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2023 - 2024



MACLAB CENTRE
for the **PERFORMING ARTS**

CITY OF
Leduc



Land Acknowledgement

The City of Leduc acknowledges the Maclab Centre is situated within Treaty 6 Territory, the ancestral and modern-day territory of the Nêhiyaw (Cree), Dené, Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Anishinaabe, Nakota Isga (Nakota Sioux), as well as the Métis Peoples. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit, whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial. We understand we are all Treaty people with shared responsibility to this land and to each other.

We respect the unique and diverse histories, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Nations; and are grateful to imagine, create, and perform in this place as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.



Message from Bob Young

– Mayor of the City of Leduc

The Maclab Centre has established itself as a prominent cultural hub in Leduc; a space where people of all backgrounds from throughout the region gather to connect and share in their collective support for the performing arts. It's a place where people come to see something new or clap their hands to an old favourite. It's a place where the community comes to Rediscover, Reimagine and Reignite their connection to our local arts.

Congratulations to the entire Maclab team on the launch of the 2023-2024 performance season. It's because of your passion and tireless commitment that the arts continue to thrive here in Leduc.

Message from Toscha Turner

– Manager Cultural Development

We invite you to embark with us on a transformative journey through the Maclab's multi-dimensional 23/24 season, where every note, every step, and every scene invites you to reconnect – with yourself, our community, and the world at large. As you immerse yourself in a symphony of music, let its harmonies resonate within, fostering a profound connection with your innermost emotions. Through the magic of theatre, delve into stories that mirror the human experience, reigniting empathy and strengthening the bonds that unite our community. And when the dancers grace the stage, witness the poetry of movement that transcends language, inviting you to reimagine the ways we communicate and connect with the world around us. This season is an invitation to rediscover the threads that bind us – to our own hearts, to each other, and to the vast tapestry of humanity. We welcome you to this place and are glad we are on this journey together!



Event Schedule

P = Performance Series *F* = Family Series
W = Wednesday Series *SE* = Special Event

SEPTEMBER, 2023

29 Donita Large & The Small Band *SE*

OCTOBER, 2023

11 Bardic Form *W*

26 Jake Vaadeland & The Sturgeon River Boys *P*

29 RupLoops - Magnetic North *F*

NOVEMBER, 2024

1 Gateway - The Edmonton Big Band Society *W*

8 RIDGE ft. The Fugitives *P*

29 TBA Winter Concert *SE*

JANUARY, 2024

18 The McDades *P*

24 Connectivity Dance *W*

31 Seeka Sings *F*

FEBRUARY, 2024

14 D'orjay and the Lovely Luvies Fam *W*

21 Taryn's Dance *W*

23 Souls in Rhythm *P*

28 ZENON+ *W*

MARCH, 2024

11 Daniel Gervais *F*

13 NUOVA Vocal Arts *W*

22 Bywater Call *P*

26 Ballet Kelowna *SE*

27 Kita no Taiko *W*

APRIL, 2024

7 BachTots - Zoo Dance *F*

7 Windborne *SE*

10 Trevor Panczak *W*

MAY, 2024

1 Leduc Drama Society *W*

3 Rory Gardiner: Tornado Troubles *P*

15 Beaumont Society School of Dance *W*

22 Leduc Rotary Music Festival *W*

JUNE, 2024

5 Me @ 18 *W*

13 Derina Harvey Band *P*

17 Cris Derksen *SE*





Tickets & Pricing

PERFORMANCE SERIES

Early Bird Subscription Pass (Sept. 1 – 24, 2023): **\$215**

Regular Sale Subscription Pass*: **\$254**

Per-show: **\$33 – \$39**

Wednesday Series Add-On**: **\$30**

NEW Pick 3! Get tickets to 3 Performance Series shows of your choice for **\$100 (\$111 after Sept. 24, 2023)**

**Only available until October 26*

***Must be purchased at the same time as Performance Series subscription*

WEDNESDAY SERIES

Early Bird Subscription (Sept. 1 – 24, 2023): **\$40**

Regular Subscription (Sept. 25 – Dec. 31, 2023): **\$60**

Per-show: **\$10**

For more details, and to purchase tickets, visit maclabcentre.com/whats-on/tickets

**A Subscription Pass permits one entry per person per show, for every show of the Series. Ticket price includes service fees, Capital Replacement Fee & GST. Box office and will call open one hour prior to all performances.*



PERFORMANCE SERIES

*Laugh, clap, and dance in your seat
– or on your feet – all season long!*

*Exciting professional
acts from across Canada!*





Jake Vaadeland & The Sturgeon River Boys

Oct. 26, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. | \$33

Jake Vaadeland is a self-taught multi-instrumentalist and songwriter from Saskatchewan, Canada. His traditional sound and unique style could be defined as a blend of Bluegrass and 50's Rockabilly. Jake strives to write and play with a focus on storytelling and messages that he hopes his audience can relate to, all packaged in foot stomping, high energy performances with The Sturgeon River Boys.

