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Steve Patterson of CBC's *The Debaters* Opens RCA Presents 2026/2027 Season

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is kicking off its 2026/27 RCA Presents season with Canadian comedian, author, and longtime host of CBC Radio's *The Debaters*, Steve Patterson, on Friday, September 18 at 7:30 PM in the Mary Irwin Theatre.

"Opening our new RCA Presents season with an artist of Steve Patterson's calibre is a wonderful way to launch what promises to be an exciting year at the Rotary Centre for the Arts," says Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the RCA. "We're proud to bring exceptional Canadian artists to Kelowna and to give our community the opportunity to experience them right here in the intimate setting of the Mary Irwin Theatre."

"A wonderfully witty maker of wisecracks, Steve Patterson is a Canadian comedy legend, beloved across Canada and beyond for his comic voice on radio, TV, and as an author. If you're looking for laughs, insight, and an overall good time, look no further. It's a joy to have him in our theatre," says RCA Theatre Programming Director Andrew Stauffer.

A Canadian Comedy Award-winning comedian and one of the country's most recognizable comedic voices, Patterson has spent more than 12 years as the host of *The Debaters*, bringing his quick wit and keen observational humour to audiences across Canada.

From raising a sarcastic seven-year-old to realizing he has officially entered the bird-appreciating stage of life, Patterson finds comedy in the everyday. His sharp, relatable material also takes on current events, with an ability to read the room and connect with audiences wherever he performs.

Patterson has performed at the Just for Laughs Festival and is an in-demand host and writer for major Canadian cultural events, including the Canadian Screen Awards, the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Writers' Trust Gala. He is also the acclaimed author of *Letters I Didn't Know Where to Send* and *Dad Up*.

For tickets visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/stevepatterson26/>

Membership & Subscriptions

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.

To learn more about theatre memberships:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/get-involved/become-a-member/>

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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 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.