



Artful Discovery

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role as curator for the Chan Centre Presents series is the sheer delight of discovery. Always heartened by our audience's desire to move beyond the familiar in subscribing to our series, I am confident what's coming up next will continue to impress and astonish. This season brings Vancouver debuts, fresh new sounds, and time-honoured art forms from around the world to the Chan Centre stage. Encounter the ethereal harmonies of an extraordinary Sámi artist from Norway, the impactful gospel-inspired songs of the civil rights movement, and the romance of Cuba's golden era revived for a new generation. Each of the brilliant artists we welcome will be taking us on an exploratory journey—so bring your sense of adventure!

In our studio theatre, the multidisciplinary Beyond Words series has expanded to four thought-provoking performances aimed at igniting conversations, challenging preconceptions, and offering varied points of view through giving voice to those historically excluded. Art-inspired discoveries abound in the Chan Centre Connects series, which enhances our programming with film screenings, pre-show talks, classroom visits, public workshops, and more throughout the year. We are so fortunate for the generosity and participation of our artists, UBC faculty and graduate students, and other community experts at these popular events.

Fellow Co-Managing Director Cameron McGill and I invite you to join us for another season of remarkable art!

Joyce Hinton

Co-Managing Director
Curator of the Chan Centre Presents series

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CHAN CENTRE presents

Mainstage musical performances with artists from around the globe

SEP 28 Rosanne Cash
OCT 5 Mari Boine

OCT 19 DakhaBrakha

NOV 2 Flamenco Legends: The Paco de Lucía Project

NOV 16 Orquesta Akokán

FEB 29 We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MAR 8 Dianne Reeves: Beleza Brazil

APR 4 La Santa Cecilia

APR 18 Kalabanté: Afrique en Cirque

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Details at chancentre.com/presents.

Single tickets on sale June 18, 2019 at 12 noon.

Rosanne Cash





DakhaBrakha

SAT OCT 19 2019 / 8PM

It's impossible to not get swept up in the "ethno chaos" of **DakhaBrakha**'s giddy creativity and mesmerizing performances. Built on a foundation of rural Ukrainian folk music, their trans-national sound unites traditional Indian, Arabic, African, Russian, and Australian instrumentation with energetic grooves that touch on everything from hip hop and 70s soul, to interlocking West African rhythms and the 20th century minimalism of Steve Reich and Philip Glass.

Six potent albums into their unorthodox career, "it's really the live shows that take DakhaBrakha beyond mere curiosity to utter brilliance" (NPR). Atop beguiling

beats and serpentine melodies, the Kiev-based quartet's voices move from rapid-fire verses to polyphonic hollers, and from lullaby whispers to playful mimicking of birdsong. Their theatrical side reveals itself in a flair for drama and gorgeous costuming that—like the band itself—takes patterns from regional traditions while weaving in vivid elements of a world of expression. From ecstatic to elegiac, DakhaBrakha's "Ukrainian folkdrone Björkpunk" (Rolling Stone) is seriously unexpected, seriously imaginative, and seriously fun.



Flamenco Legends The Paco de Lucía Project



SAT NOV 2 2019 / 8PM

"For us it's a tribute to a genius, a teacher, a partner in so many adventures, and someone we loved very much." – Antonio Sánchez

World-renowned Spanish guitarist and flamenco's most influential artist—the late Paco de Lucía—released his first solo album just over 50 years ago. As testament to his enduring musical legacy, the members of de Lucía's acclaimed late-career sextet, alongside producer and composer Javier Limón, come together to pay tribute to his music and keep the torch lit for future generations. Consisting of the most sought-after talents in flamenco today, this tour-de-force ensemble features de Lucía's nephew Antonio Sánchez on guitar, percussionist Israel

Suárez "Piraña," Alain Pérez on bass, Antonio Serrano on harmonica, vocalist David de Jacoba, and the riveting, passionate dance of Antonio Fernández aka "Farru."

A name synonymous with flamenco, Paco de Lucía modernized the traditional form by adding jazz and world music influences and collaborating with musicians from outside the genre including Eric Clapton, Chick Corea, and Carlos Santana. This project highlights treasured repertoire including Zyryab, Canción de Amor, and Entre dos Aguas, as well as original music by the ensemble in a stirring celebration of the unifying, boundary-shattering spirit of music.



