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concert and speaker series

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00 p.m.
January 6 - March 26, 2026

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Welcome to the 2026 Season of Music 'N' Mavens!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Rady JCC, it's my pleasure to welcome you back to Music 'N' Mavens – Winnipeg's premier daytime concert and speaker series as well as our first time ever Music 'N' Mavens After Dark.



This isn't just an event; it's an experience that builds connections and keeps audiences coming back year after year. At the heart of Music 'N' Mavens is a vibrant, diverse community. This season's lineup of concerts and thought-provoking talks promises to energize, inspire, and leave you wanting more.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors and supporters. Your commitment makes this program possible, and we couldn't do it without you.

Join us for an unforgettable season of music, ideas, and community. We can't wait to see you there!

Warmly,
Laura Marjovsky, Director of Programming, Rady JCC



Dear Music 'N' Mavens Family,

Seeing your joyous faces at various events is what makes curating this series so worthwhile. There are many fabulous concerts in store for you this season. Jazz, Klezmer, Soul, Métis fiddling, pop, classical – what a wealth of talent Winnipeg holds!

You'll be the first patrons to attend several premieres this year. Certain concerts have been created specifically for the Music 'N' Mavens stage.

Our speakers cover a wide range of stimulating and intriguing topics, guaranteed to cause reflection and discussion long after you have left the room.

For the first time, we are offering an all-new series for those who are unable to attend our daytime events – or just want a longer evening performance: Music 'N' Mavens After Dark.

I can't wait to see you Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Rady JCC for a season of culture, education and entertainment – as well as certain Wednesdays – after dark!

Sincerely,
Karla Berbrayer, Founding Producer, Music 'N' Mavens

Tickets available at: www.radyjcc.com | 204.477.7510

CONCERTS

In advance: **\$12**^{+GST} (25% off for Rady JCC Members)

At the box office: **\$13**^{+GST} (25% off for Rady JCC Members)

SPEAKERS

No fee (donations welcome at the door)

Pre-registration required at www.radyjcc.com

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Discounts exclude the March 4 concert at Gwen Selter Creative Living Centre and all Music 'N' Mavens After Dark concerts. All concerts must be selected at the time of purchase. Final price is calculated at checkout.

Need to make a change? You can update your concert selections up to 48 hours in advance by contacting Karolina Garlinska at kgarlinska@radyjcc.com or 204.477.7534



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Donate \$100 or more to Music 'N' Mavens 2026 Season and receive reserved seating to all concerts for which you have purchased tickets, plus a full tax receipt.

TRANSPORTATION

Available for a nominal fee. Advance registration required.
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Concert



Mayors of Sambor

🎵 **TUESDAY JANUARY 6**

🎫 **TICKETS**

Music to Warm Your Soul. The Brothers are at it again! **Victor and Myron Schultz** (of FINJAN and Black Sea Station fame) return with their **Mayors of Sambor** project, and their captivating mix of traditional and original Klezmer melodies and other delights. Along for the journey with regular musical co-conspirator (and honorary Mayor) **Daniel Koulack**, the 'Mayors' will be joined by Accordionist **Myron Kurjewicz** and **George Bajer-Koulack** on guitar and vocals.

🎤 **THURSDAY JANUARY 8**



Evelyn L. Forget

Who Deserves Help? Rethinking How We Judge Need and Worth. **Evelyn L. Forget** is a Distinguished Professor of Economics and Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Her research examines the health and social implications of poverty and inequality, and she is often called upon by governments, First Nations and international organisations to advise on poverty, inequality, health and social outcomes. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

🎤 **TUESDAY JANUARY 13**



Sheila North

Honouring Indigenous Nations and Allies: Enhancing Our Relationships. **Sheila North**, a proud member of the Bunibonibee Cree Nation, is a leader, storyteller, and advocate. She currently serves as Indigenous and Community Relations Advisor to the Arctic Gateway Group and the first External Indigenous Advisor with the Winnipeg Police Service. From 2015 to 2018, Sheila was the first female Grand Chief of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO). A former journalist with CBC and CTV, she continues to provide leadership on Indigenous issues, including Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and the intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools.



