# Kay Meek Arts Centre

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2025/26 Season From global to local

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#### Discover West Van's Arthouse Cinema

Screening recent releases, exhibitions on screen, groundbreaking documentaries, and much more, our cinema runs year-round with comfortable seats at affordable prices.

Coming to the Kay Meek this fall, catch star-studded literary drama **The Friend**, Indigenous documentary **Ninan Auassat: We, the Children** and South by Southwest award-winning comedy **Bob Trevino Likes It**.

Explore our latest cinema listings at **KAYMEEK.COM** 

#### **Executive Director's Welcome**

From global to local, there is an experience waiting for you at the Kay Meek Arts Centre.

Last year the **Kay Meek** turned 20 years old. A big birthday year is always the start of the next chapter – and we are excited to share our next chapter with you! We see our mission with ever more clarity – to be a meeting place for the community, inspired by **music**, **theatre**, **film**, **dance**, and **visual art**, featuring the finest international artists and the **Next Wave** of emerging local talent.

Check out our new **2025/26 Season-at-a-Glance** on **pages 26-34** to help you decide which subscriptions to purchase or just keep it handy so you don't miss a thing!

We know you will be **exhilarated**, **enlightened**, **entertained**, and **energized**: from outstanding Indigenous artist **Jeremy Dutcher** and Grammy-nominated acapella sensation **Kings Return (Amplify Mainstage Series)** to the Celtic vibes of **Cassie and Maggie (Cabaret Series)**; from the celebrated story of **Josephine (Play Series)** to the passion of the **Gryphon Trio (Resonate Series)**, all at the stunning and intimate Kay Meek Arts Centre.

On behalf of the whole team, we look forward to seeing you soon at the Kay Meek!

#### **Melissa Duchak, Executive Director**

## **Land Acknowledgement**

We recognize that we live, work, create, and play on the traditional, unceded, and ancestral territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), səlílwətaʔɨ (Tsleil-Waututh) and xwməθkwəy əm (Musqueam) Nations.

## **Cabaret Subscription**

Taking place in the McEwen Theatre, our **Cabaret Series** invites you to experience **passionate musical performances in an intimate environment**. Grab a drink at the bar, gather round a lamp-lit table, and feel close to the artists.

Sisters Cassie and Maggie take influence from their Celtic roots in Nova Scotia, Luke Wallace spotlights environmental causes with his folk music, and the Joe Grass Trio lifts fresh sounds out of time-honoured forms. While the Mary Ancheta Quartet encourages you to get your groove on, The Arab Blues draw from the rich history of Middle Eastern traditions and Chicago Blues, and Lara Wong and Melón Jiménez will have you captivated as they reimagine the evolution of flamenco.

**Even more music!** We've added a third performance\* to our highly popular **Cabaret Series** to meet the evergrowing demand.

\*Excluding the Joe Grass Trio.

#### **LUKE WALLACE (PAGE 18)**

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#### **MARY ANCHETA QUARTET** (PAGE 20)

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#### **CASSIE AND MAGGIE** (PAGE 36)

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#### **JOE GRASS TRIO** (PAGE 38)

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### LARA WONG AND MELÓN JIMÉNEZ (PAGE 43)

Thu, Mar 19, Fri, Mar 20 & Sat, Mar 21 | 7:30 PM

# SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE 20% | SUBSCRIPTION PRICES: STANDARD \$240 | SENIOR (65+) \$228

Purchase a **Cabaret Series Subscription** at **KAYMEEK.COM**. Turn to page 49 to find out more about our Subscriber Benefits.

## **Resonate Subscription**

Immerse yourself in **great music** and **exquisite performances** by some of **Canada's brightest classical artists** making waves on the world stage.

Finding success at a young age, brother-and-sister **Cheng<sup>2</sup> Duo** are making a lasting impression across the globe with their energetic performances on cello and piano. The **Gryphon Trio** returns to the Kay Meek, celebrating 30 years of artistry as one of the world's foremost piano trios.

lan Parker rings in the new year with Kerson Leong, "one of Canada's greatest violinists" (Toronto Star). Vancouver's Standing Wave commands an international reputation for electrifying live performances with a spotlight on living composers. Soprano and pianist Rachel Fenlon is finding a unique voice on the European music scene with her brilliant self-accompanied song recitals, and the VAM Chamber Players bring genius to the fore with an all-Mendelssohn concert celebrating Mother's Day.

