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Brier Week at the RCA: A Celebration of Curling, Community, and the Arts

(Kelowna, BC) - The 2025 Montana Brier Curling Championship is coming to Kelowna from February 28 to March 9, and there's no better place to enjoy both world-class curling and the vibrant arts and culture of the city. Just across the street from the arena, the Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is your go-to destination for a range of exciting events, workshops, and performances throughout Brier Week.

Whether you're visiting from out of town or exploring Kelowna as a local, the RCA offers something for everyone. From transformative workshops to free live music in the evenings, and even a kids' colouring contest with exciting prizes, you'll find plenty to enjoy between curling matches.

"The RCA is thrilled to be part of the excitement surrounding the 2025 Montana Brier in Kelowna. Just steps away from the action, we're offering a vibrant lineup of events, performances, and workshops that celebrate both curling and creativity," says Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director. "Whether you're a lifelong arts lover or simply looking for something fun to do between matches, we invite you to experience the incredible culture and community spirit that make Kelowna so special."

Special Screening: Curl Power

As part of the Brier celebrations, the RCA is thrilled to host a special screening of Curl Power on Saturday, March 1st, a Canadian documentary directed by Josephine Anderson and released in 2024. The film follows the journey of the 4KGirl\$, a team of teenage girls from Maple Ridge, BC, as they train with the goal of competing in the Canadian Junior Curling Championships. Don't miss this inspiring documentary highlighting determination, teamwork, and the future of curling.

Join Our Colouring Contest

Celebrate the Brier with our kids' colouring contest. Pick up a colouring sheet at the RCA or download one online, and get creative. The two age categories are 7 & under and 8-13. Winners will be drawn on February

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28th, with exciting prizes from the City of Kelowna, Tourism Kelowna, Kelowna Toyota, and Stringray, including tickets to The 2025 Montana Brier Curling Championship on March 1st.

Submission deadline: 5:00 pm Thursday, Feb. 27 Draw date: 12:00 pm Friday, Feb. 28

RCA Workshops

March 1 - Custom Plant Propagation Station Craft beautiful plant propagation stands designed to not only nurture your plants but also to add a unique decorative touch to your space.

March 3 & 4 – Abstract Painting with Pastels Learn various techniques using pastels for painting and mark-making to create beautiful, layered works of art.

March 4 - Sing for the Soul A relaxed, fun, and supportive environment to come together and sing – no prior musical experience necessary.

March 5 - Beyond the Music Led by a certified music therapist, this session will include singing, music-making, group songwriting, and movement.

March 5 - Draw Your Art Out This free open studio program provides a casual, welcoming space for people to safely create art together.

March 5 - Dance and Move A free dance gathering that honors your body's natural desire to move.

March 6 - Creator Dance Studio Sampler Step into the world of ballet with a one-day workshop presented by the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD).

March 8 – Family Art Day: Curling-Inspring Fun Explore your creativity through hands-on art activities that celebrate the spirit of curling.

Community Performances at the RCA

March 6 - Jazz Jam/Curves & Edges

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Start your evening with a free Jazz Jam in the RCA atrium, featuring local jazz musicians. 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Stay for Curves & Edges, a dynamic duo blending sassy songs from Pop, Jazz, R&B, and Country.

In the Mary Irwin Theatre

February 26 & 28 - The Queen in Me

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Opera Kelowna's thought-provoking critique of race, gender, and sexuality in opera, with a clever and comedic twist.

March 1 – Curl Power

RCA presents *Curl Power*, a documentary following five teenage girls chasing their dream of becoming Canadian National Curling Champions while navigating the legacies of their world-champion mothers.

March 6-8 - A Streetcar Named Desire

A powerful production that explores the struggle of Blanche DuBois in the harsh realities of New Orleans, unraveling her secrets and fragile mental state.

Explore Our Galleries

Our free galleries are home to the work of talented local artists, offering unique pieces for sale and the opportunity to support the creative community.

For more information, please visit the <u>Rotary Centre for the Arts</u>.

From workshops and performances to family-friendly fun, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is the perfect place to experience Kelowna's art scene during the 2025 Montana Brier. Come for the curling, stay for the creativity.

To learn more about Welcome Brier 2025, visit here.

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

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.