

Canwest Cabaret Festival

50 intimate concerts. 4 days only.
All under 1 roof. October 2–5, 2008

\$20 / 1 concert \$51 / 3 concerts \$70 / 5 concerts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

7:30 – 9:00 / Leonard Cohen Songbook
7:45 – 8:45 / Kobèna Aquaa-Harrison
8:15 – 9:15 / Suba Sankaran
8:45 – 10:15 / David Buchbinder's Jerusalem Salon
10:00 – 11:00 / Steven Page
10:00 – 11:00 / David Sereda
10:30 – 11:30 / Kaeja d'Dance
11:00 – 12:00 / Don Francks

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

6:30 – 7:30 / Patricia O'Callaghan
7:00 – 8:00 / Sarah Slean
7:00 – 8:00 / Queen of Puddings Music Theatre
7:30 – 8:30 / Anima Fado
8:30 – 10:00 / David Buchbinder's Jerusalem Salon
8:45 – 9:45 / Suba Sankaran
8:45 – 9:45 / Jackie Richardson
10:00 – 11:00 / d'bi.young.anitAFRIKA
10:30 – 12:00 / Leonard Cohen Songbook
10:30 – 12:00 / Melanie Doane
11:00 – 12:00 / Don Francks

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

2:00 – 3:00 / Queen of Puddings Music Theatre
3:00 – 4:30 / Kurt Weill Songbook
3:45 – 5:15 / Melanie Doane
4:15 – 5:15 / Maryem Tollar
5:15 – 6:15 / Kobèna Aquaa-Harrison
5:30 – 6:30 / Sarah Slean
6:15 – 7:15 / Dennis Lee & Mike Ross
6:30 – 8:00 / Breithaupt Brothers Songbook
7:15 – 8:45 / A Cappella Cabaret
8:00 – 9:30 / Kurt Weill Songbook
8:45 – 9:45 / Waleed Abdulhamid
9:00 – 10:00 / Queen of Puddings Music Theatre
9:45 – 10:45 / John Alcorn
10:30 – 11:30 / Jackie Richardson
11:00 – 12:00 / Andrew Whiteman of
Apostle of Hustle

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

1:00 – 2:30 / Duke Ellington Songbook
1:30 – 2:30 / Andrew Whiteman of
Apostle of Hustle
2:00 – 3:00 / Dennis Lee & Mike Ross
3:00 – 4:00 / John Alcorn
3:15 – 4:45 / The Musical Theatre Salon
3:30 – 4:30 / Steven Page
4:00 – 5:00 / Waleed Abdulhamid
5:00 – 6:00 / David Sereda
5:45 – 6:45 / Patricia O'Callaghan
6:00 – 7:00 / Anima Fado
7:00 – 8:30 / A Cappella Cabaret
8:00 – 9:30 / Duke Ellington Songbook
8:30 – 9:30 / Maryem Tollar
10:00 – 11:30 / The Collaboratory Jam

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FEATURED ARTISTS

Intimate cabaret performances by Canada's finest performing artists

Waleed Abdulhamid

Saturday, October 4 at 8:45 & Sunday, October 5 at 4:00

Known for his striking vocals, innovative bass technique and speed and precision on percussion, this brilliant Sudanese singer and musician brings an Afrobeat soul to the cabaret environment.

John Alcorn

Saturday, October 4 at 9:45 & Sunday, October 5 at 3:00

Acclaimed for his stylish, heartfelt renditions of jazz standards, John Alcorn has been hailed as “one of the finest interpreters of the American songbook” (Toronto Star). John will also appear in the *Duke Ellington Songbook* on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 and 8:00 and the *Breithaupt Brothers Songbook* on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30.

Kaeja d’Dance

Thursday, October 2 at 10:30

Daring and dramatic, this troupe pushes the boundaries of contemporary dance. Kaeja d’Dance creates a physical cabaret, highlighting ten of the city’s most celebrated contact dance improvisers. Live music orchestrated by Edgardo Moreno.

Melanie Doane

Friday October 3 at 10:30 & Saturday October 4 at 3:45

Juno award winning singer/songwriter/celtic fiddle master

Melanie Doane brings together friends and family for *A Thousand Nights*, an intimate musical celebration.

Friday, October 3 featuring *Emilie-Claire Barlow and Katbryn Rose*

Saturday, October 4 featuring *Ted Dykstra and Andrew Burashko*

Don Francks

Thursday, October 2 at 11:00 & Friday, October 3 at 11:00

Inimitable Canadian singer, actor, poet, artist, raconteur, Don Francks brings his unique style to cabaret. Accompanied by the brilliant pianist Steve Hunter, and an incredible rhythm section, Francks combines storytelling with fresh arrangements of jazz standards.