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#### **GRYPHON TRIO** (PAGE 19)

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#### **VAM CHAMBER PLAYERS:**

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## SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE 20% | SUBSCRIPTION

PRICES: STANDARD \$216 | SENIOR (65+) \$201

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## **Play Subscription**

Highlighting universal themes, the **Play Series** showcases **heartfelt Canadian creations**, **compelling voices**, and **captivating performances**.

**Secret Ingredients**, from Vancouver-based artist Keely O'Brien, is a theatrical cake tasting that unpacks the quirks, joys, and heartbreaks of human relationships.

Jade Circle 玉環, a rice & beans theatre production by Jasmine Chen, honours matrilineal legacy through music, movement, and poignant storytelling in both English and Mandarin.

With Arts Club on Tour Productions, we hit the road with Dorothy on a comedic journey of self-discovery in **Burning Mom** by Mieko Ouchi. **The Golden Anniversaries** explores the familiar terrain of long-term love with warmth and humour from playwright Mark Crawford.

Looking beyond Canada, tour-de-force Tymisha Harris tells the extraordinary story of African American icon Josephine Baker. Evoking the glamour of the Parisian jazz scene in the 1920s, **Josephine** takes place in an intimate cabaret setting.

#### **SECRET INGREDIENTS\*** (PAGE 21)

Thu, Nov 27, Fri, Nov 28 & Sat, Nov 29 | 7:30 PM

\*Please note that **Secret Ingredients** is excluded from the Play Series Subscription and Create-Your-Own Series offer.

#### **BURNING MOM** (PAGE 35)

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#### **JOSEPHINE** (PAGE 39)

Wed, Feb 25 – Sat, Feb 28 | 7:30 PM

Sat, Feb 28 & Sun, Mar 1 | 3:00 PM

#### **THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES** (PAGE 43)

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#### JADE CIRCLE 玉環\* (PAGE 47)

Wed, May 20 - Sat, May 23 | 7:30 PM

Sat, May 23 & Sun, May 24 | 3:00 PM

\* Please note that the Pay-What-You-Will Preview of **Jade Circle 玉環** on Wed, May 20 is excluded from the Play Series Subscription and Create-Your-Own Series offer.

SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE 20% | SUBSCRIPTION PRICES: STANDARD \$173 | SENIOR (65+) \$163

Purchase a **Play Series Subscription** at **KAYMEEK.COM**. Turn to page 49 to find out more about our Subscriber Benefits.

## **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Amplify Mainstage Series brings you the very best in **exhilarating performances**.

Experience musical excellence, inspired collaborations and boundary-pushing sounds across the season.

**TOO MANY ZOOZ (PAGE 16)** 

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**CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD:** 

**LUCINDA WILLIAMS' ICONIC ALBUM** 

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#### SISTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA FEAT.

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#### **EMMET COHEN: MILES AND COLTRANE AT 100**

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Tue, Apr 21 | 7:30 PM

#### **CREATE-YOUR-OWN SERIES AND SAVE**

We want you to have the flexibility to pick the shows that work best for you. Choose a selection of events and save

using the Create-Your-Own Series offer. With a whole season\* to browse, the Amplify Mainstage Series is just the beginning.

5% Off 3 Shows

10% Off 4 Shows

15% Off 5 Shows or More

\*This offer excludes all Family, Film, VAM Symphony Orchestra and Community Rental events, Speaker series events Jazz on a Beam of Light and Hollywood Harmonies for the Holidays, Play series event Secret Ingredients and the Pay-What-You-Will Preview of Jade Circle 玉環 on Wed, May 20.

