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Grammy-winning Bluegrass Artist John Reischman Brings The Jaybirds to Kelowna

(Kelowna, BC) - Grammy-winning mandolinist John Reischman brings his acclaimed band the Jaybirds to the Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) on **Friday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m.** With seven acclaimed albums, two JUNO Award nominations and more than two decades of performing together, John Reischman and the Jaybirds have earned an international reputation for their distinctive blend of bluegrass, Appalachian old-time music and original acoustic music.

“Bringing artists of this calibre to Kelowna is what we want to offer through RCA Presents,” says Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Rotary Centre for the Arts. “There is something special about experiencing musicians of this level in an intimate theatre like the Mary Irwin. It gives our community an opportunity to connect with extraordinary live music at the RCA.”

Reischman is regarded as one of the leading mandolinists of his generation, with a career spanning decades of bluegrass and acoustic music. He appeared on the Grammy Award-winning album *True Life Blues: The Songs of Bill Monroe*, and his original instrumentals include the widely played jam standard “Saltspring.”

Together, John Reischman and the Jaybirds balance a deep respect for acoustic music traditions with a contemporary approach to songwriting and musicianship. Their sound brings together original songs and instrumentals with bluegrass and Appalachian traditions, creating music that feels simultaneously old and new rooted in the past without being confined by it.

“Looking for next-level virtuosic mandolin playing backed by a band of jaw-dropping bluegrass musicians? John Reischman is your man, and the Jaybirds won’t let you down. With an opening set by Kelowna’s own exceptional banjoist, Mickey Reeves, the night is sure to be great fun,” says Andrew Stauffer, Theatre Director at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Opening the evening is Okanagan banjo player Mickey Reeves, whose playing draws from bluegrass, jazz and classical music. Reeves studied and performed with renowned banjo virtuoso Bill Keith and has since become a familiar presence in the Okanagan’s bluegrass community, including performances at the Summerland Bluegrass Festival, Festivals Kelowna events and the RCA.

For tickets visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/johnreischman26/>

Learn the Basics of Bluegrass – Saturday, October 3

John Reischman and his bandmates on banjo, guitar, upright bass, and fiddle in an intimate bluegrass workshop on Saturday, October 3. The band will demonstrate and break down some tunes, discuss band dynamics and working together rhythmically, and hold a Q&A.

[Register here.](#)

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Become an RCA Theatre Member for \$45 and enjoy 20% off tickets throughout the season, plus early access to performances, priority seating, free exchanges, special promotions, and more. Your membership also directly supports professional arts and future theatre upgrades at the RCA.

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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 improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan, celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.