Kobèna Aquaa-Harrison

Thursday, October 2 at 7:45 & Saturday, October 4 at 5:15

Considered a master of African music, Aquaa-Harrison sings and plays guitars, bass, drums, keys, and a range of traditional African instruments.

Dennis Lee and Mike Ross

Saturday, October 4 at 6:15 & Sunday, October 5 at 2:00

Legendary Canadian Poet Dennis Lee teams up with musician/composer Mike Ross for a cabaret of music and words based on the celebrated poems of Toronto’s first Poet Laureate, Dennis Lee, from *Civil Elegies* to *Alligator Pie*.

Patricia O’Callaghan

Friday, October 3 at 6:30 & Sunday, October 5 at 5:45

“The most promising cabaret performer of her generation” (Billboard) lends her gorgeous, supple voice to a repertoire of cabaret classics, rock covers and original songs. Patricia will also appear in the *Kurt Weill Songbook* on Saturday, October 4 at 3:00 and 8:00, the *Leonard Cohen Songbook* on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 and Friday, October 3 at 10:30 and the *Breithaupt Brothers Songbook* on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30.

Steven Page

Thursday, October 2 at 10:00 & Sunday, October 5 at 3:30

The Barenaked Ladies frontman and accomplished solo artist, Steven Page, puts his own eclectic, melodic and clever stamp on cabaret. Steven will also perform in the *Leonard Cohen Songbook* on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 and Friday, October 3 at 10:30.

Queen of Puddings Music Theatre

Friday, October 3 at 7:00 & Saturday, October 4 at 2:00 & 9:00

Outrageous, clever and entertaining, Queen of Puddings Music Theatre takes a fantastical approach to classical opera works and will premiere their latest work at the Canwest Cabaret.

Featuring: sopranos *Carla Hubtanen and Shannon Mercer*

Jackie Richardson

Friday October 3 at 8:45 & Saturday October 4 at 10:30

Jackie Richardson is Canada’s beloved first lady of gospel, jazz and blues and a veteran of stage and screen. Jackie will also appear in the *Duke Ellington Songbook* on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 and 8:00.

Suba Sankaran

Thursday, October 2 at 8:15 & Friday, October 3 at 8:45

The award-winning artistic director of autorickshaw, Suba Sankaran effortlessly combines musical worlds, seamlessly crossing genres from jazz to classical to world music. Special guests include her father, master drummer Trichy Sankaran, multi-instrumentalist Dylan Bell, tabla player Ed Hanley, percussionist Ken Shorley and vocalist Daniel Galessiere. Suba will also appear in the *A Cappella Cabaret* on Saturday, October 4 at 7:15 & Sunday, October 5 at 7:00, and hosts the *Collaboratory Jam* on Sunday, October 5 at 10:00.

David Sereda

Thursday, October 2 at 10:00 & Sunday, October 5 at 5:00

One of Toronto’s most beloved performers, singer/songwriter/musician David Sereda brings his haunting vocals and tender musicality to an intimate evening of song.

Sarah Slean

Friday, October 3 at 7:00 & Saturday, October 4 at 5:30

Sublime, ethereal and highly theatrical, Sarah Slean is a singer-songwriter, pianist, painter, and photographer who will bring a heightened sense of drama to the intimate cabaret setting. Sarah will also appear in the *Leonard Cohen Songbook* on Friday, October 3 at 10:30, the *Breithaupt Brothers Songbook* on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 and the *Kurt Weill Songbook* on Saturday, October 4 at 8:00.

Maryem Tollar

Saturday, October 4 at 4:15 & Sunday, October 5 at 8:30

Maryem Tollar presents her brilliant cabaret *From Cairo to Toronto*. An exquisite singer/songwriter, Maryem’s passionate music sits at the nexus of Eastern and Western cultures. Maryem will also appear in the *Leonard Cohen Songbook* on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30.

Andrew Whiteman of Apostle of Hustle

Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 & Sunday, October 5 at 1:30

Andrew Whiteman of Bourbon Tabernacle Choir, Broken Social Scene and Apostle of Hustle fame, brings his indie charm to the Canwest Cabaret for a thoroughly theatrical performance inspired by the words of Ezra Pound, Cuban and Brazilian beats, and modern masters such as Tom Waits and Pavement. Andrew will also appear with his band Apostle of Hustle in the *Leonard Cohen Songbook* Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 and Friday, October 3 at 10:30.