Create your own series and save at <a href="KAYMEEK.COM">KAYMEEK.COM</a>

#### October 2025

#### **TOO MANY ZOOZ**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Sun, Oct 5 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Making energizing instrumental music that combines avant-garde jazz, dance music, punk rock, and other traditions, the **self-described 'Brass House' trio** started their career busking on the New York subway. Growing into a global phenomenon, their collaborations include a feature **on Beyoncé's 2016 album** *Lemonade*. **Too Many Zooz** promises to be an electric and

high-energy opener to our 2025/26 Season.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

"Throughout a night of lively and upbeat music, the band helped to cement their legacy as the torchbearers of the Brass House genre with a set that echoed throughout the streets." – GRATEFUL WEB

CAR WHEELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD:
LUCINDA WILLIAMS' ICONIC ALBUM
REIMAGINED
Amplify Mainstage Series

Fri, Oct 17 & Sat, Oct 18 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Led by **Steve Dawson** with a stellar lineup of artists, our much-loved annual tradition of reimagining classic albums returns. For the ninth edition, they pay homage to **Lucinda Williams' iconic** *Car Wheels on a Gravel Road*.

A co-presentation with BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts, experience the full album live, as well as favourites from Williams' legendary catalogue.

PREMIUM **\$74** | STANDARD **\$69** | SENIOR **\$65** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### CHENG<sup>2</sup> DUO

#### **Resonate Series**

Sun, Oct 19 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Rooted by a sibling bond, the **JUNO-nominated Cheng<sup>2</sup> Duo** transfixes listeners through impassioned expressivity, contagious joy, and the ability to connect instantly with global audiences. Cellist **Bryan Cheng** and pianist **Silvie Cheng** have been described as "highly eloquent" performers with a "tremendous mastery of the instruments" (Pizzicato Magazine).

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### **LUKE WALLACE**

#### **Cabaret Series**

Wed, Oct 22, Thu, Oct 23 & Fri, Oct 24 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

Folk singer Luke Wallace's music goes hand in hand with his environmental activism. Inspired by the Coast Salish Territory here in BC, his impassioned lyrics, honeyed voice, and gentle folk guitar have earned him a reputation as a modern-day Pete Seeger.

STANDARD **\$50** | SENIOR **\$47** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

# HOWL, A MUSICAL MASQUERADE WITH NORMAN FOOTE

#### **Family Series**

Wed, Oct 29 | 7:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

With a passion for songwriting, storytelling, and comedy, the North Shore's very own JUNO award-winning Norman Foote brings laughter and joy to audiences big and small. This Halloween season Norman returns with a costumed choir, featuring students from École Braemar School and Upper Lynn Valley School. This performance is suitable for all ages.

STANDARD \$25 | SENIOR \$22 | UNDER 30 \$15

#### November 2025

#### **JEREMY DUTCHER**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Thu, Nov 13 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Jeremy Dutcher (voice, piano), the Two-Spirit artist and member of Neqotkuk (Tobique First Nation), transcends boundaries with his blend of classical, jazz, and pop influences. Capturing the Indigenous voices of his ancestors, the only two-time Polaris Music Prize winner combines sublime melodies, bold composition, and an outstanding tenor voice to profound effect.

PREMIUM **\$70** | STANDARD **\$65** | SENIOR **\$62** | UNDER 30 **\$29**Ă

#### **GRYPHON TRIO**

#### **Resonate Series**

Sun, Nov 16 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Celebrating over **30 years of artistry and innovation**, Canada's **Gryphon Trio** has established its place as **one of the world's foremost piano trios**, captivating audiences globally with their vibrant, boundary-pushing interpretations. This performance will feature the well-

loved *Piano Trio No. 4 in E minor 'Dumky'* by **Antonín Dvořák**.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### **CREATE-YOUR-OWN SERIES AND SAVE**

Save on individual ticket prices by choosing a personalized selection of events from the 2025/26 Season\*.

5% Off 3 Shows

10% Off 4 Shows

15% Off 5 Shows or More

\*Exclusions apply. Turn to page 50 for more information.

