

Firehall arts centre 2012 - 2013



*Celebrating
our first
30 years*

FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE • 2012 - 2013 • 30TH ANNIVERSARY

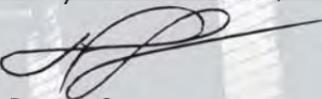
I am proud to introduce you to the Firehall Arts Centre's 30th Anniversary Season. Thirty amazing years in a partnership with a building is not unlike a marriage where surprises, joys, and sorrows wrap around day-to-day living and the challenge of keeping the passion alive. The thirty years of partnership with the firehall building have not been ones of convenience but ones of love for its nature, for its idiosyncrasies and the continually changing challenges and benefits it presents to us daily. Again, not unlike a marriage! In many traditions when you celebrate thirty years of marital bliss, you receive the gift of pearls. That said, although the gift of pearls would be great, we would much rather invite you to join us in celebrating our "Pearl" 2012 - 2013 anniversary season as we keep the passion alive.

Over thirty seasons, like little grains of sand from which pearls grow, layers of artistry began to accumulate creating theatrical works resonating and revealing stories of Canada and the world; creating movements and choreographies that were ethereal and explosive and creating audiences who shared in the one of a kind experiences that only live performances can offer. When one turns thirty in life – one's life is just beginning with lots to look

forward to; when one celebrates thirty in a partnership or a marriage, people applaud and celebrate how long it has been or what an amazing feat it is to have made it that long. We see our thirtieth anniversary season as a bit of both as we look forward with excitement but continue to build on the strengths of the past. This year we bring artists back to the Firehall who have worked with us or with other guest/resident companies over the years while introducing new faces, new ideas, and new grains of sand to the mix.

Playwrights and choreographers; actors and dancers; directors and designers; stage managers and technicians; musicians and visual artists; administrative and customer service staff – all ready to create new layers of artistry, new experiences for our audiences and new memories for all. Join us as we continue to build on the past, celebrate the present and create a new future in a building that is unlike any other in Vancouver.

See you at the theatre,



Donna Spencer,
Artistic Producer

WHAT I IMAGINED + NO COMMENT

An evening of two new dance works

What I Imagined is Anne Cooper's foray into an imaginary landscape where symbols come to life through the bodies and voices of the dancers.

Choreographed by Anne Cooper with Mirae Rosner
Performed by Anne Cooper and Mirae Rosner

no comment, a solo dance work made for Anne Cooper, moves from innocence to wisdom creating a blend of sadness and hope, mystery and release. The piece celebrates the unique alchemy between Cooper and choreographer Chick Snipper, now in their 20th year of collaboration.

Choreographed by Chick Snipper
Performed by Anne Cooper

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Photo of Mirae Rosner and Anne Cooper by Luciana D'Anunciano

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2012

Show time: 8pm

CHELSEA HOTEL

featuring the songs of Leonard Cohen

Chelsea Hotel, The Firehall's spring hit is back by popular demand!

