and **Suzie Vinnick**. Led by bassist and band leader **Gary Kendall**, this world class performance is a treat for both traditional and contemporary blues fans.

Photos: James Dean, Kevin Kelly Photography

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

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Big Sugar *iEARTHLINGS! Live*

BIG SUGAR



Sunday
March 21
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hits & Legends

Roots-rock-reggae

Known for high-energy, high-volume, guitar-driven rock shows, Big Sugar shines live on stage. Now, the Juno Award-winning, platinum-selling, Canadian radio-dominating band is back with *iEARTHLINGS!*, their first new record in seven years. This two-set performance showcases brand new songs in their signature roots-rock-reggae style, along with fan favourites like “Diggin’ a Hole” and “All Hell for a Basement.”

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$69.00	\$67.00	\$49.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$55.20	\$53.60	\$39.20

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Svāhā!

by Nova Bhattacharya



Borealis Dance Series

Thursday
October 29
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Celebrating life through dance

This high-energy spectacle features 16 vibrant performers and fuses nearly 30 distinct dance traditions — from Bharatnatyam to butoh, jazz to salsa — into a singular, joyful experience. Inspired by women and the act of gathering, this is an offering of movement, music, colours, and sensations. Svāhā! is conceived and choreographed by Nova Bhattacharya, an award-winning, barrier-breaking artist and cultural leader.

Photo: Cylla Von Tiedemann

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$39.20	\$37.60	\$23.20
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Ballet Jörgen Swan Lake



Sunday
January 10
2027
2:00 p.m.
Main Stage

Borealis Dance Series

Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, set in Nova Scotia

Experience the timeless magic of Swan Lake with this Canadian take on the beloved, romantic yet haunting classic — set in Cape Breton. Ballet Jörgen delivers graceful choreography, striking visuals, and emotional storytelling from some of the country's best dancers. Through Ballet Jörgen's Youth Participant Program, local performers have the opportunity to share the stage in this show.

Photo: Kevin Vagg

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

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Sophie's Surprise 29th



Thursday
November 12
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Showcase Series

Circus, comedy, and chaos

Experience a surprise house party that unfolds onstage, full of twists and turns and audience interaction. Part circus spectacle, part comedy mayhem, and all-out '90s nostalgia, this show features breathtaking acrobatics, outrageous surprises, and a pumping soundtrack of old favourites. With world-class performers from Cirque du Soleil, La Clique, The 7 Fingers, and more, one question remains — who is Sophie?

Mature content and language. Not suitable for all audiences.

Photo: Roger Robinson

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$54.00	\$52.00	\$29.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$43.20	\$41.60	\$23.20
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Marsh Marigolds

An Agricultural Thriller



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Showcase Series

Tuesday
December 1
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Rural mystery, dry wit,
farm-fresh romance

National treasure **Rod Beattie** brings this hilarious and haunting story to life in an exceptional solo performance. Beattie is beloved across the country for his role as Walt Wingfield in the long-running *Wingfield Farm* series, written by **Dan Needles**. Now, the Wingfield family returns with a new story offering a vivid and timely look at modern farming and rural life.

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

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Hold On To Your Butts



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Wednesday
February 10
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Showcase Series

Jurassic Park-inspired satire

After a decade of sold-out performances in New York City, a successful UK residency, and an Off-Broadway run, this delightful smash hit is on tour. Hold On To Your Butts is a wildly inventive tour-de-force of comedy and physical theatre that features two actors and a Foley artist performing a shot-for-shot parody of the greatest dinosaur movie of all time.

Photo: Jacob Hiss

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
SINGLE TICKETS	\$39.00	\$37.00	\$25.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$31.20	\$29.60	\$20.00

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The Great Canadian Roadtrip



**Sunday
November 15
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage**

Canadian Country

A lineup of hits

Three of Canada's most successful country acts join forces for an unforgettable cross-country tour. The Juno Award-winning duo **Doc Walker** — made up of childhood friends **Chris Thorsteinson** and **Dave Wasyliv** — share the stage with fellow Juno winner **Jason McCoy**, as well as Juno winner and international country superstar, **Michelle Wright**. These three acts have countless hits — experience one after another, all under the same roof.

