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Rotary Centre for the Arts and Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan Present: The Kate Wyatt Quartet – A Canadian Jazz Gem in Concert

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts, in partnership with the Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan, is proud to welcome one of Canada's most exciting voices in contemporary jazz, the Kate Wyatt Quartet, to the Mary Irwin Theatre on Thursday, May 29th at 7:30 PM.

Theatre Programming Director, Andrew Stauffer, says, "Kate Wyatt's quartet is truly exceptional. Each musician is a highly adept and expressive player who can push creative boundaries individually and as a group. The nuanced interplay between the musicians is what makes the music great. No jazz fan should miss this show."

Known for her refined style, emotive compositions, and effortless interplay with her bandmates, Montreal-based pianist and composer Kate Wyatt has been hailed as on par with the current jazz piano elite and recognized as one of the top artists in Canadian jazz.

Wyatt's 2022 debut album, *Artifact*, received widespread acclaim for its rich melodies and vibrant group dynamic. Performing alongside Lex French (trumpet), Adrian Vedady (bass), and Louis-Vincent Hamel (drums), Wyatt leads a powerhouse quartet known for its sensitivity, precision, and creative freedom.

Helene Girardot, Executive Director of Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan says, "The Centre Culturel Francophone de l'Okanagan (CCFO) is proud to partner with the Rotary Centre for the Arts to bring the Kate Wyatt Quartet to Kelowna, as part of its ongoing commitment to celebrating artistic excellence and cultural diversity. This collaboration reflects a shared dedication to enriching the local arts scene and creating vibrant spaces where francophone and anglophone communities can come together through the universal language of music and arts.

As an artist from BC and a rising star in the Montreal jazz scene, Kate Wyatt represents a powerful fusion of West Coast roots and Quebecois creativity, embodying the dynamic cultural exchange between Canada's two vibrant regions."

With a resume that includes performances with jazz luminaries like Kenny Wheeler, Christine Jensen, and the Orchestre national de jazz de Montréal, Wyatt is a seasoned artist whose work transcends genres and generations. She's also an esteemed music educator, shaping the next wave of jazz talent across Canada.

Wyatt and her band will participate in a "Frenglish" talk back after the performance, with questions in French and English welcomed.

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit:

https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/katewyatt25/

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

As our current season draws to a close, we're already looking ahead. Join us for the free RCA Presents 2025/26 Launch Party on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00 PM, featuring live performances, exciting announcements, and a first look at what's to come. Reserve your seat early as space is limited.

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About Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan

The Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan (CCFO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the understanding and appreciation of the French language and Francophone cultures among all residents of the Okanagan region. Located in a beautifully repurposed church in Kelowna, the CCFO offers a wide range of programs, including French language classes, cultural events, festivals, and a library with over 3,500 French resources. Committed to inclusivity and community engagement, the CCFO welcomes everyone to explore and celebrate Francophone culture.

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 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.