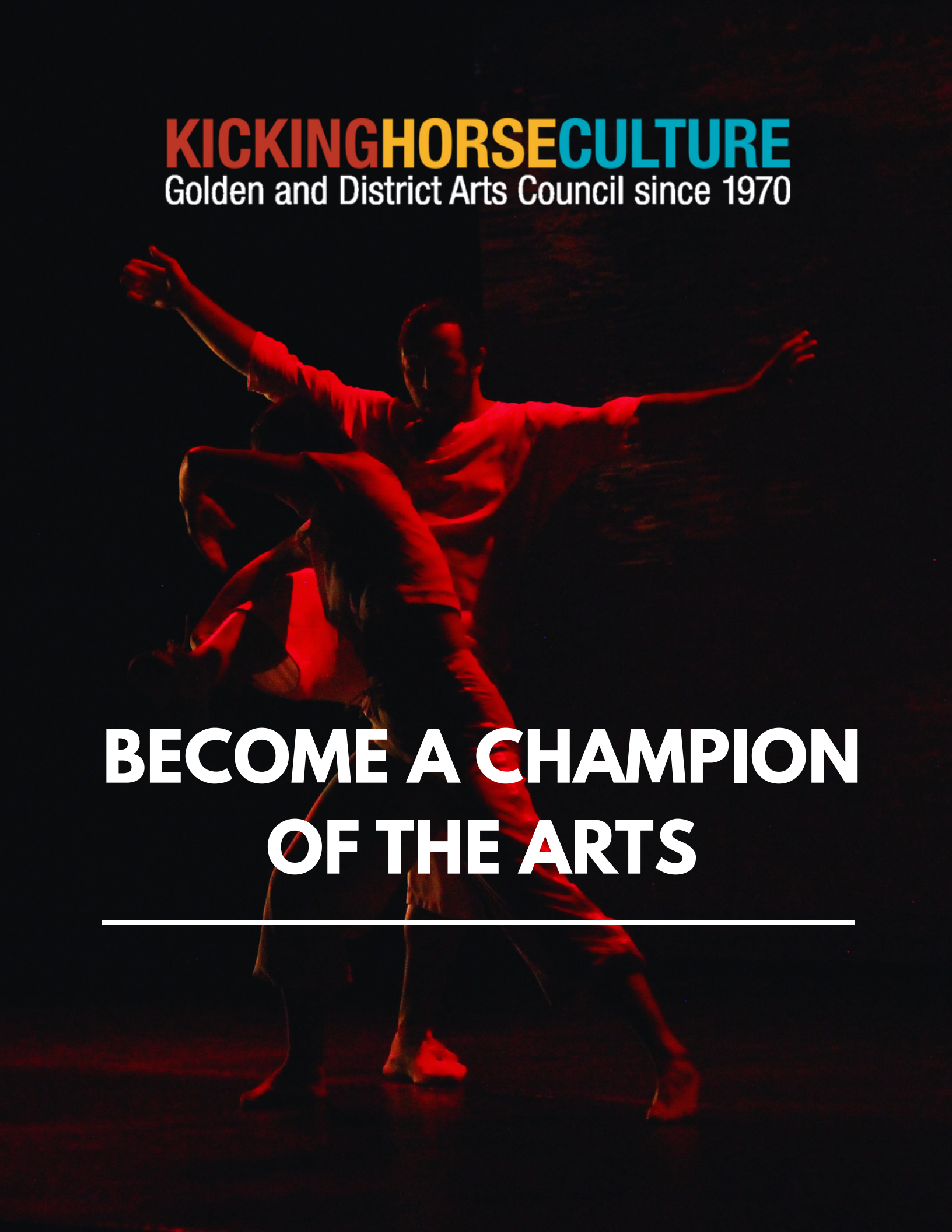


A photograph of two dancers in a dynamic pose, illuminated by red stage lighting against a dark background. The dancers are in a fluid, expressive movement, with one dancer's leg kicked high and arms outstretched. The lighting creates strong highlights and shadows, emphasizing the contours of their bodies and clothing.

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BECOME A CHAMPION OF THE ARTS

Become a Champion of Arts & Culture

Exceptional live performances don't happen in Golden without the support of our Champions.