#### **MARY ANCHETA QUARTET**

#### **Cabaret Series**

Thu, Nov 20, Fri, Nov 21 & Sat, Nov 22 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

A supercharged fusion of jazz, electro-funk, and R&B, it's time to get your groove on with this Vancouver-based quartet. Taking "cinematic jazz to the next level" (The Peak), expect to hear arresting melodies and irresistible

**grooves** that incorporate Canadian Filipina keyboardist **Mary Ancheta**'s experience in film scoring.

STANDARD **\$50** | SENIOR **\$47** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### SECRET INGREDIENTS

#### **Play Series**

Thu, Nov 27, Fri, Nov 28 & Sat, Nov 29 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

A live performance and cake tasting in equal parts, **Secret Ingredients** taps into the quirks, nuances, joys, and heartaches of relationships. The latest creation from **Vancouver-based artist Keely O'Brien**, this playful – and sugary sweet – show **uses cake to explore the intricacies of human behaviour** and the challenges of honest communication.

Please note that Secret Ingredients is excluded from the Play Series Subscription and Create-Your-Own Series offer.

STANDARD **\$54** | SENIOR **\$51** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### **VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:**

#### A MUSICAL STORYBOOK

**Next Wave Series** 

Sun, Nov 30 | 2:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Symphony Orchestra in a musical storybook for all ages. A hilarious whodunnit, *The Composer is Dead* introduces the orchestra's instruments as suspects in a musical crime. Then the focus is on well-loved movies — from *The Lion King to How to Train Your Dragon, Frozen, Up,* with music from Disney, DreamWorks, and beyond.

STANDARD **\$27** | SENIOR **\$24** | UNDER 30 **\$15** 

#### December 2025

# CASEY THOMAS-BURNS: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Next Wave Series

Sat, Dec 6 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

Trombonist and vocalist Casey Thomas-Burns leads her quartet in a festive celebration of jazz classics and holiday favourites this December. Best known as the founder and director of The Leading Ladies, an 11-woman big band, Casey brings a distinctive blend of charisma, creativity, and classic swing to every stage she steps on.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

# HOLLYWOOD HARMONIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS Speaker Series

Tue, Dec 9 | 7:00 PM | McEwen Theatre

Film historian and eggnog enthusiast Michael van den Bos is your ho-ho-host of merry musical moments from classic and contemporary films. Spotlighting bright, exuberant, funny, imaginative, campy, and oddball musical delights, featured appearances include Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, and Doris Day.

STANDARD \$25 | SENIOR \$22 | UNDER 30 \$19

#### THE ARAB BLUES

#### **Cabaret Series**

Thu, Dec 11, Fri, Dec 12 & Sat, Dec 13 | 7:30 PM McEwen Theatre

Lebanese-Egyptian musician Rami Gabriel (oud, guitar) and native Egyptian percussionist Karim Nagi (riqq, tublah, drums) make up The Arab Blues. Drawing from the rich history of Middle Eastern traditions and Chicago Blues, their music is an eclectic, passionate, playful, and virtuosic blend of tradition and innovation.

STANDARD **\$50** | SENIOR **\$47** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

## **Support the Kay Meek**

Please consider pledging your support to the future of performing arts in the community by **making a donation**.

The Kay Meek Arts Centre is a **uniquely independent not-for-profit** arts venue in the heart of **West Vancouver**. With 20 years' experience presenting high-calibre performances by local, national and international artists, the Kay Meek enjoys the highest professional reputation throughout the Lower Mainland.

We also ensure access to fully professional theatre experiences for community groups and schools.

- 80 Kay Meek Presentations
- 100 Youth-Focused Events
- 230 Performances by Community Groups

Over 80% of our funding comes from supporters, donors, and sponsors like you.

