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Calgary plays host to top cultural talent this week

(Calgary, AB) – Calgary plays host to some of the world’s top cultural talent this week with the launch of an outstanding fall arts lineup.

Calgary’s artists and arts organizations have made for an amazing Culture Month in our city as seen in the last few weeks. This week their international reach and network is highlighted.

The Calgary International Film Festival’s Mavericks program brings 10 of the most progressive filmmakers on the global circuit to Calgary, and Theatre Junction GRAND presents Orpheus and Eurydice from Montreal’s Compagnie Marie Chouinard.

Judy Chicago, a living legend of feminist art is in Calgary celebrating the launch of her exhibition at the Art Gallery of Calgary, and Thom Mayne of Los Angeles’ Morphosis Architects kicks off the launch of The University of Calgary’s Design Matters Series.

Emmy and Grammy award-winning actor and author LeVar Burton is in town at the Calgary Public Library Literary Awards, while world-renowned pianist Angela Hewitt will play a magnificent all-Mozart program presented by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

One of Calgary’s goals is to create a vibrant, creative and culturally stimulating city, and one that attracts artists and leaders in the creative field from around the world.

“The fact that we’re hosting some of the world’s top cultural talent as part of our fall arts lineup shows that Calgary is a significant player on the global cultural stage,” says Terry Rock, President & CEO, Calgary Arts Development. “The presence of these international artists means the opportunity for creative exchange and global connections for local artists.”

This week's highlights:

[Calgary International Film Festival](#)

September 25 – October 4, various locations

The 10th Anniversary of the Calgary International Film Festival promises to be the highest profile yet, with almost 200 films from 100 countries and the launch of "Mavericks," where 10 progressive films by 10 of the most daring emerging filmmakers from the global festival circuit will compete for a \$25,000 cash prize.

[Theatre Junction GRAND presents Compagnie Marie Chouinard's Orpheus and Eurydice](#)

September 22 - 26, Theatre Junction GRAND, 608 1 St SW

Marie Chouinard and her tribe of fearless dancers re-imagine the classical myth of a love that travels to hell and back. This show is about action. It's about movement. It's about breath. It's about skin.

[Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra presents An Evening of Amadeus](#)

September 25 & 26, Jack Singer Concert Hall, EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

Music Director Roberto Minczuk kicks off the Classics with the best of the best as world-renowned pianist Angela Hewitt plays in this magnificent all-Mozart program filled with grace, elegance and hauntingly beautiful melodies.

[If Women Ruled the World: Judy Chicago in Thread](#)

A Co-production between the Textile Museum of Canada (Toronto) and The Art Gallery of Calgary

September 25 – January 23, 2010, The Art Gallery of Calgary, 117 8 Ave SW

A living legend of feminist art, Judy Chicago's place on the landscape of contemporary textile practice is a significant one. The exhibition surveys some of Chicago's most important contributions in cloth, highlighting both key and lesser-known works dating from 1971 to present.

[Calgary Public Library Foundation Literary Awards](#)

September 24, Sun Life Plaza, 140 4 Ave SW

The Calgary Public Library Foundation Literary Awards were created to celebrate and promote Alberta author achievements and literary excellence. This special evening features the “Art of the Book” art show, silent auction, and a keynote speech by Emmy and Grammy-award winning actor and author LeVar Burton.

[The University of Calgary's Faculty of Environmental Design presents the Design Matters Series](#)

September 25, Metropolitan Conference Centre, 333 4 Ave SW

The lecture series kicks off with Thom Mayne of L.A.'s Morphosis Architects. The series is designed to engage the Calgary community in presentations and thoughtful discussions on how the design of our material culture impacts our daily lives and the well-being of the environment we inhabit.

[Lunchbox Theatre presents Power Lunch](#)

Monday through Saturday until October 9, TransCanada Stage at Lunchbox Theatre, 160-115 9 Ave SE

A man and a woman with terrible dating histories meet in a restaurant and sparks start to fly. As their mutual attraction grows, they enter into a lively and hilarious battle of the sexes. By the author of the Oscar-winning screenplay American Beauty, the popular television series Six Feet Under, and the current HBO hit True Blood.

[Alberta Theatre Projects presents Shakespeare's Dog](#)

September 22 - October 10, Martha Cohen Theatre, Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts

Get fresh perspective on young William's life - straight from the eyes of Shakespeare's dog.

[Young Women of Influence Evening Series featuring Ann Lewis-Luppino, President and CEO of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra](#)

September 23, V lounge at Earls Bankers Hall, 315 8 Ave SW

Go behind the scenes to view the workings of an arts organization and

consider the benefits of working or volunteering in a dynamic, high paced industry. Ann will share her passion for the arts and why getting involved can help you stand out in your community.

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About Calgary Arts Development

Calgary Arts Development was created in 2005 to lead long-term, strategic development of the arts sector in Calgary, guided by the 2004 Civic Arts Policy. Calgary Arts Development invests municipal arts funding of \$3.75 million annually in 160 local arts organizations, provides support to the arts community, private developers and public and private sector funders engaged in arts space projects and engages in strategic marketing initiatives to increase arts participation and raise awareness of Calgary's arts sector locally, nationally and internationally. Visit CalgaryArtsDevelopment.com for more information about our activities and initiatives.