SAT NOV 16 2019 / 8PM

"A loving tribute to the sax and brass-driven orchestras of the past that operated like one giant rhythm machine... These guys execute it perfectly." – NPR

Orquesta Akokán is straight-from-the-heart 21st century mambo that channels the fiery 1940s and 50s heyday of Tito Puente, Benny Moré, and Pérez Prado's old Havana. Bursting with optimism and romantic swagger, the 13-piece ensemble of Cuban and New York-based Latin players—including members of Irakere, NG La Banda, and Los Van Van—mixes classic son cubano and mambo with elements of 70s and 80s salsa dura.

Their debut album was released by Daptone Records, the canny and generous tastemakers who brought us the likes of Charles Bradley, Antibalas, and Sharon Jones. Produced at Havana's legendary Areito Studios—where virtually every notable Cuban musician of the last 75 years, including the players of the great Buena Vista Social Club, has recorded—it's the epitome of vibe. Listening to it, as Antibalas' Martín Perna says, you "can't help but feel the spirits of Cuba's musical giants rising from the speakers." With punchy horns, driving rhythms, and the impassioned, dramatic vocals of José "Pepito" Gómez, the golden days are here again!

We Shall Overcome A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





La Santa Cecilia



Named after the patron saint of music, La Santa Cecilia is the lively voice of a new bicultural generation in the United States: fully immersed in modern music, with a deep soulfulness and fun-loving groove that flows from their Latin American influences and Mexican heritage. The group has come a long way since their busking days on L.A.'s Olvera Street back in 2007. In 2014 they won a Grammy Award for their album Treinta Días and have been nominated twice since then. They've also performed extensively across the US and Mexico, from clubs and outdoor festivals, to the Hollywood Bowl with the LA Philharmonic, to collaborations with Elvis Costello and Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones.

Through passionate performances and the "enchanting, unfettered bellow" (Rolling Stone) of lead singer Marisol "La Marisoul" Hernández, La Santa Cecilia exemplifies the creative hybrid of Latin culture, drawing inspiration from an array of infectious Pan-American rhythms and styles including cumbia, bossa-nova, rumba, bolero, tango, rock, and jazz. Featuring accordionist/requinto player Jose "Pepe" Carlos, drummer/percussionist Miguel "Oso" Ramirez and bassist Alex Bendaña, La Santa Cecilia's vibrant songs of love, loss, and everyday struggles "get listeners dancing and thinking at the same time" (The New York Times).



beyond words

AT THE TELUS STUDIO THEATRE

Exploring the transformative power of storytelling through multidisciplinary works

OCT 30 Huff

NOV 6 Trader Time NOV 20 + 21 Black Like Me

MAR 26 Ridge

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WED OCT 30 2019 12PM + 7:30PM

"Cardinal offers no glib solutions; he does, though, affirm a position. See a boundary? Challenge it." – The Guardian

Fully immersing himself in over a dozen complex characters, award-winning Indigenous playwright and performer Cliff Cardinal presents a courageous and darkly humorous solo work that centres on three Cree brothers caught in a torrent of solvent abuse and struggling to cope with the death of their mother. Their dream world bleeds into haunting reality as they're preyed on by the mythical Trickster through residential school hallways, the abandoned motel they love more than home, and their own fragile psyches.

We feel in this piece the deep, scarred resonances of intergenerational trauma, the effects of systemic injustices and historic prejudices, and the claustrophobic, seemingly unbreakable cycle of substance abuse, suicide, and sexual violence; but we also feel the resilient spirit and strength of Indigenous youth moving towards a better future. Through flashbacks, the looming shadow of the Trickster, and Cardinal's shape-shifting physicality, Huff is a fantastical yet devastatingly direct performance that "will take your breath away" (The Globe and Mail).



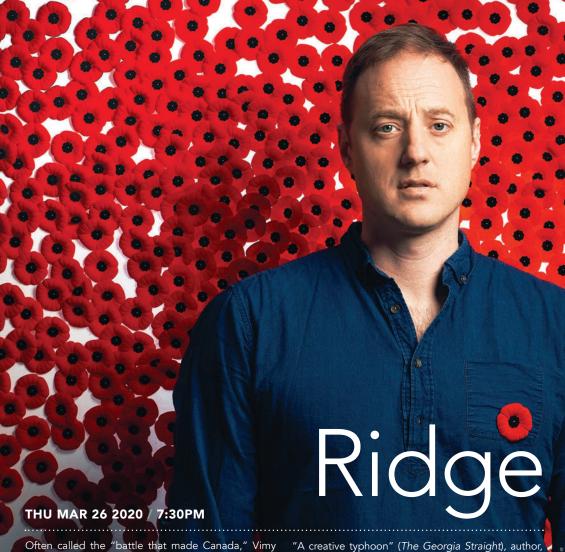




A poignant and pointed look at historic and ongoing oppression, *Black Like Me* demands that we confront our own privileges, prejudices, and deeply-ingrained wounds. Is it possible to redefine a blood-soaked term that was intended to dehumanize a people? How can a word so connected to racialized violence take on such subjectivity both within and outside of Black communities?