Your sponsorship helps Kicking Horse Culture bring remarkable artists to Kicking Horse Country, pay them fairly, keep tickets affordable, and create opportunities for our community to gather and experience something extraordinary together.

Choose a performance from our 2026–27 lineup and become part of making it happen!



Paladin \$250

A great option for small businesses and individuals.

- Four complimentary tickets to your sponsored performance
- Recognition in News Kicks leading up to the show
- A warm thank-you from the stage

Champion \$500

- Ten complimentary tickets to your sponsored performance
- Two complimentary tickets to every other Live Kicks performance
- Recognition in advertising for your sponsored performance
- Your business name on the performance webpage
- Recognition in News Kicks
- An opportunity to welcome the artist and audience at your sponsored performance
- A warm thank-you from the stage

Hero \$1,000

All Champion benefits, plus:

- Year-round recognition on KHC event posters, newsletters and online
- Recognition as a leading supporter of arts and culture in Kicking Horse Country

Becoming a Champion of the Arts

A maximum of 2 champions may support each performance. Shows are assigned in the order pledges are received, so pledge early for the best chance of securing your first choice!

1. Choose your sponsorship level.
2. Select your **first**, **second**, and **third** choice of performance.
3. Email **logan@kickinghorseculture.ca** to secure your sponsorship.
4. We'll confirm your show and send you an invoice.

Complimentary Tickets

All tickets, including complimentary sponsor tickets, must be booked in advance through our online ticketing system. Performances sometimes sell out, and sponsorship does not automatically reserve seats.

You are welcome to use all, some, or none of the complimentary tickets included with your sponsorship. Simply choose which eligible tickets you would like to redeem throughout the season.

Thank You, Champions!

We couldn't bring these performances to Golden without the support of our Champions. Thank you for helping make another remarkable season possible.

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2026–27 Season at a Glance

Sept 17 — The Eisenhauers + Steve Dawson & Joachim Cooder

Sept 24 — Shirley Gnome with Parlour Panther

Oct 3 — God Is a Scottish Drag Queen: Halloween Spooktacular

Nov 5 — Moontricks

Dec 4 & 5 — Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Dec 14 — A Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas

Jan 28 — Luminarium — Cause & Effect Circus

Feb 5 — Bluegrass in Field

Feb 19 — EmberFest Grand Ole Opry

Feb 20 — EmberFest

March 2 — Emma Frankland's No Apologies!

March 13 — In Spite of Ourselves: A Celebration of John Prine

April 5 — McCarthy, Sutton & Byrne

April 25 — Boy Golden



LIVE KICKS



2026-2027 Live Kicks Season



STEVE DAWSON & JOACHIM COODER Thursday, Sep 17

Steve Dawson and Joachim Cooder come together for a rare evening of roots, rhythm, and musical discovery. Featuring guitars, lap steel, electric mbira, and percussion, their performance is a spontaneous conversation shaped by extraordinary musicianship and the joy of playing together.

SHIRLEY GNOME Thursday, Sep 24

Juno-nominated comedian and songwriter Shirley Gnome pairs razor-sharp satire with powerhouse vocals and songs that are silly, provocative, and unexpectedly heartfelt. Joined by indie-pop favourites Parlour Panther, she delivers a beautifully unhinged, dance-floor-ready spectacle filled with lush harmonies and unapologetic queer joy.



GOD IS A SCOTTISH DRAG QUEEN HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, Oct 3

Comedian Mike Delamont's beloved deity returns in a floral power suit for a wickedly funny Halloween special. Packed with sass, satire, and supernatural wit, God hilariously tackles questionable costumes, pumpkin spice, candy corn, demonic possession, and more.



