

A NIGHT IN

TECHNI COLOUR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

ROYAL
MTC
BLACK & WHITE
BALL

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre is proud to call Manitoba home. Royal MTC is located in Winnipeg on Treaty 1, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Anishinew and Dakota people, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We are thankful for the benefits sharing this land has afforded us, acknowledge the responsibilities of the Treaties, and embrace the opportunity to partner with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

EVENT SCHEDULE

6 PM

RECEPTION

Sponsored by Birchwood Lexus
Sparkling Wine, Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres

SILENT AUCTION

Sponsored by Tanchak Wealth Management

7 PM

WELCOME ADDRESS FOLLOWED BY DINNER

Rochelle Kives and Justin Stadnyk, *Emcees*
Evan Klassen, *Executive Director* and Kelly Thornton, *Artistic Director*

LIVE AUCTION

Sponsored by OPENLANE

FILLMORE RILEY VACATION PRIZE

Tickets available until 10:30 PM

Dancing until 1 AM

BIG CITY ALL STAR BAND

MESSAGE FROM

THE CHAIR OF THE ROYAL MTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

COLOUR US GRATEFUL!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Executive Director Evan Klassen, and Artistic Director Kelly Thornton, we welcome you to Winnipeg's best party – the Black & White Ball. This is a spectacular evening of fine dining, great music and dancing to usher in Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's extraordinary 2024/25 season.

At our first Season Ensemble evening a few weeks ago, we recognized the incredibly talented – more than 140 – artists who will share their wide range of talents with audiences this season. That event was also an opportunity to formally welcome our new Executive Director, Evan who along with Kelly, make a formidable team to navigate RMTC for years to come. Take a few moments tonight to introduce yourself to Evan as he re-engages

with Winnipeg's theatre community. We would be remiss if we didn't thank outgoing Executive Director Camilla Holland for her tremendous successes during her time at Royal MTC. Camilla, we all wish you continued success in your next endeavor.

We were thrilled to start our year on the Mainstage with *The Play That Goes Wrong*. A play within a play, audiences found solving a murder was the least of everyone's worries in this hilarious kickstart to the season. Next up, we look forward to falling in love with the March sisters as we launch a new adaptation of *Little Women*. We can't wait to see you at the theatre.

The Black & White Ball is made possible by a dedicated and creative team of RMTC staff and volunteers. Please join

us in extending our thanks to returning Co-Chairs Samantha Duha and Kathryn Gompf and to their entire committee.

Royal MTC is extremely grateful to our patrons, donors, corporate sponsors and individuals for their generosity. Your continued financial support and your love of live theatre ensures that Royal MTC continues to share heartwarming and poignant stories for all to enjoy.

Have a wonderful evening -
in Technicolour!

John Guttormson & Laurie Speers

*Co-Chairs, Royal MTC
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MESSAGE FROM

THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE BLACK & WHITE BALL COMMITTEE

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Black & White Ball: A Night in Technicolor in support of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre! Your presence tonight adds a vibrant splash of color to the evening, making it truly come alive with excitement and celebration.

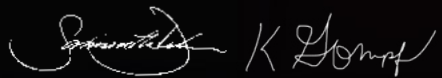
A heartfelt thank you to our brilliant silver sponsors JEM Insurance, Westgate Enterprises, Global Drain Technologies who along with silent auction sponsor Tanchak Wealth Management, cocktail reception sponsor Birchwood Lexus, entertainment sponsor Taylor McCaffrey, and Black & White After Dark sponsor The NorthWest Company have made this event possible. We'd also like to thank our vacation raffle sponsor Fillmore Riley and partners Air Canada, Bonaventure Travel, and Explora Journeys for provides tonight's raffle prize. Your generosity shines brightly, like the boldest hues on a canvas, and we are so grateful for your role in bringing this night to life. To our auction donors and supporters, your contributions paint a vivid picture of success—thank you for coloring this evening with your kindness and support.

To all of our guests, you are the heartbeat of this event. Your energy and passion infuse the night with brilliance, adding the perfect shade of joy that lingers long after the final song by the Big City All Star Band.

This year's theme, TECHNICALOR, represents more than just a splash of brightness—it symbolizes an exciting new chapter for MTC as they welcome new changes and a step into a fresh era of creativity and innovation.

Thank you for making this night unforgettable and for being such a vibrant part of the MTC community.

We have thoroughly enjoyed serving the Black & White Ball Committee as Co-Chairs for the past two years and thrilled to pass the torch to our incredible in-coming chairs, Jenny-Lou Ryan and Sharan Atwal!



