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RCA Presents Season Kicks Off with Blues Icon Harry Manx

(Kelowna, BC) – The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is excited to present legendary Blues artist, Harry Manx, to the stage at the Mary Irwin Theatre on Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 PM. This special evening kicks off the RCA Presents season that is full of award-winning and exciting talent.

“Mysticssippi” Blues man Harry Manx has been called an “essential link” between the music of East and West, creating musical short stories that wed the tradition of the Blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. He has created a unique sound that is hard to forget and deliciously addictive to listen to. He forged his distinctive style by studying at the feet of the masters, first as a sound man in the blues clubs of Toronto during his formative years and then under rigorous tutelage with Vishwa Mohan Bhatt in India. Bhatt is the inventor of the 20-stringed Mohan Veena, which has become Harry’s signature instrument.

Executive Director of the RCA, Colleen Fitzpatrick, shares her excitement about the upcoming season: "Harry Manx represents the kind of extraordinary, genre-defying talent that RCA Presents is known for. We're proud to continue bringing such amazing performers to Kelowna, enriching our community through the power of live performance."

"We're incredibly excited to kick off the new RCA Presents season with Harry Manx," continues Andrew Stauffer, RCA Theatre Programming Director. "His unique fusion of Blues and Indian classical music is incomparable and a true testament to the exceptional talent we have in Canada. I can't think of a better way to open our season."

Harry Manx’s critically acclaimed release, *Om Suite Ohm*, was hailed by La Presse as one of only four must-listen CDs and praised by Guitar Player Magazine as his “most fully realized work to date.” His signature blend of Indian folk melodies, slide guitar blues, gospel influences, and captivating grooves create a sound that is both addictive and deeply satisfying.

Opening the evening will be local Blues legend Sherman Doucette. With a career spanning over five decades, Doucette is renowned for his mastery of the harmonica and soulful vocal performances. He’s a beloved fixture

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on the Canadian Blues scene, hosting the monthly School of Blues event at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. His performances are known for their authenticity and deep passion for the genre, making him the perfect complement to Harry Manx for this special night.

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.

Tickets are on sale now. Don't miss this opportunity to experience two of the most celebrated blues artists live on stage.

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/176402/>

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

For more information about Harry Manx: <https://harrymanx.com/>

For more information about Sherman Doucette: <https://www.shermandoucette.com/>

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.

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