Make a donation at **KAYMEEK.COM** or email **donations@kaymeek.com** 

# 2025/26 Season-at-a-Glance OCTOBER

#### **TOO MANY ZOOZ**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

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**Next Wave Series** 

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#### **DECEMBER**

**CASEY THOMAS-BURNS: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** 

**Next Wave Series** 

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# HOLLYWOOD HARMONIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS Speaker Series

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#### **JANUARY**

#### **BURNING MOM**

#### **Play Series**

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#### IAN PARKER & KERSON LEONG

#### **Resonate Series**

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#### **CASSIE AND MAGGIE**

#### **Cabaret Series**

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#### KINGS RETURN

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

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## THE FRETLESS FEAT. MADELEINE ROGER

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

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#### **YAGÓDY**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Thu, Jan 29 | 7:30 PM (GO TO PAGE 37)

#### **FEBRUARY**

**JAZZ ON A BEAM OF LIGHT** 

#### **Speaker Series**

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#### **JOE GRASS TRIO**

#### **Cabaret Series**

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# VAMSO: KAY MEEK COMPETITION WINNER & TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 6

#### **Next Wave Series**

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#### **JOSEPHINE**

#### **Play Series**

Wed, Feb 25 – Sat, Feb 28 | 7:30 PM

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#### **MARCH**

#### **SAME SAME DIFFERENT**

#### **Family Series**

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# SISTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA FEAT. JENNIFER SCOTT Amplify Mainstage Series

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#### STANDING WAVE

#### **Resonate Series**

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#### **JIGJAM**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

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#### LARA WONG AND MELÓN JIMÉNEZ

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#### THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES - Play Series

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#### **APRIL**

## FASCINATING RHYTHMS: THE GERSHWIN SONGBOOK

#### **Speaker Series**

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#### RACHEL FENLON

#### **Resonate Series**

Sun, Apr 12 | 3:00 PM (GO TO PAGE 44)

#### **EMMET COHEN: MILES AND COLTRANE AT 100**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

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# VAMSO: JAEDEN IZIK-DZURKO PERFORMS RACHMANINOFF'S PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3

#### **Next Wave Series**

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#### MAY

#### **VAM CHAMBER PLAYERS: PRODIGIOUS FELIX**

#### **Resonate Series**

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#### JADE CIRCLE 玉環

#### **Play Series**

Wed, May 20 - Sat, May 23 | 7:30 PM

Sat, May 23 & Sun, May 24 | 3:00 PM (GO TO PAGE 47)

## January 2026

#### **BURNING MOM**

#### **Play Series**

Thu, Jan 8 & Fri, Jan 9 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

An inspiring comedy and stirring odyssey of self-discovery, Burning Mom is based on the real-life experiences of playwright Mieko Ouchi's mother. After losing her husband, Dorothy embarks on the road trip of her late husband's retirement dreams: she's going to Burning Man. How hard can it be?

STANDARD **\$54** | SENIOR **\$51** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### IAN PARKER & KERSON LEONG

#### **Resonate Series**

Sun, Jan 11 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Ring in the New Year with our Artistic Advisor **Ian Parker** (piano) and **Kerson Leong** (violin), described as "not just one of Canada's greatest violinists but one of the greatest violinists, period" (Toronto Star). These two sensations of Canadian classical music will perform the virtuosic **Violin** 

Sonata by César Franck and Tzigane by Ravel.

STANDARD \$45 | SENIOR \$42 | UNDER 30 \$19

#### **CASSIE AND MAGGIE**

#### **Cabaret Series**

Thu, Jan 15, Fri, Jan 16 & Sat, Jan 17 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

Committed to propelling Nova Scotia's folk traditions into new realms, the JUNO-nominated Cassie and Maggie are folk music trailblazers. With their spellbinding harmonies and instrumental prowess, the two sisters bring an exhilarating energy to the stage.

STANDARD \$50 | SENIOR \$47 | UNDER 30 \$29

#### KINGS RETURN

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Sun, Jan 18 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

The **Grammy-nominated** four-piece take pride in crafting a **diverse**, **dynamic**, **and utterly smooth acapella sound**, incorporating elements of R&B, jazz, gospel, soul, and pop – all built on a solid classical foundation. With a **rich blend of unique vocal timbres**, they sound, at times, more like a full choir than a mere four men. This music is a vibrant balm to the soul.