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

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William Prince



Thursday
January 14
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Canadian Country

Emotional resonance through music

Blending folk, country, and Indigenous roots, William Prince’s songs offer great solace, especially in times of distress. The two-time Juno Award winner uses his own healing to explore difficult themes like grief, softening its edges and soothing its hurt. Over piano and strings, Prince’s warm baritone voice is as comforting and full of depth as a family photo album.

Photo: Joey Senft

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

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The Heels and Rosewood Ave



Canadian Country

Saturday
February 13
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Rising stars of country

The fastest-rising country music queens in Nashville, **The Heels** are a dynamic trio from Canada known for high-energy shows, three-part harmonies, and good-natured brashness. They deliver equal parts positivity, prowess, fun, and flair. **Rosewood Ave** is a husband-and-wife duo from Northern Ontario, bringing genuine chemistry and small-town roots to the stage. With new music on the horizon, this is a duo to keep your eye on.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$45.00	\$43.00	\$29.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$36.00	\$34.40	\$23.20

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Tim Hicks

Going Somewhere Tour



Canadian Country

Friday
April 30
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7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Coast-to-coast country rock

Since his debut in 2012, Tim Hicks continues to boast an impressive catalogue of chart-topping fan favourites and live staples, like “No Truck Song” and “What a Song Should Do.” With recently released songs including “Quits” and “Going Somewhere,” the five-time Juno nominee and CCMA Award winner continues to evolve his signature mix of country storytelling and rowdy, rock-driven energy.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$79.00	\$77.00	\$59.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$63.20	\$61.60	\$47.20

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Woolly Family Series

Saturday
December 5
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7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



A festive romp through Christmas classics

Lifelong friends **Nico Rhodes** and **Patrick Courtin**, together known as Piano Heist, are on a quest to redeem the keyboard as the greatest instrument of all time. Experience their zany, comedic, ivory-tickling takes on holiday favourites such as a rock'n'roll version of "The Nutcracker Suite," Handel's *Messiah* on melodicas, a rollicking ragtime "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and more.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
SINGLE TICKETS	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$25.60	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$8.00
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In Symphony The Hockey Sweater



The
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Wooly Family Series

Saturday
March 13
2027
2:00 p.m.
Main Stage



Dynamic retelling of a Canadian classic

Roch Carrier's short story *The Hockey Sweater* is a Canadian classic, first published in 1979. Now, **Guelph Symphony Orchestra** delivers the iconic story set to the music of award-winning composer, **Abigail Richardson**. Experience all the powerful childhood emotions again, in symphony, as the string section faces off against the winds, brass, and percussion sections in this hockey-inspired program.

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 SINGLE TICKETS	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$39.00	\$29.00
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Erth's Shark Dive



Saturday
March 20
2027
4:00 p.m.
Main Stage

Woolly Family Series

Explore beneath the ocean's surface

From the creators of Dinosaur Zoo Live, Erth Australia invites you on a guided shark dive to explore what lies beneath the ocean's surface. Shark Dive takes you into a vibrant world of sea life, culminating in a close encounter with one of the ocean's most magnificent and misunderstood creatures: the shark. The underwater world is brought to life through Erth's exquisitely lifelike puppets.

Photo: Jade Ellis

	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

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Meet the Hatter



Thursday
April 29
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Wooly Family Series

The Mad Hatter with a twist

Integrating music and dance, storytelling, projection, and animation, this production features a retelling of the iconic Mad Hatter from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Expect a breathtaking, immersive multimedia journey through a spectacular world that highlights the importance of play and self-belief. **Joss Arnott Dance** created this show to celebrate its 15th anniversary, calling it their most ambitious production.



