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Celebrate the Holidays from Your Living Room with Five Festive Shows from the RCA

(Kelowna, B.C.) It's going to be a holiday season unlike any other in living memory, but downtown Kelowna's Rotary Centre for the Arts wants to help the community embrace the festive spirit.

From concerts to theatre, the RCA is presenting five virtual festive shows from November 28 to December 19.

“We know the holiday season is going to look a lot different this year but we wanted to find creative ways to help our community mark this festive time. We hope you’ll stream one, or more, of our great shows and create a new festive tradition with your family”, explains Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

In the spirit of giving, the RCA is also currently accepting donations to the [Central Okanagan Community Food Bank](#). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Rotary Centre for the Arts' Box Office at 421 Cawston Avenue in downtown Kelowna, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will be accepting donations on behalf of the Food Bank now through December 13.

The five shows being presented by the Rotary Centre for the Arts this holiday season are:

Tom Jackson's The Huron Carole (virtual) - November 28 at 7 p.m.

The Huron Carole is a seasonal music tradition featuring holiday classics, unique stories, and original music performed by Tom Jackson and award-winning musicians Tom McKillip, Darryl Havers, John MacArthur Ellis, Kirby Barber and Chris “the wrist” Nordquist.

Founded in 1987 by Jackson, the Huron Carole has toured from coast to coast to coast becoming a festive favourite, raising millions and collecting tons of food for Canadian food banks. This year, Tom,

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and his jolly crew, will be travelling across Canada virtually, helping local food banks as they go. They will be performing a digital concert hosted by the Rotary Centre for the Arts in Kelowna in support of the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank on Saturday, November 28 via Zoom.

Watch the Huron Carole Virtual Trailer here: https://youtu.be/qavKVaxA_0U

Local businesses and groups are invited to purchase group packages by calling the Rotary Centre for the Arts' Box Office at 250-717-5304. The ticketing fee covers the performance/production costs, and those wishing to make a financial contribution to the Food Bank can do so at the point of purchase. Tom Jackson played Peter Kenidi on *North of 60* and is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

The Huron Carole is proudly presented by [PARC Retirement Living](#).

Tickets start at \$20 - Available [HERE](#).

Andrew Allen - All Hearts Come Home (virtual) - December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Vernon's multi-platinum singer-songwriter Andrew Allen brings all the festive feels with a mix of originals, holiday classics, and his own top 10 hits in a special performance to usher in the season.

Allen has had five top ten singles, his first being "I Wanna Be Your Christmas" (2009). He has written songs with Meghan Trainor, Cody Simpson, Carly Rae Jepsen and others, and shared the stage with Bruno Mars, One Republic and many more notable acts.

Tickets start at \$20 - Available [HERE](#).

It's A Wonderful Life (virtual) - December 10 - 13 at 7 p.m.

New Vintage Theatre, in partnership with the Rotary Centre for the Arts, brings this beloved holiday classic to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers his life one fateful Christmas Eve with the help of an unlikely angel.

Starring Matt Gunn, Kirsti Hack, Chuck Peeren, Aaron Johnson, Jimmy LeGuilloux, Braeden Rachfall, and Tamie Williams with special guests. Directed by Josie Morrow.



Tickets start at \$15 - Available [HERE](#).

Craig Thomson and Lindsay May's Jazztastic Christmas Food Bank Fundraiser (virtual) - December 18 at 7 p.m.

Kelowna natives Lindsay May and Craig Thomson met on a band trip back in the early 90s. While both have had vastly different musical careers, they're coming together this holiday season to help spread festive cheer and support the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank.

Craig and his crew of bopping gents are going to re-imagine Lindsay May's *Sweet Cinnamon* Christmas album with a jazzy brush including her original holiday songs and traditional festive favourites. There will also be two very special surprise guests.

May has toured Europe four times, won numerous prestigious songwriting awards, including Kerrville New Folk Finalist, and shared the stage with the likes of Valdy, Shari Ulrich and John Gorka.

Thomson is a distinguished tenor sax player, music educator, artistic director and original jazz artist. He is a longtime BC favourite in the jazz scene thanks to his stellar skills.

Tickets are \$30 - Available [HERE](#).

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy's A Celtic Family Christmas At Home (virtual) - December 19 at 8 p.m.

Join Nova Scotia's Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy and their seven children as they warmly invite you into their home, sharing their music, their unique way of life, but also their personal life, raising children, farming, and Christmas traditions still honoured and celebrated.

This show will feature some traditional and original music with the whole family but also a few numbers with their band; Mac Morin on piano, Mark Kelso on drums, Remi Arsenault on bass and Elmer Ferrer on guitar, as well as a few personal stories, candid moments and the MacMaster/Leahy Christmas food traditions.

MacMaster is a multiple JUNO Award-Winner who has previously toured with Carlos Santana, Faith Hill, Alison Krauss and more.



Tickets start at \$20 - Available [HERE](#).

Learn more about the Rotary Centre for the Arts [HERE](#). With Giving Tuesday on the horizon, those who are able to do so are encouraged to support arts, culture and RCA artists by generously donating to the non-profit Rotary Centre for the Arts at this difficult time. You can make a contribution to the RCA [HERE](#).

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA continually strives to improve the economic, cultural and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. As a world-class venue celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a unique City of Kelowna facility in which individuals of all ages and backgrounds come together to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx (Okanagan) people.

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