Seattle-based dance artist and choreographer Jade Solomon Curtis has been praised for her "silky lyricism and internal calm that is marvelous to watch" (NYC Dance). Her latest multidisciplinary work combines physical, verbal, visual, and sonic languages to address the impact and resonance of racism from five varying perspectives. Featuring "distinct, developed characters, exquisite technique, and soulful presence" (SeattleDances), Curtis uses African, jazz, tap, ballet, musical theatre, and club dance vocabularies with emotion and razor-sharp purpose. This solo performance was built with collaborations from a team of activistartists whose forward-thinking music, video, and lighting contributions create a layered, immersive experience. Black Like Me raises important questions about language, history, and power through the lens of a singularly charged word.





Often called the "battle that made Canada," Vimy Ridge resulted in over 10,000 Canadian casualties. Through direct storytelling, verbatim theatre, and live music, **Brendan McLeod** examines misconceptions and varying perspectives around the battle, while drawing parallels to other formative events in our nation's past. Featuring inventive musical interpretations of WWI soldier songs, *Ridge* probes difficult yet necessary questions about how and why we grieve. A vivid, kinetic ride through history, as well as an intimate, personal examination of our connection to the past, *Ridge* is a visceral work that passionately argues against the exploitation of young lives.

"A creative typhoon" (*The Georgia Straight*), author, musician, educator, and slam poet Brendan McLeod is a founder and member of the acclaimed, longrunning Vancouver folk group The Fugitives and was Poet of Honour at the 2012 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word. After wowing Chan Centre audiences in 2016 with his award-winning one-man show *Brain*—which bravely tackled his personal experiences with obsessive-compulsive disorder—"Canada's top slam spieler" (*CBC*) returns with an impactful show that honours the memory of Canadian soldiers while taking a searing look at the futility of war and the callousness of political and military leaders.

CHAN CENTRE CONNECTS

Get closer to Chan Centre artists and their work through a variety of thought-provoking events both on and off campus including pre-show talks, film screenings, panel discussions, hands-on workshops, and more.

This year, the artists of DakhaBrakha will lead a **Borscht Workshop with Ukrainian Folk Songs** on Friday October 18, where a big pot of the beet soup will be cooked up alongside a selection of traditional tunes performed live.

More to come! Visit chancentre.com/connects for full details on events as they are announced.

ART-INSPIRED FILM SCREENINGS

At The Cinematheque | 1131 Howe Street, Vancouver

Notable films curated to accompany Chan Centre performances throughout the season, presented in partnership with The Cinematheque. Details at **chancentre.com/connects**.

The Winding Stream: The Carters, the Cashes, and the Course of Country Music | Thu Sep 12 2019 / 7pm

Illuminating the significant contributions of the Carter and Cash families to the world of country music, this incisive documentary is a loving tribute to a dynasty that paved the way for countless artists.

Sámi Blood | Thu Sep 19 2019 / 7pm

Following the story of a 14-year-old Sámi girl coming of age in the 1930s Nordic wilderness, this award-winning film provides a visceral look into Swedish colonial history and its devastating effect on Indigenous communities.

Paco de Lucía: A Journey | Thu Oct 17 2019 / 7pm

With his son in the director's chair, this fascinating documentary recollects legendary flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucía's life and career with incredible access and intimacy.

Journey to Justice | Thu Feb 13 2020 / 7pm

Set across two decades from the 1930s to the 1950s, this documentary tells the Canadian story of pioneering Black activists who took racism to court in order to secure justice for all. The screening will be preceded by a short introductory talk.

Circus Without Borders | Thu Apr 9 2020 / 7pm

This tale of two circuses and their leaders—Artcirq's Guillaume Saladin and Kalabanté's Yamoussa Bangoura—provides an intimate portrayal of the art form's effect on the remote communities they call home.