	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
SINGLE TICKETS	\$35.00	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$28.00	\$26.40	\$16.00	\$8.00
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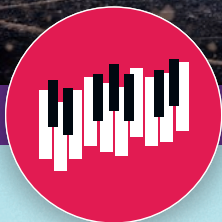
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Holly Cole

Swinging Christmas



Jazz Sessions

Friday
December 11
2026
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

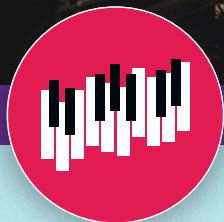
A bluesy, jazzy, pop-country Christmas

This Juno Award-winning, world-renowned Canadian singer is known for her smoky voice and clever musical arrangements that blend jazz, pop, and country. She has released more than a dozen records, starting with her very first in 1989, *Christmas Blues*. This holiday show features songs handpicked from that album, as well as from her popular 2001 release, *Baby, It's Cold Outside*.

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Toronto Jazz Orchestra



Sunday
January 31
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Jazz Sessions

Canadian-grown big band jazz, big city sound

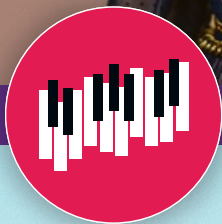
Founded in 1998, the 18-piece Toronto Jazz Orchestra continues to evolve their repertoire, from classic swing to contemporary jazz. Whatever the style, they deliver energetic compositions and arrangements by Canadian writers. This performance features Juno Award-nominated **Heather Bambrick**, who has been described as “Ella Fitzgerald meets Carol Burnett at a Newfoundland kitchen party.”

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Emilie-Claire Barlow



Friday
April 2
2027
7:30 p.m.
Studio Theatre

Jazz Sessions

Light up the night with jazz

This two-time Juno Award winner is one of the most distinctive voices in Canadian jazz. Barlow has played prestigious stages around the world, including Tokyo’s Cotton Club, Toronto’s Massey Hall, and Birdland in New York. Joyful, passionate, with a charming sense of humour, Barlow infuses her music with playfulness, sophistication, and a love of language — all in a voice of unforgettable beauty.

Photo: Stéphane Bourgeois

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Boreal's Songs for the Snowy Season



Hometown Live

**Saturday
December 19
2026
2:00 p.m.
Studio Theatre**



A cup of cocoa for the soul

Award-winning soloists **Tannis Slimmon**, **Katherine Wheatley**, and **Angie Nussey** come together for their annual celebration of wintertime classics and original favourites. Dispelling the seasonal chill, their voices blend in perfect harmony, creating soothing melodies to warm you up from the inside out. Singing of melting snowflakes, skates on ice, and that familiar underfoot crunch, this gathering is a quintessential wintertime favourite.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$35.00	\$33.00	\$25.00
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A Very Charlie Brown Concert



Sunday
December 20
2026
2:00 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

Hometown Live

A treasured holiday soundtrack

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

Photo: Dan Fischer

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
 SUBSCRIBE & SAVE	\$20.80	\$19.20	\$16.00	\$8.00

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Gwelf Early Days



Hometown Live

Beginnings of a city

Tornadoes, whisky, weddings, railway fever, and the relentless work of carving a town from the forest reveal the humour, hardship, and ambition of a community being born. Through the words of settlers, newspapers, and local 19th-century poets, actor and storyteller **Jay Wilson** summons the voices, characters, and events that shaped Guelph’s first 70 years.

Sunday
January 17
2027
2:00 p.m.
Studio Theatre



	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
 SINGLE TICKETS	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
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Brent Butt



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GuelphToday Comedy Series

Sunday
January 24
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

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Canadian comedic hero

This multi award-winning national icon has been making fans laugh for four decades with smart, relatable wit and small-town observational humour. Brent Butt’s brand of comedy is on full display in *Corner Gas*, the distinctly Canadian sitcom he created and starred in. From screen to stage, Butt continues to prove why he is one of Canada’s most beloved comedic voices.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30
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Girls Nite Out



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Friday
March 19
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

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Award-winning comediennes

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Just For Laughs Road Show

JUST FOR LAUGHS ROAD SHOW 2027

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GuelphToday Comedy Series

Sunday
April 25
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage

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The cream of the crop in comedy

Expect an evening of sidesplitting entertainment with some of the best acts in standup. Four comics take the stage including some of the funniest alumni from the world's largest comedy festival. With a reputation for touring the best of the best, Just For Laughs Road Show is sure to leave you in stitches. Lineup to be announced.