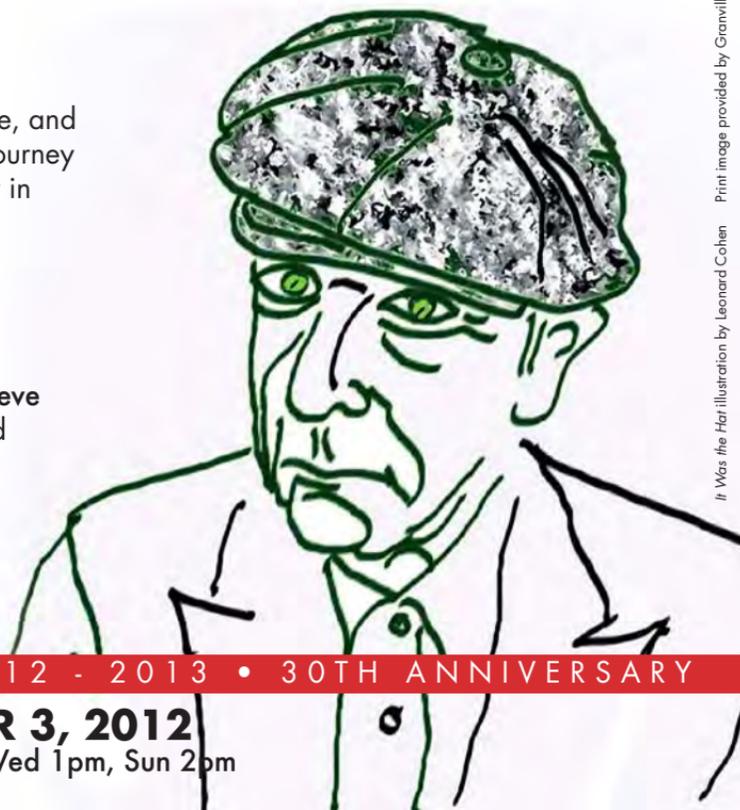
Chelsea Hotel is a riveting fusion of music, dance, and theatre that takes its audience on an illusionary journey into the hotel room and creative mind of a Writer in search of the right words to cure love's pain.

A Firehall Arts Centre Production
Conceived and Directed by Tracey Power
Music Direction by Steve Charles

Performed by Rachel Aberle, Lauren Bowler, Steve Charles, Benjamin Elliott, Marlene Ginader and Adrian Glynn McMorran as The Writer

"Chelsea Hotel is a knockout"

Colin Thomas, *Georgia Straight*



It Was the Hat illustration by Leonard Cohen Print image provided by Granville Fine Art

LADY CONSTABLE SWORN IN TODAY

The two new lady constables, Nurse Miller and Mrs. Harris, have now begun their duties, and today will be sworn in. The duties of the ladies, who, by the way, are the first of their sex to be constables in Canada, will be directed toward the task of reclaiming and administering in cooperation with the female



Photo of Colleen Wheeler & Dawn Petten by Emily Cooper

KID GLOVES

On the hundredth anniversary of women in policing, playwright **Sally Stubbs** presents a fictionalized account of Canada's first two female police officers, hired by the Vancouver Police Department in 1912. In this world premiere, Constables Lurancy Harris and Minnie Miller take to the streets of Vancouver's Chinatown trying to establish themselves in a city and police department unaccustomed to their presence.

A Firehall Arts Centre Production
Written by **Sally Stubbs**
Directed by **Donna Spencer**
Performed by **Scott Bellis, Marlene Ginader, Patrick Keating, Dawn Petten, Colleen Wheeler and Deborah Williams**

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SEPTEMBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 2pm

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NOVEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 1, 2012

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 2pm

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HOTEL BETHLEHEM

Have you ever wondered why The Inn was full? Who would turn away a very pregnant woman? What kind of shenanigans were they up to that this could happen? Surprisingly, no one has asked these questions, until now. Award winning playwright Drew McCreadie takes an inside look at what was going on at the Inn that infamous silent night.

A Firehall Arts Centre Presentation
A Ruby Slippers Theatre Production
Written by Drew McCreadie
Directed by Diane Brown

Performers include: Stephen Beaver, Scott Bellis, Alex Diakun, Dustin Freeland, Jennifer Mawhinney, Sean McQuillan, John Murphy, Byron Noble and Kris Novak



Photo of Stephen Beaver, John Murphy & Dustin Freeland by Tim Matheson

"You'll giggle the bah, humbugs right out of your system in this scandalously irreverent Christmas play."

Jo Ledingham *Vancouver Courier*

MEDICINE

In this one man show written and performed by TJ Dawe, the playwright shares his funny, at times heartbreaking and enlightening experience with Gabor Maté; the Amazonian psychotropic plant medicine ayahuasca; group therapy and his path to introspection.