2022 proved to be a remarkable year for Jake Vaadeland, as he received 2x Saskatchewan Music Awards including Album of the Year for 'Everybody But Me', along with the Folk/Roots Artist of the Year. In addition, he earned 4x Saskatchewan Country Music Awards, including Fans Choice Entertainer of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, Alternative Country Album of the Year and Emerging Artist of the Year. His album, Retro Man also finished at #2 in fan voting for the Best Saskatchewan Albums of 2021.

www.jakevaadeland.com



RIDGE ft. The Fugitives

Nov. 8, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. | \$35

The Fugitives are an acoustic folk-roots group headed by songwriters Adrian Glynn and Brendan McLeod. They're joined by banjo player Chris Suen (Viper Central) and violinist Carly Frey (The Coal Porters). Over their first five albums, they've amassed a JUNO nomination, numerous CFMA and WCMA nominations, and toured extensively through Canada, Europe, and the UK.

In 2020, the band created "RIDGE", a WW1-centered theatre show, which was named a Globe & Mail "Top Arts Pick of the Year" and has toured to over 30 theatres across Canada. The band has earned a reputation for unforgettable live shows, brimming with complex harmonies, infectious storytelling and top-notch musicianship. As the CBC has it: "This show is simply brilliant."

www.fugitives.com



The McDades

Jan. 18, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$39

Punching through the walls of tradition, The McDades' Celtic-rooted music fuses the spontaneity of jazz improvisation and infectious global rhythms. The Juno award winners' cutting-edge sound is the perfect complement to their fiery performance.

With vocal harmonies that can only come from a family and an obvious love for each other and their music, The McDades' sound is immersed in the spirit of improvisation. Combining original tunes and unique interpretations of traditional songs, their performances feature both energetic instrumentals and moving vocals performed in both English and French. This compelling and dynamic group "finds their groove somewhere between a down-home kitchen party, a jazzy after-hours club and a folk festival." - London Free Press

www.themcdades.com



Souls in Rhythm

Feb. 23, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$36

Calgary-based Souls in Rhythm (a.k.a. SiR) takes the fundamentals of classic funk and soul and blends them with modern R&B. Rather than being impressionists of master/classic artists of the genre, SiR has a modern sound and seeks to innovate and contemporize a musical form they love. Canadian Musician Magazine elaborates; "smooth, soulful grooves, melody lines that stay in your head and polished vocals", SiR's music proudly pays homage to tradition, while at the same time expanding boundaries.

SiR has won many accolades for their songwriting and live show including winning Astral Media's \$100,000 Unsigned Vibe Songwriting Competition, and they were finalists of the National Songwriting Competition. With a live show that delivers "hard-hitting bass, rhythmic guitar, rock-solid drums and dancing keys, all welded together with [Scott] Henderson's polished vocals" (Kamloops This Week), SiR will make you feel its music, inevitably ending on the dance floor! SiR has also opened for Hey Ocean, Colin James, Maestro Fresh Wes and many other prominent artists.

www.soulsinrhythm.com



Bywater Call

March 22, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$39

Meghan Parnell and Dave Barnes are the driving force behind Bywater Call, a powerhouse 7-piece Southern Soul, Roots Rock band out of Toronto, Canada. Born out of a love for southern soul, blues and roots music and a passion to create a powerful and moving experience for listeners, Bywater Call is completed by Bruce McCarthy on drums, Mike Meusel on Bass, Alan Zemaitis on Keys, Stephen Dyte on Trumpet and Julian Nalli on Tenor Sax.

"Authentic, earthy, gritty, punchy, soulful, rough 'n' ready, raspy, powerful, confident, stylish." – Tinnitist

