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### **Embark on a Feast for the Senses in Rubaboo - A Métis Cabaret**

**WINNIPEG, April 22, 2026** – Join in a celebration of Metis culture through song, dance and visual art as the Royal MTC, in partnership with Persephone Theatre, presents the lively and energetic production of *Rubaboo - A Métis Cabaret*.

“Rubaboo is a musical feast for the senses,” explains Creator Andrea Mendard. “We take our audience on a journey into the beautiful world of the Métis. We’re not only making music, but a metaphorical “Rubaboo” as well.”

Derived from the Michif word for “leftovers stew”, Rubaboo means soup and as Menard put it, “like every good soup, we sprinkle in ingredients that feed and delight you, as well as surprise and enlighten you.”

“We have some fun moments but also we go a little deeper in one particular part of the show and we touch on some difficult things like Residential Schools but we do so in a way where audiences can come away instead of feeling discouraged, feeling united and hopeful,” explains Music Director Robert Walsh.

*Rubaboo - A Métis Cabaret* stars performers **Nathen Aswell, Karen Donaldson Shepherd, Andrea Menard** and **Robert Walsh**.

The creative team includes Creator **Andrea Mendard**, Music Director **Robert Walsh** Director **Alanis King**, Set Designer **Cimmeron Meyer**, Costume Designer **Samantha McCue**, Lighting Designer **Emilie Trimbee**, Associate Lighting Designer **Anika Binding**, Sound Designer **Mary Jane Coomber**, Stage Manager **Katie Schmidt**, Assistant Stage Manager **Tia Morann** and Indigenous Cultural Consultant **Summer Bressette**.

*Rubaboo - A Métis Cabaret* runs from April 29 – May 23, 2026, at the John Hirsch Mainstage. Showtimes and ticket information are available at by visiting the [Royal MTC website](#) or by calling Royal MTC Box Office at 204-942-6537.

**About Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre**

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