A Firehall Arts Centre Production
Written and performed by TJ Dawe

*"T.J. Dawe has been one of the most sought-after soloists on the Fringe Festival circuit for over a decade, and his latest piece, **Medicine**, makes a compelling case why."*

Orlando Weekly

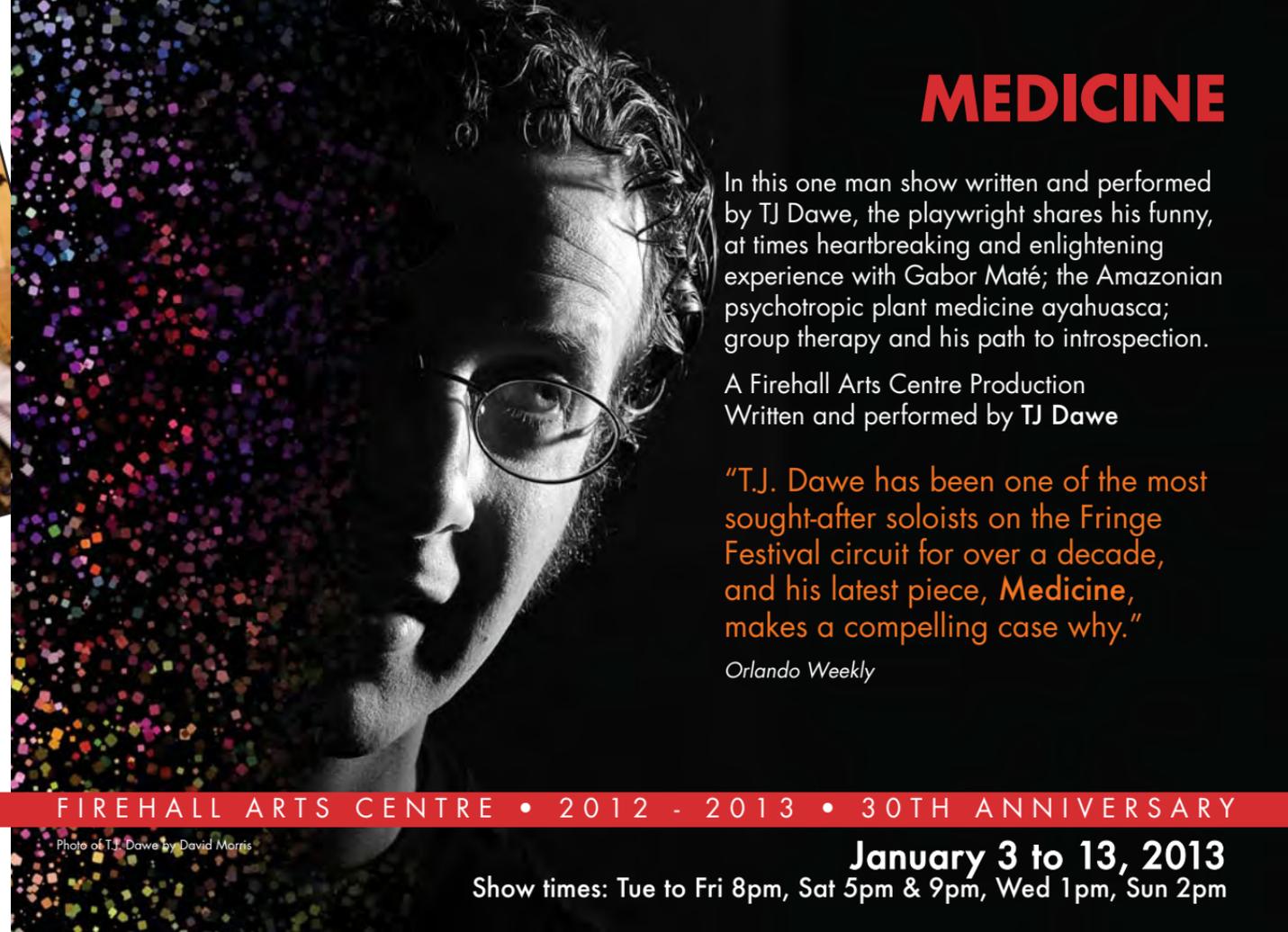


Photo of TJ Dawe by David Morris

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DECEMBER 18 TO 23, 2012

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 3pm



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January 3 to 13, 2013

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 2pm

NO EXIT + LOST & FOUND

A double bill from Toronto's Fujiwara dance inventions

No Exit

A compelling dance-theatre work inspired by Jean-Paul Sartre's play of the same name. Three strangers find themselves in a sitting room with a locked door. With exasperating provocations, humour and pathos, the characters exemplify Sartre's proposition that "Hell is other people".

Choreographed by Denise Fujiwara

Interpreted by Sasha Ivanochko, Miko Sobreira and Rebecca Hope Terry

Lost and Found

A woman has lost her intangibles. Impermanence and attachment, loss and discovery; each moment reveals us to be simultaneously lost and found.

Choreographed and performed by Denise Fujiwara

A Firehall Arts Centre Presentation

A Fujiwara dance inventions Production



Photo of Denise Fujiwara by John Luener

DANCING WITH RAGE

Canadian actress, comedienne and social activist Mary Walsh unleashes her rage brought on by pop culture, politics and capitalism to do battle on a grand scale in this one woman show. In **Dancing with Rage**, Walsh blends tales of new characters with stories from familiar faces including Marg Delahunty: Warrior Princess, Dakey Dunn, Mom Reardon and Connie Bloor. By incorporating current events, each performance of *Dancing with Rage* will be fresh, exciting and always up to the minute.

Co-Presented by the Firehall Arts Centre and Touchstone Theatre

Co-Produced by Theatre Passe Muraille

and the RCA Theatre Company