www.bywatercall.com

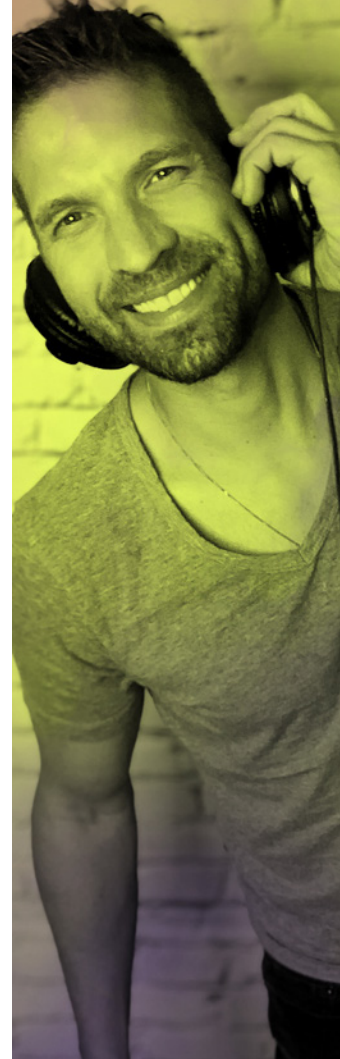
Rory Gardiner: Tornado Troubles

May 3, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$33

CCMA nominated country artist Rory Gardiner has shared the stage with a number of great country acts like Keith Urban. As a stand-up comedian, his TikTok videos have over 50 Million views, his YouTube sketches have been featured on Funny or Die, and America's Funniest Videos.

When mother nature sent a tornado through his neighbourhood, he turned to humour to lift the spirits of his family and neighbours. The video went viral and led to a TEDx talk in Colorado on using humor as a coping mechanism. Discovering he could make a real impact through laughter, he combines stand-up comedy with music, connecting with audiences across North America.

www.rorygardiner.com





Derina Harvey Band

June 13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$39

She's back! SEASON CLOSER!

Derina Harvey leads the award-winning Celtic Rock sensation, the Derina Harvey Band (dHb). With a show that offers a fresh take on traditional folk songs as well as a few originals, Derina's vibrant personality takes center stage with humour, storytelling, and, of course, her world class vocals. dHb has been likened to a "rockier" version of Canada's Great Big Sea, if fronted by Adele, and has earned a reputation as a high-energy live show that leaves many an audience out-of-breath and hollering from their seats!

www.derinaharvey.com



FAMILY SERIES

The Family Series is back, with more FREE family-friendly fun!

- ✓ Free workshops by the performers at the Leduc Public Library
- ✓ Free arts & crafts before each workshop presented by the Leduc Arts Foundry

Your FREE tickets are waiting for you at the Leduc Public Library.



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RupLoops – Magnetic North

Oct. 29, 2023 | *10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. | FREE

**10:30 a.m. performance for ages five to seven. 2:00 p.m. performance for ages 10-12*

This interactive unique and fun show will get kids ready to move to rhythmic rhymes and animal grooves. In RupLoops' show, "Magnetic North", he creates sonic ecosystems through the use of samples of endangered environments and animals in BC. With music, visual art, lyrics and interactive games, RupLoops encourages us to take action for a better future.

www.ruploops.com

Seeka Sings

Jan. 31, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. | FREE

Recommended age: 2 – 8 years

Jessica "Seeka" Holtby is a Jamaican-Canadian singer/songwriter, university lecturer of French, and mother of two little boys. Seeka has been involved in the western Canadian music scene for over 15 years, performing in English and French. Seeka's children's musical act, "Seeka Sings," fosters diversity and early education through a blend of styles, including folk, jazz, Afro-Caribbean, and other genres.

www.pebblestarartists.com/seeka-sings

Daniel Gervais

Mar. 11, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. | FREE

Recommended age: 5 – 12

Join Daniel Gervais, Jeremiah McDade and Aline Dupuis-Gervaise for a fun, family-friendly program in the style of an old-time kitchen party. The kitchen table and chairs get pushed aside as the party unfolds with fiddle music, songs, stories, wooden spoons (for everyone), and French-Canadian dances. Don't miss this high-energy, interactive activity for the whole family.

www.danielgervais.ca

BachTots – Zoo Dance

Apr. 7, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. | FREE

Recommended age: 3 – 7 years

Zoo Dance introduces four dancing zoo friends - the precise peacock, the sociable tropical bird, the patient turtle and the demanding tiger. Zoo dance uses classical ballet, jazz, Latin and traditional East Indian dance to explore how different personalities operate when they are at their best, and their worst. Recommended for 3-7.

www.bachtots.org



INDIGENOUS SERIES

www.Leduc.ca/treatytruthreconciliation

\$5 minimum pay-what-you-can Indigenous-focused performances

- All proceeds will be donated to Indigenous-led arts and culture initiatives -

Donita Large & The Small Band

Sept. 29, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. (Orange Shirt Day)

Donita Large is a Cree singer-songwriter that can lift the hair on the back of your neck when you experience her singing and feel the story in her songs.

www.donitalargemusic.com

Performer TBD *(Keep an eye on website for updated performer information)*

May 4, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

In recognition of National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People on May 5 (Red Dress Day)

Cris Derksen

June 17, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

In Recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 & Indigenous History Month (June)

Derksen braids the traditional and contemporary, weaving her classical background and her Indigenous ancestry together with new school electronics to create genre-defying music.

www.crisderksen.com



SPECIAL EVENTS

Maclab Winter Concert

Nov. 29, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Keep an eye on our website for more information!