Suzanne Kennelly

🎵 **THURSDAY JANUARY 15**

🎫 **TICKETS**

AZNAVOUR, BREL, PIAF et MOI. Going back to the music and the artists that inspired her growing up in her native Québec, Winnipeg vocalist and singer-songwriter **Suzanne Kennelly** offers a bilingual tribute. She shares what she loves best: a tradition of songs from the masters of storytelling and emotional expression with a touch of her own stories woven through life pathways. Under the direction of **Richard Boughton** (piano) expect French chanson, jazz and a lot of feel good moments!

🎤 **TUESDAY JANUARY 20**



Haskel J. Greenfield

Ark of the Covenant: Where is it Now? **Haskel J. Greenfield** is a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Co-Director of the Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Lab, and Coordinator of the Judaic Studies Program at the University of Manitoba. He is an anthropological archaeologist with a specialty in zooarchaeology. His research focuses on the evolution of early agricultural and early complex societies in the Old World (Europe, Africa, and Asia) from the Neolithic to the Iron Age. He will be presenting on his research at ancient Shiloh, Israel.

🎤 **THURSDAY JANUARY 22**



Shirley Render

James A Richardson and Aviation: Is There a Connection? **Shirley Render** is former Executive Director of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion, recipient of the YM/YWCA Women of Distinction Award, and has been named to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. She has authored two published books on aviation history: *Double Cross: The Inside Story of James A. Richardson and Canadian Airways* and *No Place for a Lady: the Story of Canadian Women Pilots, 1928-1992*.

MUSIC 'N' MAVENS TAKES A BREAK



SoulBear

🎵 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Soul Voices Through the Ages. Backed by some of Winnipeg's most talented professional musicians, soul vocalist **SoulBear** brings his powerful voice and heartfelt style to our stage in a celebration of timeless soul music. Featuring classics by Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Sam Cooke, Ray Charles, Al Green, Marvin Gaye, — to the modern masters who carry the torch today — Whitney Houston, Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, John Legend, Silk Sonic, and more — this concert promises an unforgettable afternoon filled with passion, groove, and nostalgia.



Luc, Rob & Aidan Wrigley

🎵 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

The Wrigley Brothers is comprised of identical 21-year-old Cree and French Métis twins **Luc and Aidan Wrigley**. Their blend of traditional Métis fiddling, contemporary and classic Country and Folk music, has been uplifting audiences across the Prairies, the United States and Mexico. They have been fiddling since the age of three. At age seven, they performed at the Festival du Voyageur, and launched their song writing career at age 16. They will be joined on stage for this performance by their dad, **Rob Wrigley**.



Joey Gregorash

🎵 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

A Salute to the 60s and 70s. Joey Gregorash and his band The Mongrels were popular on the community club and high school dance circuits in the 70s. Joey had a successful solo career with hit records *Jodie*, *My Love Sings* and *Down By The River*, which earned him the first Juno as Most Promising Male Vocalist. *Together (The New Wedding Song)* was a Canadian hit. Joey, guitarist **Brian McMillan** and bassist **Vaughan Poyser** will relive the music we love.



Yuri & Ari Hooker

🎵 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

The French Connection. **Ari Hooker**, pianist, was included in CBC's list of hot Canadian classical musicians under 30, in July 2025. The previous year, Ari made his solo debut with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra performing his own piano concerto. Ari's father **Yuri Hooker** is recently retired principal cellist of the WSO, a position that he held for 25 years. Together, this father son duo will perform works from Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, Winnipeg composer Sheva Schwartz, and Ari's own composition *Cello Sonata, Op.13*.



Carla Compton

🎵 TUESDAY MARCH 3

Rhythms of Leadership: Carla Compton's Story.

