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RCA Presents Tonye Aganaba: A Night of Soul, Healing, and Connection

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts is proud to welcome Vancouver-based multidisciplinary artist Tonye Aganaba to the Mary Irwin Theatre on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 7:30 PM as part of the RCA Presents series. Aganaba is a Black African queer and non-binary musician, artist, and arts facilitator whose work is as fluid and dynamic as they are. Their genre-bending sound weaves together elements of Soul, Neo-Folk, Funk, Hip-Hop, and R&B, creating performances that are both intimate and transformative. With roots in Nigeria and Zimbabwe and a deep connection to their local community, Aganaba's music explores themes of vulnerability, healing, and collective empowerment.

Andrew Stauffer, Theatre Director at the Rotary Centre for the Arts says, "Tonye is a powerful singer, songwriter, and performer. Their live shows are full of rich melodies, tight rhythms, and soulful explorations, all performed by top-notch musicians."

Beyond their musical talent, Aganaba is a dedicated arts facilitator and community organizer. They collaborate with collectives such as Ethos Lab and Defund 604 Network, championing social justice and community building through art and education. Born in England to Nigerian and Zimbabwean parents and raised in Canada, Tonye's artistry is shaped by a rich tapestry of cultural influences.

Their latest album, *Something Comfortable*, is a deeply intentional and devotional work, born from Tonye's ongoing journey with Multiple Sclerosis. Serving as the soundtrack to *AfroScience*, an immersive performance and workshop series, this project fuses live music, dance, visual art, digital media, and storytelling to spark conversations around identity, addiction, healing, and self-expression. Whether on stage, in workshops, or in classrooms, Tonye creates spaces that are raw, connected, and intimate, inviting a kind of vulnerability and honesty we all crave.

Attendees of Aganaba's performances often leave profoundly moved, having experienced an evening that blends musicality with storytelling and a call to collective healing. This is more than a concert; it's an invitation to witness and be part of something transformative.

Learn more about [Tonye Aganaba](#).

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/tonyeaganaba25/>

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

Unlock a world of exclusive benefits and support the vibrant arts community in Kelowna by becoming an RCA Theatre Member for just \$39. Membership includes 20% off tickets, early access to performances, priority seating, free exchanges, special promotions, and more, all while contributing to future upgrades and professional arts in our city.

To learn more about theatre memberships, visit: <https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/get-involved/become-a-member>

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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.