MOONTRICKS

Thursday, Nov 5

Kootenay-based duo Moontricks blends folk, roots rock, and old-time blues with boot-stomping basslines and electronic production. Soulful, gritty, and inspired by the natural world, their music feels equally at home around a campfire and on the dance floor.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FEST

Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5

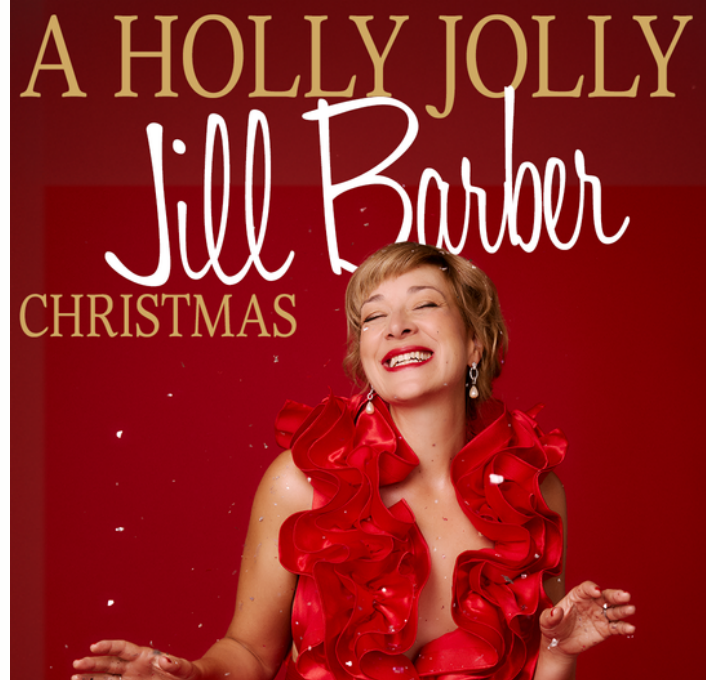
Get ready for two nights of adrenaline courtesy of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. A breathtaking "highlights reel" of extreme action sequences and insights into exotic cultures. This year we have two screenings at the Civic Centre!



A HOLLY JOLLY JILL BARBER CHRISTMAS

Monday, Dec 14

Join Jill Barber and her jingly jangly jazz quartet for a nostalgic sleigh ride through beloved Christmas music. Featuring holiday classics, original songs, and festive stories, A Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas is a warm and joyful celebration for all ages



LUMINARIUM CIRCUS

Thursday, Jan 28

Luminarium is a playful circus show for kids and families, filled with juggling, physical comedy, and imaginative surprises. Funny, magical, and full of wonder, it invites young audiences into a bright new world where imagination can change everything.

BLUEGRASS IN FIELD

Friday, Feb 5

Join us for a cozy bluegrass night in the magical mountain community of Field, BC! Gather in the historic community hall for an evening of lively music, warm company, and small-town hospitality. Come for the music, stay for the magic of Field.



EMBERFEST GRAND OLE OPRY

Friday, Feb 19

Step into the EmberFest Grand Ole Opry for a honky-tonk evening of country classics, bluegrass, old-time music, and hometown talent! Inspired by the magic of the iconic Nashville stage, this joyful community celebration brings musicians and neighbours together. Dust off your dancing boots for this one.



EMBERFEST

Saturday, Feb 20

EmberFest is Golden's annual celebration of winter, art, and community imagination. Featuring a lively multi-venue music festival, puppetry, workshops, and creative surprises, it invites all ages to gather, play, and make something magical together.

NO APOLOGIES!

Tuesday, Mar 2

No Apologies! is a bold performance blending live music, movement, poetry, and striking visual storytelling. Inspired by internet culture, classical mythology, and Nirvana's iconic MTV Unplugged concert, Emma Frankland delivers a heartfelt, funny, and raw celebration of living as your full, vibrant self.



INSPIRE OF OURSELVES

CELEBRATION FO JOHN PRINE

Saturday, Mar 13

In Spite of Ourselves brings together four acclaimed West Coast musicians for a heartfelt celebration of John Prine. With joyful, tender interpretations of his timeless songs, the group welcomes longtime fans and new listeners into Prine's funny, thoughtful musical world.



MCCARTHY, SUTTON & BYRNE

Monday, Apr 5

McCarthy, Sutton & Byrne brings together three members of the acclaimed Irish band Danú to celebrate the shared folk traditions of Ireland and Newfoundland. With lively reels, soulful ballads, and warm storytelling, the trio brings fresh energy and exceptional musicianship to centuries-old traditions.

BOY GOLDEN

Sunday Apr 25

Blending country, folk, and indie rock, Boy Golden has earned national attention with his chart-topping single "KD and Lunch Meat." Warm, thoughtful, and effortlessly charismatic, he turns personal reflection into music that feels joyful, inviting, and deeply human.

