2019/20 PRE-SHOW CHATS:

Mark Your Calendar!

Thank you for attending Royal MTC's "Thursday 17E" performances. We hope you're looking forward to joining us for our **Pre-Show Chats –** an opportunity designed to enhance your evening at the theatre through informal lectures. Over the course of the season, special guests from our community will give presentations and demonstrations on topics related to productions at our John Hirsch Mainstage at **no extra cost** to our "Thursday 17E" ticket holders.

The Pre-Show Chats will be held from 6:30 - 7:00pm in the **Lobby of the John Hirsch Mainstage**. Please enter the through the Box Office doors. Your tickets will be scanned at the door. Following the presentation, the main lobby and bar will be open, so you can relax and enjoy a beverage before the performance begins at 7:30pm.

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 – 6:30PM

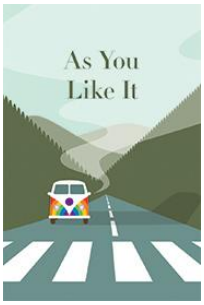
FLOYDD RICKETTS, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Musical Director Floydd Ricketts will share his behind-the-scenes perspective on *The Color Purple*'s Grammy award-winning score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues.

DECEMBER 12, 2019 – 6:30PM

DR. PAM PERKINS, ENGLISH PROFESSOR

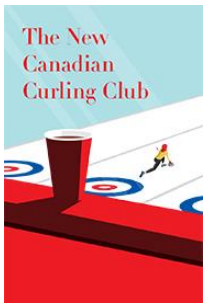
Delve into Jane Austen's enduring popularity with Professor Pam Perkins, who will explore the fan fiction and adaptations that have emerged from Austen's books.



JANUARY 23, 2020 – 6:30PM

JOHN EINARSON, MUSICOLOGIST

In *As You Like It*, 25 Beatles songs blend with Shakespeare's gift with language. Musicologist John Einarson will take you on a magical mystery tour of the Beatles' enduring legacy and how contemporary artists continue to draw inspiration from their music.



FEBRUARY 27, 2020 – 6:30PM

ROYAL MTC PRODUCTION TEAM

Learn the secrets of transforming the stage into a curling club with our talented production team. Hurry hard to the theatre to get the inside scoop!

APRIL 2, 2020 – 6:00PM

FACILITY TOUR

Join us for a short tour of Royal MTC's hidden spaces!
Admission by RSVP only. Space is limited and latecomers will not be admitted.
Please note: Backstage has a lot of stairs.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 6:30 PM

KELLY THORNTON, ROYAL MTC ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Join Artistic Director Kelly Thornton as she shares her insights into this breathtaking story about two remarkable women brought together by heart-wrenching oppression.

MAY 7, 2020 – 6:30PM

VIDA LAMOUR DECOSMO, DRAG CONSULTANT

Vida Lamour DeCosmo's drag community knowledge, experience and expertise has been essential to staging *The Legend of Georgia McBride*. Learn about the real world inspiration behind the show's sensational performances, killer outfits and dazzling musical numbers.

See you at the theatre!

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