Windborne at St. David's Church

Apr. 7, 2024 | 6 p.m. | \$25

Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers' deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Featuring original song: *The Song of the Lower Classes*.

www.windbornesingers.com

Ballet Kelowna

March 26, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. | \$42

Taqəš

Cameron Fraser-Monroe brings his classical ballet training, knowledge of traditional Coast Salish, Grass, and Hoop Dance, and experience as a contemporary dancer to taqəš [tawKESH], which means “to return something” in Ayajuthem, the language belonging to the Homalco, Klahoose, K’omoks and Tla’amin Nations.

Bolero

Next, National Ballet of Canada Choreographic Associate Guillaume Côté brings strength and fragility to a fascinating interpretation of the beloved Bolero by Maurice Ravel, one of music’s most famous and identifiable melodies.

MAMBO

Rounding out the program, audiences will be treated to Ballet Kelowna commissioned MAMBO (2018) by Alysia Pires. The work gained worldwide acclaim after performances at Beijing’s China International Performing Arts Expo and Toronto’s Fall for Dance North Festival in 2018.

www.balletkelowna.com



WEDNESDAY SERIES

\$60 = a minimum of 12 shows!

The fan-favourite Wednesday Series is BACK!

After nearly **TRIPLING** our Wednesday Series subscriptions in the '22-'23 season, we're so excited to bring even more Wednesday excitement to Leduc!

A Wednesday Series subscription gets you into **ALL** Wednesday Series shows this season. (Yup, even if we add a few surprises mid-season!)

Don't want to commit to a subscription? No problem. Individual tickets are only \$10. All shows. All season.



www.connectivitydance.com

www.zenonepp.com

NUOVA Vocal Arts

March 13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

NUOVA Vocal Arts brings together the finest Canadian vocalists and pianists in order to expand their talents, share their passions, and discover strong relationships. They are committed to spreading the arts throughout communities. Their desire is to educate and inspire audiences of all ages and backgrounds with the rich artistic world of opera and music theatre.

www.nuovavocalarts.ca

Kita no Taiko – The Drums of the North

March 27, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Let one of North America's oldest Japanese drumming groups enthrall you though the powerful, beautiful sound of the taiko. Watch how taiko combines dynamic music, primal rhythms and the human spirit to create an unforgettable artistic experience.

www.kitanotaiko.ca

Trevor Panczak

April 10, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Trevor Panczak (pan*zak) is an award-winning country music entertainer from southern Alberta. His humour, smooth vocals, charming stage presence and energetic live show have all contributed to him becoming the headline act he is today.

www.trevortown.com

Leduc Drama Society

May 1, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

A special production for mental health week!

www.leducdramasociety.ca

Beaumont Society School of Dance

May 15, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

www.beaumontdance.ab.ca

Leduc Rotary Music Festival

May 22, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

A community based and volunteer run music festival with the mission to provide an outlet for music and vocal art students to perform. They are given the opportunity to develop their craft through performance, competition and adjudication.