Written and performed by Mary Walsh

Directed by Karen Carpenter



Mary Walsh

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JANUARY 16 TO 19, 2013

Show time: 8pm

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FEBRUARY 5 TO 17, 2013

Show times: Tue to Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm

SUBSCRIBE NOW

and save up to 50% **New this year, 5pm & 9pm Saturday evening shows!**

Subscribe for a Firehall Arts Centre Season Pass and receive:

- Reserved seating
- Membership to the Firehall Theatre Society
- Full & WaM Pack subscribers receive a Bring-a-Friend voucher
- Free ticket exchanges
- Monthly Email updates

The Firehall offers a variety of Subscriptions to save you up to 50%. Find the one that's best for you!

The Full Package

Attend any performance during the season. Valid for one patron to book one ticket per production. Non-transferable.

WaM Pack** (Weekday Evening and Matinee)

Attend any performance Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening or any weekend matinee. Valid for one patron to book one ticket per production. Non-transferable. **Not for use on Friday & Saturday evenings

Flex Pack

Allows one patron to attend many performances, or many patrons to attend a few performances (pending availability).

*Subscriptions are valid for Firehall productions and presentations.

Single Ticket Prices

Weeknights: Tuesday - Thursday and Matinees

\$25.00 Regular (plus \$2 for online sales)

\$20.00 Young Adults, Students and Seniors (plus \$2 for online sales)

\$12.00 Children (plus \$2 for online sales)

Weekends: Friday and Saturday Evening

\$30.00 Regular (plus \$2 for online sales)

\$25.00 Young Adults, Students and Senior (plus \$2 for online sales)

\$14.00 Children (plus \$2 for online sales)

Join us Wednesday for our Pay-What-You-Can Matinees!

Young Adults are 26 years and younger;
Students with valid ID;
Seniors are 65+;
Children are 12 years and under;
Infants/children under the age of 5 are not permitted
*All programming is subject to change.