STANDARD **\$55** | SENIOR **\$52** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

# THE FRETLESS FEAT. MADELEINE ROGER Amplify Mainstage Series

Sun, Jan 25 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Following their collaboration on *Glasswing* (2024), the **JUNO award-winning** folk string quartet performs with guest vocalist **Madeleine Roger**. Look forward to **ferocious play, masterful composition, genre-bending sound,** and **breathtaking melodies**.

STANDARD \$55 | SENIOR \$52 | UNDER 30 \$29

#### **YAGÓDY**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Thu, Jan 29 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Breathing new life into **ancient Ukrainian sounds**, folk group **Yagódy** are a testament to the land and spirit of the people of Ukraine. Their **hypnotic vocal harmonies** and **primal percussion** will transport you to another place and time. Energizing and mesmerizing, join us

for Yagódy's first ever performance in Canada.

STANDARD **\$55** | SENIOR **\$52** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

## February 2026

#### **JAZZ ON A BEAM OF LIGHT**

#### **Speaker Series**

Wed, Feb 11 | 7:00 PM | McEwen Theatre

Classic film scholar and musical hepcat, **Michael van den Bos** is your host for a **rhythmic retrospective revue of all that jazz** in the movies. Journey through a series of vintage movie clips featuring some of the most important names in jazz history, from **Louis Armstrong** to **Fats Waller** and more.

STANDARD **\$25** | SENIOR **\$22** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### **JOE GRASS TRIO**

#### **Cabaret Series**

Thu, Feb 19 & Fri, Feb 20 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

Lifting fresh sounds out of time-honoured forms, Montreal-based musician Joe Grass began playing the guitar at age eight. Steeped in **blues**, **gospel**, **jazz**, **bluegrass**, **and folk**, his music is a blend of **evocative song-writing** and **impeccable musicianship**. Get ready to sink into a performance that is at once completely simple and utterly lush.

STANDARD **\$50** | SENIOR **\$47** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

## VAMSO: KAY MEEK COMPETITION WINNER & TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 6

#### **Next Wave Series**

Sun, Feb 22 | 2:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Forest Benson (piano), winner of the 2025 VAM Kay Meek Competition performs Saint-Saëns' Concerto No. 5, 'The Egyptian'. This is followed by a performance of Tchaikovsky's final masterwork, Symphony No. 6. Known as 'Pathétique', it stands as one of the most emotionally profound symphonies ever written. The Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Ian Parker.

STANDARD **\$27** | SENIOR **\$24** | UNDER 30 **\$15** 

#### **JOSEPHINE - Play Series**

Wed, Feb 25 – Sat, Feb 28 | 7:30 PM | Sat, Feb 28 & Sun, Mar 1 | 3:00 PM | McEwen Theatre

One of the most remarkable figures of the 20th century, African-American icon Josephine Baker captivated the Parisian jazz scene in the 1920s. Weaving together cabaret, theatre, and dance, this award-winning one-woman biographical musical brings her extraordinary life to the stage.

STANDARD **\$54** | SENIOR **\$51** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

### INDIGENOUS TICKETING PROGRAM

Complimentary tickets to the Kay Meek Arts Centre's 2025/26 Season shows are available to all Indigenous patrons.

Indigenous patrons can use the promo code **INDIGENOUS** when booking to claim the ticket offer.

If you would like to book more than two tickets, or for more information, please email the Box Office at <a href="mailto:boxoffice@kaymeek.com">boxoffice@kaymeek.com</a>.

#### KALKALILH (WILD WOMAN) by Matthew Cole

MATTHEW COLE is a talented carver from the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, known for his intricate and culturally significant artwork.

Matthew's work includes a variety of mediums, such as wood carvings, drums, plaques, and handmade tools, each showcasing his exceptional skill and deep connection to his heritage.

We are delighted to have Matthew's artwork displayed in our upper lobby.

#### March 2026

#### **SAME SAME DIFFERENT - Family Series**

Thu, Mar 5 | 1:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

The Myrtle Sisters always dressed, sang, danced, talked, and even ate the same way. Now their secret unique features are revealed through a hilarious and unexpected series of calamities. Same Same Different is a silly, heartfelt family spectacle for all ages, brimming with song, dance, and plenty of shenanigans!