Carla Compton was elected as the MLA for Tuxedo in 2024. Born in Winnipeg, Carla has been a Registered Nurse and practiced in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba for 19 years. Prior to being elected, she was a hemodialysis nurse at St. Boniface Hospital and a small business owner. Using her passion and knowledge for public health, Carla utilizes her current role to advocate ways that can improve the livelihood of all Manitobans.

🎵 WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 | 1:30 P.M. at Gwen Sectar Creative Living Centre 1588 Main Street

Call Gwen Sectar to register: 204-339-1701

Spring is in the Air—With a Yiddish Flair! **Debbie Maslowsky**, singer, actor, has been inducted into the Rainbow Stage Wall of Fame, and featured in numerous theatre and television productions. **Phil Corrin** is a pianist, music director, and frequent performer on the Music 'N' Mavens stage. Together, Debbie and Phil will sing us into spring with a selection of timely songs and Yiddish favourites.



Phil Corrin and
Debbie Maslowsky

THURSDAY MARCH 5

Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation.

Kevin Chief is Principal of Chief Partnerships Manitoba Incorporated. He is currently Community Ambassador for the Southern Chiefs' Organization, chairperson for the Neeginan Education, Training and Employment Services Inc., and Senior Advisor at True North Sports and Entertainment. Born and raised in Winnipeg's North End, Kevin served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, representing Point Douglas, and was appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities in 2012, Minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg in 2013, and Minister of Jobs and the Economy in 2014.



Kevin Chief

TUESDAY MARCH 10

Bit Player on Big Stages – A Journey Through Diplomacy, Advocacy, and Cultural Survival.

Roger Turenne served for 14 years as a Canadian diplomat, with assignments in Paris, at UNESCO, and in Kinshasa and Stockholm where he headed the political sections of the Canadian embassies in those countries. As a Senior Adviser to Manitoba governments, he was the architect of the language policies of both the Pawley and the Filmon administrations. For almost two decades, he was also an important player in the fight to protect Manitoba's threatened ecosystems.



Roger Turenne

THURSDAY MARCH 12

Fu Fu Chi Chi Choir. This all-woman band made up of singers, musicians, actors, and musical theatre stars, has a 30-year age range between the oldest and youngest. An alt-folk band that shapes clever stories of strange loveable characters – all while clad in 1930s house dresses – to add to the fun. The group which composes toe-tapping songs rich with tremendous harmonies are thrilled to be launching their first full length album on March 21.



Fu Fu Chi Chi Choir

TUESDAY MARCH 17

Will Tariff Issues Cause Canada to Pivot Towards Europe? Royce Koop is a Professor of Political Science, and Coordinator of the Canadian Studies Program at the University of Manitoba. He writes and teaches about Canadian politics. His research is related to representation and political parties, in both Canadian and comparative contexts. Dr. Koop is a regular media commentator on Canadian and Manitoba politics and writes a weekly analysis column for the Winnipeg Sun.



Royce Koop

THURSDAY MARCH 19 ***A Celebration of Mel***

Tormé. Join jazz vocalist **Zachary Rushing** for an afternoon of music celebrating the incomparable Mel Tormé. With smooth vocals, swinging charts, and engaging storytelling, Rushing salutes the great "Velvet Fog", performing beloved standards like *Pick Yourself Up*, *Born to Be Blue*, and *A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square*. Accompanied by a first-rate jazz ensemble, this concert embodies the wit, charm, and vocal virtuosity that secured Tormé an enduring spot in our hearts.



Zachary Rushing

TUESDAY MARCH 24

The Very Groovy Things. Brought back by popular demand, this group started out doing exclusively the music of The Mamas and The Papas. They have expanded their repertoire to include folk rock from Southern California of the mid 60s to early 70s, plus some Merseybeat and British Invasion songs by the Ventures, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Booker T and the MGs, as well as hits by John Phillips from The Mamas and The Papas.