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Friday, October 3 at 10:00

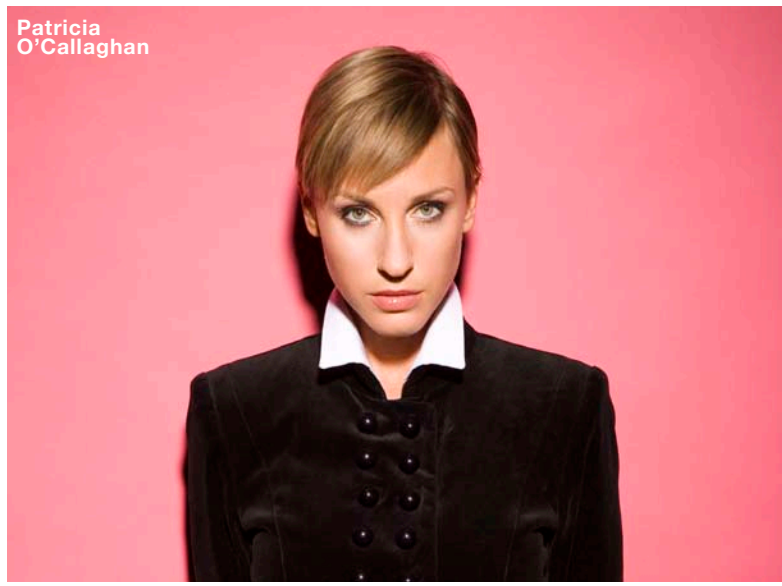
Political and lyrical, fierce and sweet, the multi award-winning dub poet, storyteller, playwright and musician brings her inimitable artistry to the stage.



Steven Page



Patricia O'Callaghan



THE SONGBOOK SERIES

Multi-Artist tributes to master songwriters.

Leonard Cohen Songbook

Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 & Friday, October 3 at 10:30

Allen Cole, Musical Director

Featuring: Apostle of Hustle, Patricia O'Callaghan, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Sarah Slean, Maryem Tollar and Steven Page.

Host: Robert Cushman

Kurt Weill Songbook

Saturday, October 4 at 3:00 and 8:00

John Millard, Musical Director

Featuring: Mary Margaret O'Hara, Patricia O'Callaghan, Sarah Slean, Mike Ross and Albert Schultz.

Host: Robert Cushman

Duke Ellington Songbook

Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 and 8:00

Andrew Craig, Musical Director

Featuring: John Alcorn, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Don Francks, Jackie Richardson and Andrew Craig.

A celebration of the music of the acclaimed American composer with music direction by Andrew Craig. A multi-instrumentalist and composer, in Andrew Craig, the African Diaspora meets European Art Music; he is currently the host of CBC Radio Two's "In Performance".

Host: Robert Cushman

Breithaupt Brothers Songbook

Saturday, October 4 at 6:30

Featuring: John Alcorn, Patricia O'Callaghan, Sarah Slean, Brent Carver, Dione Taylor, Adam Brazier, Adi Braun, Wendy Lands, Rikki Rumball and Shelley McPherson

"America may have had the Gershwins, but Canada has the Breithaupts" (Richard Ouzounian, Toronto Star)

THE SALONS

An intimate experience with a group of artists performing around a particular idea, style, discipline or culture.

David Buchbinder's Jerusalem Salon

Thursday, October 2 at 8:45 & Friday, October 3 at 8:30

Featuring: David Buchbinder, Fern Lindzon, Kieran Overs, Dave Restivo, Roula Said

David Buchbinder and friends explore the notion of 'Jerusalem'. Expect passion, technical mastery and artistic innovation from Buchbinder, an award-winning composer/trumpeter who is co-bandleader of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band.

Anima Fado

Friday, October 3 at 7:30 & Sunday, October 5 at 6:00

Featuring: Tony Gouveia, Maria Haidé and Cristina Taborda

The traditional 'blues' of Portugal finds a home in Toronto with Fado master Nuno Cristo, here joined by three of Fado's brightest Canadian vocal talents.

A Cappella Cabaret

Saturday, October 4 at 7:15 & Sunday October 5 at 7:00

Featuring: FreePlay Duo, Retrocity and Darbazi

Suba Sankaran brings together vocalists and choirs from a variety of genres in this intimate celebration of the human voice.

The Musical Theatre Salon

Sunday, October 5 at 3:15

Susan Henley and Diane Leah bring together some of Toronto's most gifted performers for 90 minutes of the best of musical theatre.

The Collaboratory Jam

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00

Suba Sankaran facilitates a festival-closing jam session.

Kobena Aquaa-Harrison

