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## **World Champion Indigenous Hoop Dancer and Jim Henson Puppeteer Bring One-of-a-Kind Show to Kelowna**

(Kelowna, BC) – The Rotary Centre for the Arts is pleased to welcome DerRic Starlight and Dallas Arcand to the Mary Irwin Theatre as part of the RCA Presents 2025–2026 season on Friday, April 17 at 7:00 PM. DerRic Starlight is an award-winning comedian, puppeteer, writer, and director who has performed with The Jim Henson Company. Dallas Arcand, a four-time world champion hoop dancer from Alexander First Nation, is a celebrated multidisciplinary artist and cultural ambassador.

“Puppetry is an ancient art form, with as much variation in form and style as there is in human culture. DerRic Starlight merges his love of the Muppets with his own experience as an Indigenous artist, creating something truly delightful. Dallas Arcand’s approach to hoop dancing weaves history, tradition, and storytelling into each movement. He is wonderfully mesmerizing,” says Andrew Stauffer, Theatre Programming Director at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

DerRic Starlight has spent over 25 years performing across North America. He began creating work as a teen, writing plays and filming wrestling shows, and later trained at The Second City Toronto and Starr Theater in Arizona. He got his start on *North of 60* at age 17 and went on to build a career in both live performance and film. A Gemini Award winner for his voice work on *Wapos Bay*, he recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by training and performing with The Jim Henson Company on *Fraggle Rock* (Apple TV).

Dallas Arcand is a Cree artist from Alexander First Nation in Alberta, Canada. With more than 30 years of experience, he has dedicated his career to preserving and sharing Indigenous culture through dance, music, and storytelling. A four-time world champion hoop dancer, Arcand delivers captivating performances that blend intricate choreography with powerful cultural symbolism, showcasing hoop dance as a dynamic and evolving art form.

**To learn more about DeRic Starlight visit:**

<https://www.derricstarlight.ca/>

**To learn more about Dallas Arcand visit:**

<https://www.dallasarcand.ca/>

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

**To purchase tickets and learn more, visit:**

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/RCADerRicStarlight25/>

### **RCA Presents 2026-2027 Launch**

**Save the Date:** Join us for a night of music, laughter, and excitement as we launch the 2026–2027 season of RCA Presents. The evening will feature a sneak peek of the upcoming season, presented by Theatre Programming Director Andrew Stauffer, along with live performances by select artists. **Tuesday, June 23, 2026.**

### **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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