



Pendulum: An Indigenous Showcase at the Belfry Theatre

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VICTORIA, BC – City of Victoria Indigenous Artist in Residence Lindsay Delaronde is partnering with the Belfry Theatre to present *Pendulum: An Indigenous Showcase*, which will feature traditional and contemporary multidisciplinary performances by Indigenous artists and groups from across Canada in February.

“This community-focused initiative honours Indigenous worldviews as they relate to reconciliation and community healing,” said Lindsay Delaronde. “*Pendulum* brings new life into the context of theatre and decolonizes the art form, which Indigenous peoples are so often left out of.”

Pendulum – An Indigenous Showcase will include the following performances:

- *Ohen:ton Kariwentehkhwa*, an Iroquois giving of thanks
- *Breath in the Land*, a contemporary local territorial acknowledgement of welcome and holding of space
- *ANSWER*, an all-female drum group who has been singing and sharing traditional songs throughout the community in order to keep tradition alive
- *Rage Flowers*, a contemporary duet exploring decolonizing of the body through rage
- *Ahousat*, a Bear Song composed by Guy Louis Jr. and performed by members of the Nuuchanulth community, narrating the struggle and conflict of a man and bear before they unite as one

Pendulum represents not only the oscillation between life and death, love and sorrow, joy and pain, but also the pendulum that swings between traditional and contemporary forms of performance. The range of performance and music styles is designed to create a sensory, transformative experience for the audience – triggering body memory and interconnectivity.

“The Belfry is excited to be a supporting presenter of *Pendulum*,” said Mark Dusseault, the theatre’s Marketing and Communications Director. “The Belfry believes we have a role honouring our First Nations hosts, and ensuring that our stage includes those voices is one way in which we can demonstrate this commitment.”

The community has three opportunities to attend *Pendulum – An Indigenous Showcase*: Friday, February 23 from 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 24 from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Belfry Theatre box office at 1291 Gladstone Avenue or online at www.belfry.bc.ca/pendulum.

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