STANDARD **\$25** | SENIOR **\$22** | UNDER 30 **\$15** 

# SISTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA FEAT. JENNIFER SCOTT Amplify Mainstage Series

Sat, Mar 7 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Celebrate International Women's Day with a spectacular evening of music honouring Joni Mitchell, one of the most beloved and iconic voices of our time. Canada's premier all-female 18-piece ensemble, Sister Jazz Orchestra, are joined by acclaimed vocalist Jennifer Scott for this bold and beautiful tribute supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.

PREMIUM **\$60** | STANDARD **\$55** | SENIOR **\$52** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### **STANDING WAVE - Resonate Series**

Sun, Mar 8 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Western Canada's foremost contemporary **chamber ensemble**, **Standing Wave** is a sextet of intrepid new music interpreters. Pushing the boundaries of what chamber music can be, they have cultivated an **international reputation for electrifying live performances** featuring the works of living composers. This performance includes music by Vancouver composers **Cam Wilson**, **Mariah Mennie**, and **Peggy Lee**.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### **JIGJAM**

#### **Amplify Mainstage Series**

Tue, Mar 17 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Musical powerhouse JigJam delivers a heady combination of Celtic and bluegrass rhythms that builds on the historical connections between Irish music and bluegrass. Bringing their infectious energy to the stage for St. Patrick's Day, join us for a roaring, feel-good evening of "Celtgrass" music with this accomplished quartet of multi-instrumentalists.

STANDARD \$55 | SENIOR \$52 | UNDER 30 \$29

#### LARA WONG AND MELÓN JIMÉNEZ

#### **Cabaret Series**

Thu, Mar 19, Fri, Mar 20 & Sat, Mar 21 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

In a meeting of innovation and tradition, the **JUNO-nominated duo Lara Wong and Melón Jiménez** bring together unexpected protagonists – the Indian bansuri flute and the flamenco guitar – to **reimagine flamenco's evolution** from its Indian and African roots.

STANDARD **\$50** | SENIOR **\$47** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

#### Play Series

Thu, Mar 26 & Fri, Mar 27 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Glen and Sandy Golden have been celebrating their wedding anniversary by coming to the same cottage every year. This year marks a major milestone: 50 years of wedded bliss. Well... mostly bliss... A night of he-said, she-said, remember-whens, and a long-term love for the ages from Canadian playwright Mark Crawford.

STANDARD **\$54** | SENIOR **\$51** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

## **April 2026**

## FASCINATING RHYTHMS: THE GERSHWIN SONGBOOK

#### **Speaker Series**

Sat, Apr 11 | 7:30 PM | McEwen Theatre

Classic film scholar **Michael van den Bos** whisks you away on a fabulous flight through the glories of brothers **George and Ira Gershwin**. Featuring live song performances by Canadian jazz vocalist **Angela Verbrugge**, get ready for **an elegant evening of Gershwin gold** and their 'Fascinating Rhythms'.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### **RACHEL FENLON - Resonate Series**

Sun, Apr 12 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Renowned for her **self-accompanied song recitals**, Canadian soprano and pianist **Rachel Fenion** is finding a unique voice on the world stage of classical music. In a **program dedicated to the folk song**, Rachel will sing and play works by **Benjamin Britten** – *The Last Rose of Summer* and *O Waly Waly* – and **Franz Schubert** – *By the Brook in Spring* and *The Birds*.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

# EMMET COHEN: MILES AND COLTRANE AT 100 Amplify Mainstage Series

Tue, Apr 21 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Celebrating their 100th birthday year, internationally acclaimed jazz pianist Emmet Cohen reimagines the music of John Coltrane and Miles Davis in an all-star quintet. Join Cohen and his ensemble, featuring Tivon Pennicott (saxophone) and Jeremy Pelt (trumpet), for a bold, fresh interpretation of the music that forever changed the course of jazz.