The Very Groovy Things

THURSDAY MARCH 26

Timeless Tunes and Duets from The Great American Songbook. **Rosemarie Todaschuk & Friends** bring a repertoire that weaves together jazz standards, Latin rhythms, funk, blues, and popular favourites. When Rosemarie steps into the spotlight, her velvety voice and captivating presence infuse the room with energy and soul as she collaborates with a stellar cast of musicians: **Richard Boughton** on piano, **Nenad Zdjelar** on upright bass, **Owen Clark** on percussion, **Janice Finlay** on saxophones, and gifted crooner **George Druxman**.



Rosemarie Todaschuk



You asked for it – and now you’ve got it.

We’ve been hearing that many of you would like to attend concerts outside of daytime hours so we’re launching an addition to Music ‘N’ Mavens this season. These concerts will be longer than the daytime concerts, as befitting an evening out on the town! **All Music ‘N’ Mavens After Dark events will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets: \$20 ^{+GST}

(25% off for Rady JCC Members)

LIGHTS-OUT DISCOUNT

Buy All 4 Concerts, Get 25% Off!

Final price calculated at checkout.



January 7, 7:30 p.m. – Paul De Gurse & Aaron Hutton



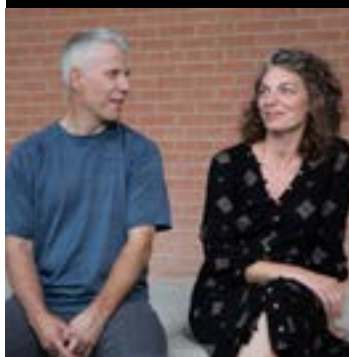
The Flamboyance of Elton John. Opening our Music ‘N’ Mavens After Dark series, **Aaron Hutton**, voice, and **Paul De Gurse**, piano and music director, have teamed up to create a sendup of the one and only Elton John. With **Kyle Cobb** on guitar, **Ruslan Rusin** on bass, and **Brendan Thompson** on drums, this killer band will ensure you hear hits like *Tiny Dancer* and *Rocket Man*. A quick dip into some of the artists that Elton John collaborated with, such as David Bowie and Freddie Mercury, will add to the mix.

January 14, 7:30 p.m. – Vox Populi



The Hitmakers: Vox Populi Plays Stevie Wonder & Bill Withers. Led by **Carter Graham** on keyboards and vocals, and joined by a band of all-star musicians, Vox Populi pushes the boundaries of contemporary pop music by creating uncomplicated joy. Their goal is to make you want to get up on your feet and dance! Taking us back to the 70s, this supergroup showcases 50 years of soul. For fans of Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers, this is your night.

**February 18, 7:30 p.m.
Larry Roy & Erin Propp**



Circle Games & Summer Lawns: A Joni Mitchell Anthology with the Erin Propp & Larry Roy Quartet. Erin Propp and Larry Roy bring their signature joy and precision to the stage with this all-new anthology of Joni Mitchell, which premiered at Music ‘N’ Mavens 2025. You loved them – so we’re bringing back an expanded version. Joni Mitchell was way ahead of her time in so many ways – as an environmentalist critiquing urban development is just one of them. This band delivers a highly satisfying Joni Mitchell set that befits the genius of this great singer and composer.

March 18, 7:30 p.m. – Those Guys



Those Guys are an a cappella group, bringing together diverse talents from Winnipeg’s vibrant music and theatre scene. Since 2009, they’ve been thrilling audiences with their innovative arrangements and high-energy performances. Their repertoire is as eclectic as it is impressive, spanning genres from classic rock to pop, R&B to Broadway, and everything in between. They have a knack for taking beloved songs and putting their unique spin on them. By creating fresh and exciting arrangements, they surprise and delight even the most familiar listeners. Whether you’re a fan of Billy Joel or Bruno Mars, the Beatles or the Backstreet Boys, **Those Guys** have something for everyone.