
BLACK & WHITE
BALL

TIME
FOR
LIGHT

EVENT
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*“At a touch,
the whole room
was bright ...
I can begin
to live again.”*

– Orlando

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre is proud to call Manitoba home
and to create here on Treaty 1 land,
the traditional territory of the Ininew, Anishinaabe,
and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We are thankful for the benefits sharing this land has afforded us,
and we are committed to the responsibilities of the Treaty.

3:30p.m.
COCKTAILS + VIP RECEPTION
Sponsored by Birchwood Lexus

4:30p.m.
PERFORMANCE
Orlando
By Virginia Woolf
Adapted by Sarah Ruhl
Directed by Kelly Thornton
POST-PERFORMANCE
Behind-the-Scenes Reveal
Welcome Address

7p.m.
DINNER
Featuring Big City All Star Band
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MESSAGE FROM

The Chair of the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Artistic Director Kelly Thornton and Executive Director Camilla Holland, welcome back to the Black & White Ball!

As many of you experienced, last year we held this event virtually, in your home. This year we join together in Royal MTC's home, the John Hirsch Mainstage.

It is not possible to overstate the impact and challenges we have all experienced over the past 20 months due to the pandemic. For Royal MTC, this has meant dark stages for the first time in our 60 plus year history. Yet this also enabled the unexpected opportunity to delve into innovative approaches to programming and create heartfelt conversations as we engaged in the important issues of our times.

Throughout, Royal MTC has benefitted from the continued generosity of our patrons, funders, corporate sponsors and individuals. Because of this support, Royal MTC has been able to remain active and a vital part of our performing arts community. We are deeply appreciative.

Tonight is made possible by a spectacular team of both staff and volunteers, led by event chair Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening. An enormous thank you to you and the entire Black & White Ball committee as you have pivoted from last year's digital production to this evening's unique celebration.

This week, our stage breathed live theatre once again. Indeed, it is "Time for Light".

Have a wonderful evening.



John Guttormson

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MESSAGE FROM

The Chair of the Black & White Ball Committee

At long last, it is TIME FOR LIGHT at Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. It's finally time for actors to step back into the spotlight and for audiences to get out and enjoy a live show.

For over 600 days, the Black & White Ball Committee has shifted and stretched. We've leaned into our collective creativity and the province's arts and business communities to deliver two new events that reference the magic of past celebrations. For the first time in our gala's history, a virtual cocktail cabaret was held in 2020. This year, we are delighted to host a sold-out, intimate, in-person performance, coupled with an exclusive dining experience. We are also pleased to continue to offer our Luxury Gift Boxes and Silent Auction Prizes to a wider group of supporters.

**"He was ready. He was
flushed. He was excited."**

~ Virginia Woolf

Today, we will be treated to Royal MTC's interpretation of *Orlando*. Together, we'll be transported through five centuries of change and we'll discover what it

means to live fully – both in one's own skin and in one's own time. Following this extraordinary journey, Artistic Director Kelly Thornton will pull back the curtain on the spectacle, share secrets, and invite us to feast.

To our sponsors, donors, supporters, and partners, we are exceedingly grateful. Your generosity has not wavered. Moreover, it has kept our beloved theatre going through some very dark times.

To our guests, we are super appreciative that you are here. The sparks of connection are palpable as we gather to celebrate our theatre, our artists, and our community. We hope you revel in the warmth!








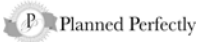






To our committee members and volunteers, thank you. The time that you have given to plan and execute this event is deeply appreciated. Like Knole House, "[a]ll was lit" inside Royal MTC this evening, and that is due to your efforts.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge those who continue to brighten my life: my family, treasured friends, and stalwart supporters. The more things twist and turn, the more I value your time, light and love.



Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening

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To our volunteers — we are so grateful for your help and support.
Your generosity of time and your commitment are unparalleled.

Special thanks to the company of Orlando, IATSE Local 63,
and Royal MTC Staff for creating magic everyday.

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Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening

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Keep an eye out for **Red Photo Co.**
who will be snapping candid photos throughout the evening.
Photos will be available to download Monday, December 13 at 6pm.

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

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if you do not wish to have your photo used.

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Brown Butter & Toasted Hemp Hearts

ACT II

Cucumber Belted Artisan Greens
Manitoba Roasted Pickled Beets
Goat Cheese Crumble, Toasted Walnut
Herb & Honey Dressing

ACT III

Sous Vide Herb & Peppercorn Beef Tenderloin

Corn & Pomme Purée,
Rainbow Carrots & Braised Kale
Sherry Jus

Or

Blackened Salmon

Pea Emulsion, French Lentil & Confit Shallot
Roasted Red Pepper Coulis, Baby Carrot

Or

**Roasted Eggplant, Grilled Autumn
Vegetable Ratatouille with Smoked Tofu**

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Passion Fruit Curd Tart

Torched Meringue, Raspberry Variation
Coffee and Tea

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Visit **blackandwhiteauction.ca** to bid on prizes from our generous donors.
Pick out surprises for loved ones or treat yourself to something special.

Head up to the boardroom to discover auction items and art on display.

**Auction bidding is available from Monday, November 15 at 12p.m. (noon)
until Monday, November 29 at 12p.m. (noon).**

Visit often to be sure your bid is the winner!

HOW TO WIN

- Create an account on **blackandwhiteauction.ca**.
- 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 the minimum amount when you are outbid.
- You'll be notified about your winning bids by email or text message when the auction ends.

THE DETAILS

- Pick-up and delivery of items will be scheduled during the week of December 6-10.
- Tax receipts are not available for payments on auction items.



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BIDDING!**

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Thank you for getting us back on stage!

Thanks to your support, we've made it through the darkest days and have returned to the bright lights of the theatre.

We are excited to once again welcome guests and artists into the theatre to sharing inspiring stories like *Orlando*.

With your help, we will:

- inspire a new generation of theatre goers with engaging programs,
- develop local artists through mentorship and training,
- bring exceptional live theatre back to the stage.

Thank you for joining us for the Black & White Ball!

WELCOME BACK TO LIVE THEATRE!

2021/22 SEASON

MAINSTAGE

ORLANDO

By Virginia Woolf
Adapted by
Sarah Ruhl
ON NOW!



THE LIFESPAN OF A FACT

By Jeremy Kareken
& David Murrell
and Gordon Farrell
FEB 9-MAR 5



CALPURNIA

By Audrey Dwyer
MAR 23-APR 16



THE REZ SISTERS

By Tomson Highway
MAY 4-28



WAREHOUSE

SEA SICK

Written and
Performed by
Alanna Mitchell
MAR 2-19



THE RUNNER

By Christopher Morris
MAR 30-APR 16



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