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And Then What Happened... Black Canadian History: The Untold Stories



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Guelph 200

Thursday
February 25
2027
7:30 p.m.
Studio Theatre



Resilience, courage, faith

Tracy Lee, a proud fifth-generation Black Canadian, combines performance and education to celebrate her heritage, ignite a sense of belonging, and inspire audiences. Lee masterfully weaves music and storytelling to highlight the remarkable contributions and lasting legacy of her family and other Black Canadian pioneers who paved the way for future generations.

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John Galt & the Instant City



Guelph 200

Thursday
April 22
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage



Illuminating history

Through music and storytelling, this historical exploration presents the founding story of Guelph in a new light. Created and presented by **Mike Ford** and **Murray Foster** of beloved bands Moxy Früvous and Great Big Sea, this engaging, educational performance sparks critical thinking about our past. The goal is to illuminate truth and inspire action towards reconciliation.

	REGULAR	OVER 60	UNDER 30	UNDER 14
SINGLE TICKETS	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
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The Bend in the River

A Concert 200 Years in the Making



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Choir**



Guelph 200

**Saturday
April 24
2027
7:30 p.m.
Main Stage**



A landmark concert

Celebrating Guelph's bicentennial, the City and **Guelph Chamber Choir** welcome world-class artists for a collaborative showcase celebrating the spirit that nurtures and cultivates this city — from quiet reflections of the past to the joyful, rhythmic present. Uniting musical excellence with captivating movement and local storytelling, we celebrate the artists who have shaped our identity and the experiences that connect us.

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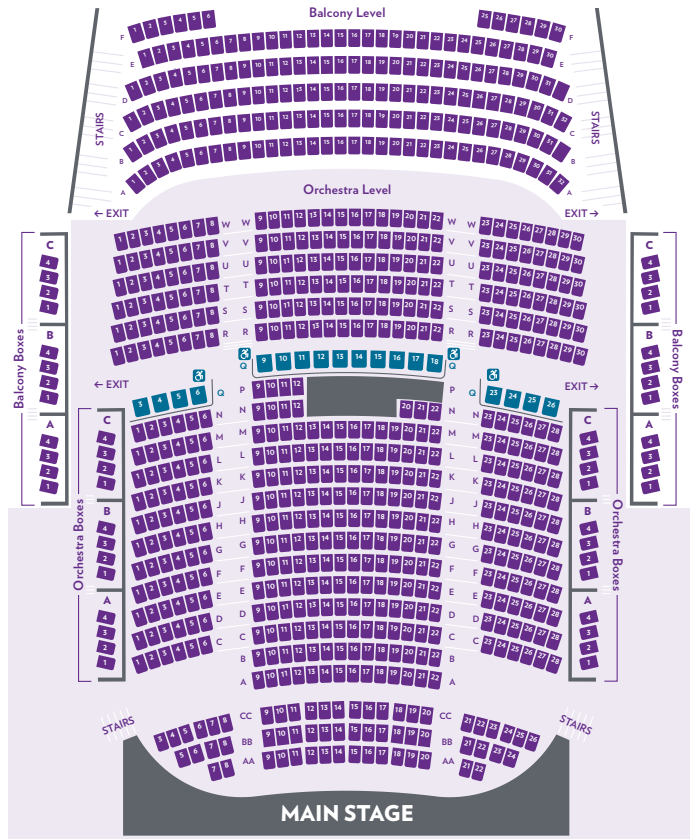


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