Samantha Duha & Kathryn Gompf

THANK YOU

Our deepest thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. We truly could not make great theatre without you.

Special thanks to everyone at the Manitoba Museum and Royal MTC who helped make this event happen.

COMMITTEE

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VACATION PRIZE

LUXURY OCEAN TRAVEL

WITH EXPLORA JOURNEYS

Enjoy a seven-night all-inclusive luxury ocean experience for two with Explora Journeys to your choice of Mediterranean or Caribbean destinations.

Includes airfare, accommodations, and dining.
See royalmtc.ca/bw for full prize details & raffle rules.

Travel is subject to some restrictions, blackout periods and booking availability.
Your journey must be completed by October 31, 2025, and booked by September 30, 2025.

Tickets are available for purchase tonight, from specially identified volunteers, as well as in the Royal MTC Mainstage lobby during performances until December 14.

Valued at \$20,200
BUY TICKETS NOW!
1 for \$50, 3 for \$100

Proceeds in support of Royal MTC's
productions and programs.



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AIR CANADA

**BON
AVENTURE**
TRAVEL


Explora
JOURNEYS

MENU

• ACT I •

Cauliflower Soup

Turmeric roasted cauliflower,
cilantro chutney drizzle

• ACT II •

Autum Kale Ceasar Salad

Kale, Roasted butternut squash,
pecorino cheese chips

• ACT III •

Beef Short Rib & Miso Salmon

Boneless beef short rib, red wine jus, miso salmon,
broccolini, celery root and mash potato
with a ginger carrot puree

Korean Braised Tofu

Korean Braised Tofu, Japanese rice cake, snow peas
with a ginger carrot puree

• STANDING OVATION •

Flour & Flower Dessert Buffet

Selection of Fête Ice Cream

Knapsack Coffee Bar

• ENCORE •

Tater Tot Bar

WINE PROVIDED BY **Jones & Company**
— WINE MERCHANTS —

EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH THIS TREASURED CLASSIC!

Nov 20—Dec 14

LITTLE WOMEN



“I want to do something
extraordinary with my life.”

JO MARCH

Based on the novels *Little Women* and *Good Wives*
by Louisa May Alcott

Adapted for the stage by Jordi Mand

DIRECTED BY KATIE GERMAN

Filled with spirit, heartbreak and hope, the beloved story about the March sisters has
inspired generations of young women to trust their voice in a world trying to shape them.

Don't miss your chance to experience this timeless classic onstage!

TICKETS START AT \$29.50 BUY NOW

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SILENT AUCTION

SPONSORED BY TANCHAK WEALTH MANAGEMENT

WE'VE GONE DIGITAL!

Visit blackandwhiteauction.ca or use the Givergy tablet in the foyer to bid on the wide selection of wonderful prizes and art pieces for auction.

NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?

Ask a Givergy staff member or volunteer if you have any questions!

HOW TO WIN

- Create an account on the tablet or on your personal device.
- View items by lot number or category.
- Bid on items you love – you can even set a maximum bid, so Givergy does the work for you. Don't worry, it only bids automatically if you are outbid. Set it and forget it!
- You will be notified with your winning bids via e-mail when the auction ends.

THE DETAILS

- Prizes will be automatically paid in full by the winning bidder after the auction closes.
- Pick-up and delivery of items will be scheduled during the week of November 19-22.
- Tax receipts are only available for the portion of a payment that is above the listed value of the items.



BID NOW!

Auction Closes Monday, November 18, 2024 at 8:00PM

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ONE BID AT A TIME

OPENLANE has graciously donated their time and services this evening to run our Live Auction. Thank you, OPENLANE, for your support of Royal MTC!



HOW TO WIN

- The live auction will be held following dinner. Hold up the numbered paddle located at your seat to make a bid.
- Live auction prizes are won by the highest bidder. Successful bidders will be contacted by Royal MTC Staff about pick up or delivery after the bidding ends.
- Royal MTC accepts payment by credit card, cash, and cheque. Prizes must be paid in full before the close of the evening.

LOT #1

WOW! In-Home Dining Experience



ENJOY AN UNBELIEVABLE EVENING OF EXTRAORDINARY DINING

WOW Catering and Executive Chef and Managing Partner Luc Jean is pleased to provide a four-course dinner for eight guests with wine paired for the main course, catered in the comfort of your own home.

Focusing on fresh, quality ingredients and unique dining experience

Award winning Chef Luc will guide a creative and professional team of culinary experts to ensure every menu detail is attended to. Chef Luc is always up for the challenge of creating new menu items, tackling a challenging dish or crafting a kitchen out of a tight space.

