



Calgary



# 2019 Civic Partner Annual Report

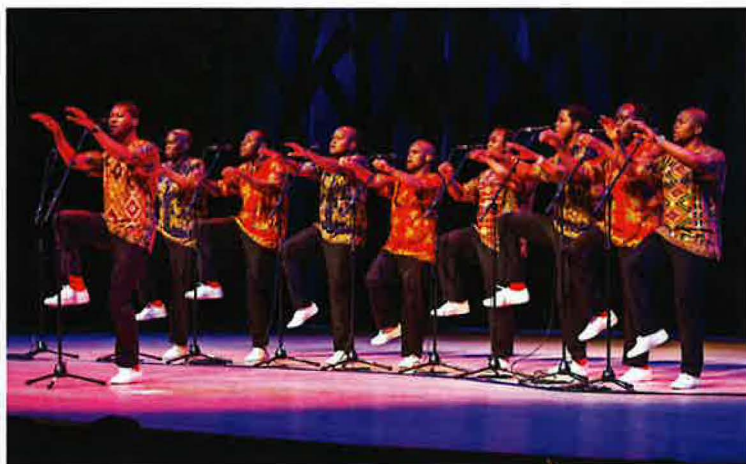


Arts  
Commons

## 2019 Highlights

Our Mandate is...

to foster, present,  
and promote the arts



Arts Commons Presents Ladysmith Black Mambazo © Mike Hopkins Photography



*"You are a 'First Class' company to work with and every one of you and your team are outstanding.... this award is just as much yours as it is Theatre Calgary's!"*

- Letter from Lee Booth, Front of House Manager of Theatre Calgary to Arts Commons, after winning Best Theatre Company award from "Best of Calgary"



High Performance Bodeo Headliner  
Shane Koycezan © Kiki-Bel



Alberta Theatre Projects: The New Canadian Curling Club  
© Benjamin Laird



Theatre Calgary's Billy Elliot The Musical © Benjamin Laird

372,284

total attendance  
to a ticketed event  
at Arts Commons

ALBERTA  
THEATRE  
PROJECTS

Arts Commons  
Presents

CALGARY  
PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA



theatre:  
CALGARY





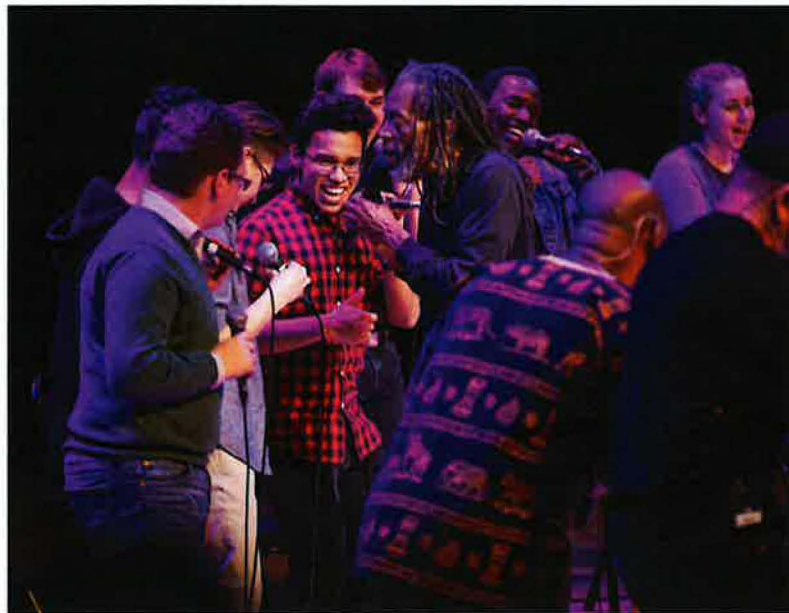
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Arts Commons Presents...

# creates connections

**1,500**

people were introduced to Arts Commons Presents performances at no cost, through the TD Arts Access Pass Program



Circle singing with Bobby McFerrin and CADME singers © Will Young

Dancers perform during National Indigenous Peoples Day © Aaron Chatha



**815**

artists hired for Arts Commons Presents programming



"The art performances were incredible. I was very moved, literally to tears."

Patron, Amplify Cahand series

**13,353**

people attended a free event put on by Arts Commons Presents



Performers at the Itty Bitty Arts Day © Linda J. Jones

**\$45,399**

invested in Indigenous Arts

He'll see performs at We Gon Be Alright © Mike Hopkins Photography







## Current State: Impact of COVID-19

Arts Commons has worked closely with all orders of government and our donors in order to minimize hardships to Calgarians while being nimble enough to plan for a new future. Updates of note include:

### Responding to reductions in revenue:

- COVID-19 has resulted in a reduction of approximately **\$3.2 million or 57% of our forecasted revenues from March to August 2020**
- As we prepare to reopen during the 2020/21 season, given capacity restrictions **we are anticipating a minimum revenue loss of \$3.7 million to a maximum loss of \$6 million**

### Absorbing risk to help our Resident Companies:

- Arts Commons waived **\$487,057 in occupancy fees from April to August 2020**

### Prioritizing people:

- Minimal reduction to full-time administrative staff **by accessing the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)**
- Compensated **Alberta-based** artists that were scheduled to work for us through the end of **August 2020 with the assistance of a \$20,000 grant from the Rozsa Foundation and \$27,355 donated by 190 ticket buyers who took the decision to donate the value of their tickets to cancelled performances due to the pandemic**
- Partnered with the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre to provide emergency shelter to Calgary's most vulnerable

### Making the healing power of the arts accessible to all:

- Launched ArtsXpeditions **with the assistance of Calgary's corporate community that did not require repayment of sponsorship fees even though a number of concerts were cancelled**

### Planning for a new future:

- Pivoting to launch an abbreviated 2020/21 Season with all Arts Commons Presents Series intact
- Developing rigorous re-entry & re-opening plans to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff, our artists, and our audiences
- Investing in infrastructure (**\$6 million**)
- Announce the launch of the design phase for the Arts Commons Transformation Project in partnership with CMLC and The City of Calgary

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This is **YOUR**  
 Arts Commons

Goran Dragovic performs at the Jack Singer Concert Hall  
 © Will Young



The Brian Quaye Trio performs on the Jack Singer Concert Hall Duet Stage © Nike Hopkins Photography



An excited fan meeting Lee Saoridge  
 © Will Young

Lightbox Studio artist Mike Hines © Buraka Fajana



# THANK YOU!