PACKAGE	NUMBER	PRICE	TOTAL
FULL PACKAGE TICKET SERIES			
Full Six Pack		\$120	
Full Four Pack		\$80	
Full Six Pack Senior		\$80	
Full Four Pack Senior		\$55	
Full Six Pack Young Adult/Artist		\$72	
Full Four Pack Young Adult/Artist		\$48	
WaM PACK TICKET SERIES			
WaM Six Pack		\$100	
WaM Four Pack		\$70	
FLEX PACK TICKET SERIES			
Flex Six Pack		\$150	
Flex Four Pack		\$100	
Subtotal			\$
Please add my tax deductible donation			\$
Total			\$

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Please mail this form (with cheque) to:

Firehall Arts Centre
 280 East Cordova Street
 Vancouver, BC
 V6A 1L3

or call in your subscription to the Box Office at 604.689.0926

SUPPORT THE FIREHALL

It'll make you feel good. Science has proven it.

Donate

The sale of tickets is only a portion of the funding the Firehall Arts Centre and the Firehall Theatre Society require to stage the work we do in the theatre and in the community.

Each year we donate countless tickets to social service organizations throughout Vancouver as well as providing subsidized performance and rehearsal space to both community and professional arts groups.

Youth-at-risk, seniors, elementary and secondary school students, the economically disadvantaged and the developmentally challenged have all benefited from attending performances and workshops at the Firehall.

Your donation – whatever the amount – will help ensure that we are able to continue providing inspiring and engaging performances in the future.

Volunteer

If you've been thinking of volunteering, have we got the deal for you! The Firehall is always looking for friendly, wonderful folks to volunteer their time as ushers, daytime reception assistants and in running the gallery space. Come down to volunteer and you'll meet new people and get to see Firehall shows.

Trust us, you'll have fun.

Receive free admission to Firehall Arts Centre shows, invitations to the Firehall Holiday and Season Wrap parties and that warm, fuzzy feeling!

To volunteer please contact our Volunteer Coordinator by phone 604.689.0691 or by email at firehall@firehallartscentre.ca

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MY FUNNY VALENTINE

On February 11, 2008, 15-year-old Lawrence King asked his classmate Brandon McInerney to be his valentine. The next day, McInerney shot King twice in the head. King passed away on February 14 - Valentine's Day.

"An exceptionally beautiful piece of work meticulously scripted characters shot through with contradictions... simply superb." Jo Ledingham, *Vancouver Courier*

The critically acclaimed, Jessie-nominated *My Funny Valentine* enters the minds of six people on the fringes of a murder that will forever affect them and invites the audience to search through the confusing and chaotic implications of this death to find their own humanity.

Co-presented by the Firehall Arts Centre and Zee Zee Theatre
Produced by Zee Zee Theatre
Written by **Dave Deveau**
Directed by **Cameron Mackenzie**
Featuring **Anton Lipovetsky**

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FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 2, 2013

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 2pm

GOD AND THE INDIAN

Award-winning playwright Drew Hayden Taylor explores the aftermath of a life lost to residential schools. Johnny, a First Nations man, confronts a priest from his past. *God and the Indian* will leave you asking: where does the guilt lie? And, how can these wounds be healed?

"Taylor never lets his characters indulge in speech making; self-reverential jokes, apologies and good manners always get in the way, much to the audience's delight. And yet, the author never shirks from the difficult issues of culture, identity and acceptance that drive the play..."
Halifax Daily News

A Firehall Arts Centre Production
Written by **Drew Hayden Taylor**

Photo by Matea Tuhtar

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APRIL 6 TO 20, 2013

Show times: Tue to Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm, Wed 1pm, Sun 2pm

LAND-RESEARCH

Last seen in Vancouver at the 2011 Dancing on the Edge Festival with the sold out show *Quiet*, Israeli choreographer Arkadi Zaides and his company are back with *Land-Research*. Zaides presents the individual voices of five performers from different backgrounds as they explore their inner relationship with the broad idea of land. Performed as five solos, the dancers approach their bodies as a private landscape, shaped and challenged by its surrounding.

