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RCA Presents Season Kicks Off with Blues Artist Colin Linden of Blackie and the Rodeo Kings

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is thrilled to open its 2024–2025 RCA Presents season with a night of soulful roots and blues featuring Colin Linden, acclaimed singer, guitarist, and a founding member of the group Blackie and the Rodeo Kings. Joining him on stage at the Mary Irwin Theatre on Friday, September 19, at 7:30 PM is JUNO Award–winning pianist Kenny “Blues Boss” Wayne, setting the stage for a powerhouse season launch following the success of last year’s talked-about lineup.

Theatre Programming Director, Andrew Stauffer, says, “Whether he's playing acoustic or electric, ripping a slide guitar solo, or dipping into country blues, Colin Linden puts on an amazing show. He is a Canadian treasure, and I'm delighted to have him kick off the 2025/26 season of RCA Presents. He contrasts nicely with Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, whose fun, soulful Boogie-woogie tunes are a pure joy to hear."

Colin Linden is a Canadian blues powerhouse with a 45-year career of producing and playing blues and roots music. As a singer/guitarist, he has fronted his band Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, and he’s accompanied everyone from Bruce Cockburn to Bob Dylan, Greg Allman, Rhiannon Giddens, Pistol Annies, John Prine and more. Along the way, Linden played on over 500 albums and produced 140, including his first-ever actual Grammy in 2020 for producing Keb Mo’s Oklahoma, winner for Best Americana Album. He has also nabbed a staggering 25 Juno Award nominations and nine wins.

Kenny “Blues Boss” Wayne is a seven-time Maple Blues Award-winning and JUNO award-winning boogie-woogie blues pianist. His smooth yet robust piano playing, and cool and soulful vocals are injected into a canon of original tunes that can take his audience on quite the journey. With Wayne in the driver’s seat, it’s always about preparing for a multi-faceted ride, as the musical terrain can shift quickly thanks to a plethora of influences. After leading the School of Blues music night at the RCA for many years, he currently resides in Calgary where he works on numerous musical projects.

Don’t miss the opportunity to experience Canada’s most exciting blues stars live at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

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Tickets are on sale now. Ages 30 and under receive 30% off.

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/RCAColinLinden25/>

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The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is a vibrant multidisciplinary visual and performing arts center located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District. As a hub for artistic expression, the RCA enhances the economic, cultural, and social well-being of the community by promoting active participation in and appreciation of the arts. Through diverse art forms and disciplines, the RCA celebrates creative expression and cultural diversity. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges its presence on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People. RCA is proud to be a registered charity.