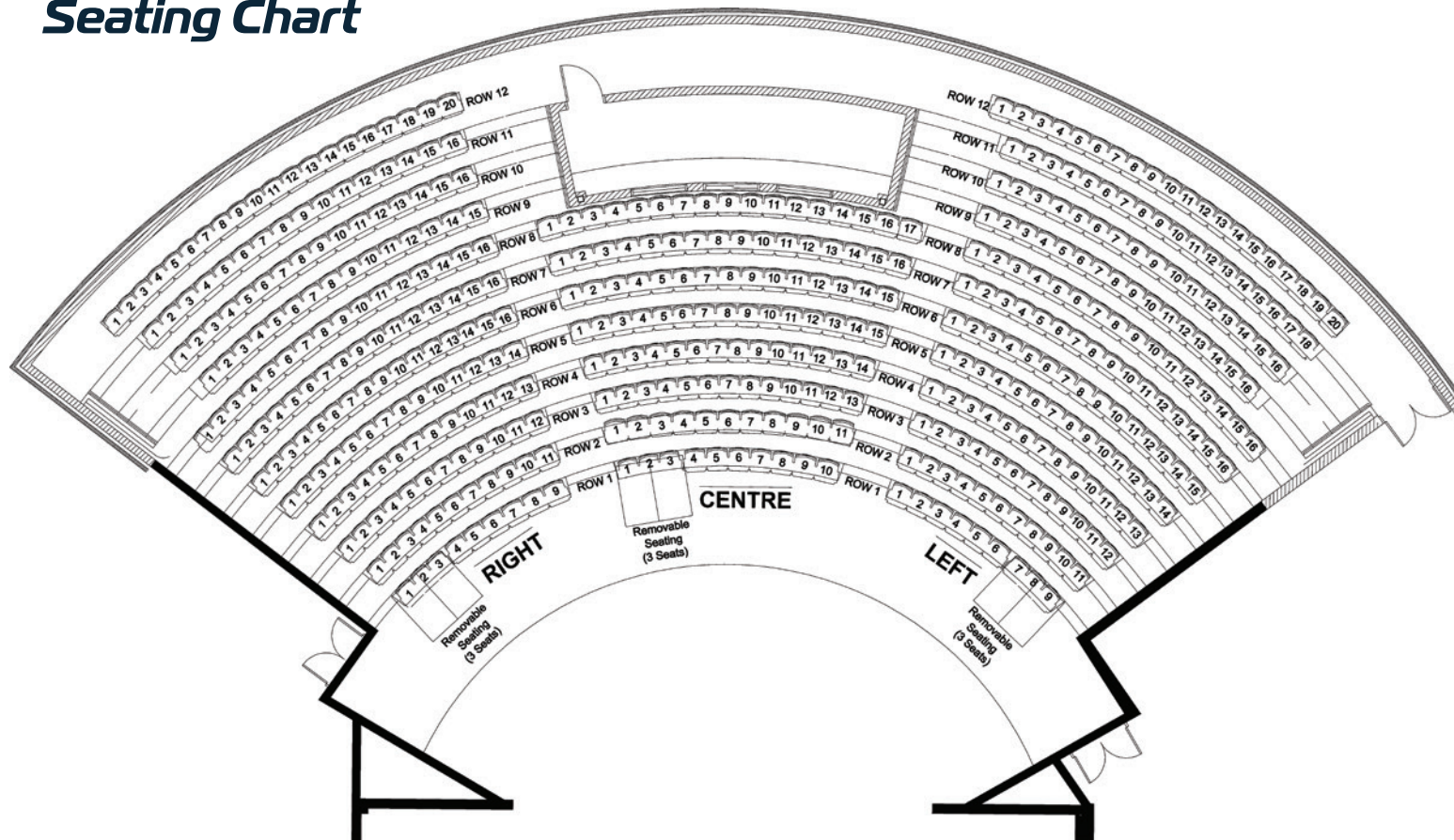
www.leducmusicfestival.ca

Me @ 18 – A Conversation Between Generations

June 5, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Presented in recognition of Seniors Week. Produced in collaboration with the Leduc Arts Foundry.

Seating Chart



Theatre Information

Latecomers will be seated at an opportune time by the front of house volunteers.

Please ensure cell phones and other electronic devices are silenced or turned off for the performances.

Refrain from using scented products before coming to the theatre.

The theatre is accessible by wheelchair. Please contact the box office prior to the event for accessible seating arrangements. Availability is limited.

We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

If you are picking up tickets, please arrive early. Customers must present ID. Day-of and future event tickets can be purchased one hour before shows at the box office.

Tickets are non-refundable. Every patron, incl. children and infants in arms, requires a ticket.

Free parking is available.

Volunteer With Us

Be part of the fantastic volunteer community at the Maclab Centre! The Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts is a vibrant community theatre operated by the City of Leduc. From plays produced by local community groups to nationally and internationally acclaimed performing artists – you can experience everything from classical to rock music, the circus, theatre plays, musicals, comedians, and a variety of shows for the whole family.

Positions available include ticket scanners, ushers, and merchandise sales.

Interested? Contact our Theatre Administrator at maclabcentre@leduc.ca or fill out our form on the website at maclabcentre.com/be-involved.

Rentals & Bookings

The Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts is available for rent and your perfect venue for plays, musicals, dance performances and much more! Our venue provides free parking, and professional staff and equipment. Visit maclabcentre.com/rentals for more details.

For rental rates and theatre availability, please contact us at maclabcentre@leduc.ca

Local groups located in Leduc or Leduc County receive a discount off base rental rates.

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Get Your Tickets!

- Online at ticketpro.ca
- Call 1-888-655-9090
- Visit our box office

The Maclab Centre is located at 4308 - 50 St, Leduc. The box office is open every Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and one hour before every show. (September to June, excluding Holidays)

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