THIS PRIZE IS VALUED AT \$3,000
Donated by WOW! Catering

Dates to be mutually determined, no availability December 9, 2024-January 6, 2025. Does not include gratuity.

LOT #2

Walk-on Role for Waitress



STAR IN WAITRESS!

If you've ever wanted to be onstage at Royal MTC, now is your chance! This prize offers you the opportunity of a lifetime with a walk-on role during a performance of *Waitress*, on Royal MTC's stage from January 9 - February 1, 2025. You'll be a full member of the cast - a fitting for your costume, arriving at the half hour, preparing for the show in your dressing room, joining the cast onstage during a select scene, and finally, taking your bow at the curtain call.

Up to 20 of your family and friends will have the opportunity to cheer you on with excellent seats and a private event space at intermission.

In addition to a walk-on role, your prize also includes:

- 20 'A' section tickets to your selected performance of *Waitress*.
- A private event space for your guests at intermission - including complimentary house wine and beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

The winner will select a performance between January 16 and February 1, 2025, excluding Wednesday and most Saturday performances (January 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29th). Date selection is subject to availability. The winner must also select their performance date and inform Royal MTC staff by Friday, December 6, 2024. We are unable to change the performance date once selected.

THIS EXPERIENCE IS PRICELESS, BUT THE TICKETS AND EVENT SPACE IS VALUED AT \$2,000.

Donated by Royal MTC

The winner must be at least 16 years old and cannot be sick or display any symptoms of a communicable illness on the day of performance. Performance date to be mutually agreed upon and subject to availability of tickets.

LOT #3

Sing with the Big City All-Star Band



**LESS THAN 20 FEET FROM STARDOM!
SING WITH THE BIG CITY ALL-STAR BAND!!**

For one-night only, at the Black and White Ball, you can take centre stage and **SING WITH THE BAND!**

The winner will pick one song from Big City All-Star Band's list of over 1,650

classics. Backed up by a full band of incredible musicians and vocalists, you will live out your rock and roll fantasy at the Black & White Ball.

THIS EXPERIENCE IS PRICELESS!

Donated by Big City All Star Band

LOT #3

Fogo Island Adventure



FIND YOURSELF AT ONE OF THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH WITH A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME ADVENTURE ON FOGO ISLAND.

Fogo Island Inn sits on an island off the Northeast coast of Newfoundland. One-of-a-kind guest rooms and suites overlook the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet. More than a hotel, prepare to uncover the history, culture, and natural wonders of a place you can't believe, but always hoped existed.

One of two destinations in Canada to receive three Michelin Guide Keys (the highest honour), your stay includes a three nights stay for two in a Labrador room, all meals, non-alcoholic beverages, most land-based excursions and round-trip group transfers from Gander International Airport to the Inn. Also includes round trip economy airfare courtesy of Royal MTC.

VALUED AT \$15,725 (RESERVE BIDS BEGIN AT \$10,000)

Donated by Fogo Island Inn

Valid May 1 – October 31, 2025

One more chance to
SUPPORT
the
THEATRE

Gregg Maidment, our talented auctioneer from OPENLANE will open the floor to accept donations from anyone who would like to make a contribution to support Royal MTC.

Whether it's putting great theatre onto our stage, supporting the development of artists, or creating the next generation of theatre lovers YOU can make a difference today.

Please raise your paddles or hands to show that you believe in the power of theatre to ignite conversations and engage community.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING
IN THE ACT OF IMAGINING!**

BE ENCHANTED BY **OUR FUTURE**

By attending the Black & White Ball, you're helping to make magic happen onstage.

Every season, Royal MTC invites audiences into our theatres for ten new stories. Whether a madcap play where everything that can go wrong, does go wrong, or a diner with perfect pies, theatre goers embark on a new adventure every time the theatre lights dim. Thank you for believing in the power of storytelling.

BECAUSE OF YOU:

- Exceptional theatre has a home on our stage •
- Local artists are developing their craft through mentorship and training •
- A new generation of theatre lovers are seeing shows and learning through engaging youth programs •

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
AT THE BLACK & WHITE BALL TONIGHT!**



SEAL IT



IN A SNAP

Keep an eye out for Red Photo Co. who will be snapping candid photos throughout the evening and visit the 6 Degrees Photobooth in the foyer to remember your evening.

Share your photo booth fun and stay in touch with us @MTCwinnipeg and #MTCbwBall

Please note: photos may be used in print and on Royal MTC's promotional platforms.

Please inform the Red Photo Co. team if you do not wish to have your photo used.



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