"There is a twisting asymmetry to Zaides' movement language... a contrasting vocabulary of intensity and an open quality, ...myriad articulations of the body and its infinite, surprising combinations – all charged with intention." Ayelet Dekel, *Midnight East*

A Firehall Arts Centre Presentation
Produced by Arkadi Zaides
Co-Produced by Theatre National De Chaillot, Ballet National De Marseille
in collaboration with KLAP, FabrikConcept
Choreography and Direction by Arkadi Zaides
Performed by Raida Adon, Asaf Aharonson,
Yuli Kovbasnyan, Sva Li Levy, Ofir Yudilevitch



Photo of Yuli Kovbasnyan by Yuval Tebol



BC BUDS

Grown in your own backyard

BC Buds celebrates the talent and creativity of established and emerging BC artists over the course of three jam-packed days of music, theatre, dance and interdisciplinary work.

Performances take place in all the nooks and hidden crannies of the Firehall, creating a spectacular environment for audiences to experience new work.

Weekend afternoons also feature family and child-friendly programming including storytelling, music and theatre.

With more than 50 artists presenting new and experimental work, the *BC Buds Spring Arts Fair* is Vancouver's longest running showcase of budding artists and budding theatre, dance, music and inter-disciplinary works.

BC Buds is a by donation event.

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APRIL 24 TO 27, 2013

Show time: 8pm

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MAY 10 TO 12, 2013

IN THE GALLERY 2012/2013

Wednesday through Saturday 1 - 5pm

SEPTEMBER 5 TO 22

Jody MacDonald: Survival Games

Combining collage and drawing, this series of mixed media works on paper dissects the dynamics of social hierarchy through playful reconstructions of identity

SEPTEMBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 3

Leonard Cohen: Prints

Poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen's line drawings have been a visual record of things, places, and people that he has encountered in his rich and varied life. From this collection of private notes and musings comes a body of prints that are a visual memoir of Cohen's creative arc. This exhibit made possible through the support of Granville Fine Arts.

NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 1

Anne Walk: Looking For You

Based on a journal found on the street, Walk reconstructs the identity of an unknown diarist through prints and video.

DECEMBER 5 TO JANUARY 13

Melissa Mercier: Irrational Fear of Confined Spaces

A photographic study of claustrophobia; the calming nature of this monochromatic body of work acts as a remedy to the artist's feeling of being trapped.

JANUARY 16 TO MARCH 2

Sonja Kobrehel: How Art You

Kobrehel's vibrant mixed media paintings engage a sense of play with the symbols and figures that make up her lyrical personal iconography.

MARCH 6 TO APRIL 20

Katie Dey: New Works

Printmaker Katie Dey's new series is inspired by her collections from the natural world: found objects and studies of forms of plants and animals.

The gallery space is located in the lobby of the Firehall Arts Centre, and exhibits work with a focus on BC artists.

Visit firehallartscentre.ca for future exhibitions

GROUPS AND PROMOTIONS

Groups

Discounts are available for school groups and groups of ten or more.

Please call the Box Office at **604.689.0926** for more information.

Educators

The Firehall offers Wednesday student matinees for most performances at discounted prices and feature a question and answer Talkback with the artists.

Student group discounts are also available for other matinee and evening performances.

Talkbacks

Join us Thursday evenings after the show for a talkback with the performers.

Awkward Date Night

Looking for a fun night out for cheap? Join us for **Awkward Date Night** and get 3 for 2 tickets!

You, your special someone and their special someone will love it!

Chelsea Hotel - October 9

Kid Gloves - November 20

Dancing with Rage - February 12

God and the Indian - April 16

Check our website for discounted preview nights!

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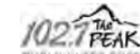


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The **FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE** is located in the historic heart of Vancouver and is one of Vancouver's most beloved and respected cultural centres consisting of a theatre, studio, gallery and exhibition space. The Firehall Arts Centre produces and presents theatre, dance and inter-disciplinary works that engage the soul, stimulate the mind, entertain the spirit and reflect the cultural pluralism of Canada.

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