STANDARD **\$65** | SENIOR **\$62** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

## VAMSO: JAEDEN IZIK-DZURKO PERFORMS RACHMANINOFF'S PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3

#### **Next Wave Series**

Sat, Apr 25 | 7:30 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Jaeden Izik-Dzurko, 2024 winner of the prestigious Leeds Piano Competition and BC native, performs Rachmaninoff's towering *Piano Concerto No. 3.* Ian Parker joins Izik-Dzurko in the delightful *Carnival of the Animals*, scored for two pianos and chamber orchestra. The fiery drama of Bizet's *Carmen Suite* completes the

## final Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra program of the season.

STANDARD **\$27** | SENIOR **\$24** | UNDER 30 **\$15** 

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### May 2026

### VAM CHAMBER PLAYERS: PRODIGIOUS FELIX

#### **Resonate Series**

Sun, May 10 | 3:00 PM | Grosvenor Theatre

Join the Vancouver Academy of Music Chamber Players as they perform Mendelssohn's beloved *String Octet in E-flat major, Op. 20*. Written for four violins, two violas and two cellos to be performed 'in the style of a symphony', this sparkling work, written by the genius when he was only 16 years old, is a cornerstone of the chamber music repertoire.

STANDARD **\$45** | SENIOR **\$42** | UNDER 30 **\$19** 

#### JADE CIRCLE 玉環

#### **Play Series**

Wed, May 20 – Sat, May 23 | 7:30 PM | Sat, May 23 & Sun, May 24 | 3:00 PM | McEwen Theatre

Through **powerful music**, **captivating movement**, and **poignant storytelling** in Mandarin and English, **Jade Circle 玉環** follows Jasmine as she embarks on a transformative journey to relearn Mandarin and unearth

lost stories of her grandmother's past. A **love letter to matrilineal relationships, Jade Circle 玉**環 celebrates legacy, ancestry, and culture.

A rice & beans theatre production in association with Neworld Theatre, written and performed by Jasmine Chen.

STANDARD **\$54** | SENIOR **\$51** | UNDER 30 **\$29** 

#### **PAY-WHAT-YOU-WILL PREVIEW**

The first performance of **Jade Circle** 玉環 on Wed, May 20 is a Pay-What-You-Will Preview. Tickets are priced at \$15, \$25, and \$35.

Please note that the Pay-What-You-Will Preview is excluded from the Play Series Subscription and Create-Your-Own Series offer.

"A feast for the senses"

**—VANCOUVERPLAYS REVIEW** 

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#### **HOW TO BOOK TICKETS**

Visit: KAYMEEK.COM | Call: 604.981.6335 | Email: boxoffice@kaymeek.com

Our Box Office is open in person on **Thursdays from** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Prices include all fees and taxes and tickets are non-refundable.

## **Accessibility**

#### **ACCESSIBLE PARKING**

There is accessible parking immediately outside our Mathers Avenue entrance. The curb is dropped at the back end of the turnout (to the west) for easy access.

#### **BUILDING ACCESS**

Visitors can access the venue from Mathers Avenue through automatic doors, positioned on the right-hand side as you approach the circular upper lobby. There is an elevator (follow the wall around to the right) which can take you to the Grosvenor Theatre (main floor) and the McEwen Theatre (lower floor).

#### **WASHROOMS**

On the main floor (outside the Grosvenor Theatre), there are accessible stalls in both washrooms located at each end of the lobby. There is an accessible single-stall washroom on the lower floor at the end of the corridor outside the McEwen Theatre.

#### **ACCESSIBLE SEATING**

There is wheelchair / accessible seating available in both of our theatres: in booths at the back of the Grosvenor Theatre and in the front row of the McEwen Theatre.

In both spaces, the chairs are removable. You are welcome to use the seats in situ or remain in a wheelchair or walker if preferred. You can also have one seat removed to serve as a wheelchair space, for example, and leave one seat in for a companion.

Advanced booking for accessible seating is strongly recommended. To book accessible seating, register for complimentary Essential Companion tickets, and to find out more, visit **KAYMEEK.COM/ACCESSIBILITY** 

#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Hearing assistance devices are available for events in the Grosvenor Theatre only.

Please talk to a member of our team at the venue if you need one.

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