



**RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: MAYOR, J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**  
**FROM: P. MCCARRON, MANAGER OF RECREATION AND CULTURE FACILITIES (ACTING)**  
**NOTED: R. BELL, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES**  
**D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**RE: CULTURE VENUES AND SADLON ARENA RE-OPENING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**DATE: APRIL 11, 2022**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with some information. Recreation and Culture staff are pleased to advise that after a 2-year period of openings and closings due to COVID 19, the Five Points Theatre, presented by Pratt Homes, Pratt Development Inc., and Georgian Theatre are back to hosting a full slate of activities.

Upcoming productions at the Five Points Theatre in the next several months include:

- Medium Sherry Gallant April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Talk is Free Theatre (TIFT) presents Orlando April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Barrie Public Library & Uplift Black presents Words Matter April 28<sup>th</sup>
- We Walk the Line – Tribute to Johnny Cash May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Circus Show May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Barrie Folk presents an evening with Lynn Miles, Valdy and Suzi Vinnick June 4<sup>th</sup>

Theatre by the Bay has also booked the Five Points Theatre for 37 days for its upcoming productions. Further details on the dates of these productions will be provided once they are finalized.

Staff are also in the final stages of completing a new lease with Georgian College for use of their theatre. Until the lease is finalized, a temporary use permit has been put in place that allowed Miss Jennie’s dance group to use the space on March 27, as well as future uses. Future uses at the Georgian Theatre include:

- Music in Motion presents Disney’s Newsies April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- PIGS: Canada’s Pink Floyd – Coming Back to Life Tour April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Ardagh Bluff’s Graduation June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Martin Barrie Tribute July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Fitness Competition July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Multiple Dance Recitals and Competitions

The College has advised that it will continue to require Proof of Vaccination, screening, and masking in its buildings (including the Georgian Theatre) until April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

New to this year will be a pilot project using Eastview Arena to host a number of dance competitions and recitals. Staff have worked with the dance community to create a space to address their needs for performance space. The Eastview initiative will allow the City to expand our available space and better serve our growing community. This initiative will host six different dance groups over 10 days with more requests being accepted.



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The Sadlon Arena is preparing for a Barrie Colts playoff run and has already hosted a sold-out Harlem Globetrotter show with over 4,000 persons in attendance. Other upcoming events are Blue Rodeo, The Arkells, Spring Craft Show, Spa trade Show, Georgian College graduation, Bear Creek and Innisdale graduations, and the return of the Barn Burner Charity hockey game, as well as 10 Parking lot events.

On behalf of the entire Recreation and Culture Services team, I want to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the multitude of fantastic events. We hope to see you there!