ROOTS AND SHOOTS

Join us in expanding the horizons of the next generation

The Roots and Shoots World Music Education Program is a unique music outreach initiative that supports under-resourced schools in Vancouver. Elementary students from K-7 have the opportunity to experience world music and learn about diverse cultures from extraordinary performing artists based in Vancouver and beyond. Each year, the program brings thousands of young learners to attend a live music performance at the Chan Centre, and provides participating schools with 12 hours of in-class workshops with artists.

66My school went to the Chan Centre to see taiko drumming by Uzume Taiko. It was outstanding! They taught us things that we wouldn't learn at school... the performance really opened my eyes to all the different kinds of instruments. 79 - Angela, grade 6 student

These enriching experiences provided by the Chan Centre at no cost to the schools or participants can be profound.

66 When they see, listen to, and experience cultural performances that are out of their ordinary experience, they are pushing the boundaries of their awareness and understanding. 99- Peggy Bochun, District Arts Coordinator, Vancouver School Board

YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Donors like you can help even more children develop into engaged, inspired, and culturally-aware citizens. For details on how to support Roots and Shoots or other Chan Centre programs, please visit chancentre.com/donate or contact Simone Doust at simone.doust@ubc.ca.



UBC SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The UBC School of Music's large ensembles perform first-rate, affordable concerts at the Chan Centre throughout the academic year. Led by Maestro Jonathan Girard, the UBC Symphony Orchestra is celebrated for its energetic, nuanced performances of the symphonic canon, international soloists, and inventive concert experiences. Directed by Dr. Robert Taylor, the UBC Bands program includes the UBC Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Concert Winds. They are recognized for their creative programming and commitment to

Led by Dr. Graeme Langager, UBC Choirs comprises five student choirs of varying sizes, from more intimate chamber ensembles including the dynamic University Singers to the powerful 200-member Choral Union. UBC Opera is one of Canada's most ambitious student opera companies, staging lavish classical and contemporary productions under the direction of Prof. Nancy Hermiston. UBC Chamber Strings feature some of the school's best young string players under the direction of renowned cellist Prof. Eric Wilson.

Tickets, repertoire, and concert dates at chancentre.com/ubcschoolofmusic.

UBC THEATRE AND FILM

THE CHANGELING

Jan 16 - Feb 1, 2020: Wed - Sat / 7:30pm I Telus Studio Theatre

Thomas Middleton and Willam Rowley's The Changeling, directed by MFA candidate Luciana Sylvestre Fernandes, is a Jacobeanesque story of a woman who plays the bloody games of her vicious world but gets caught in her own snare.

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VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CLASSICAL TRADITIONS AT THE CHAN CENTRE

Fri Oct 25 + Sat Oct 26, 8pm: Mozart and Haydn with Albrecht Mayer Fri Nov 15, 8pm + Sun Nov 17, 7:30pm: Bach's Brandenburgs with

Fri Mar 20 + Sat Mar 21, 8pm: Beethoven's Eroica Fri May 15 + Sat May 16, 8pm: Purcell and Handel

VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS

Fri Dec 20 + Sat Dec 21, 8pm: Vivaldi's Four Seasons with Federico Maria Sardelli

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VANCOUVER RECITAL SOCIETY

POP OUT PERFORMANCES

Sun Nov 17, 3pm: Measha Brueggergosman, soprano and Justus Zeyen, piano

Fri Feb 21, 7:30pm: Yuja Wang, piano

Sun Mar 22, 3pm: Sir András Schiff performs J.S. Bach's **Goldberg Variations**

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EARLY MUSIC VANCOUVER

EMV MASTERWORKS AT THE CHAN CENTRE

Tue Jul 30, 7:30pm: Bach Complete Brandenburg Concertos Part One featuring Les Boreades

Fri Aug 9, 7:30pm: Purcell Hail Bright Cecilia featuring Pacific Baroque Orchestra

Sat Nov 30, 8pm: Handel Messiah featuring Pacific Baroque Orchestra

Sun Dec 22, 3pm: Festive Cantatas: Christmas in Gabrieli's Venice

Sat Feb 22, 7:30pm: Sea Songs and Shanties featuring Ensemble La Nef and Chor Leoni

Sun Apr 5, 3pm: Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn featuring Pacific Baroque Orchestra - EMV 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Sun May 3, 3pm: Renaissance Masters on the Battlefield featuring The Tallis Scholars

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