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4. 2018-19 Call for Strathbutler Submissions

For arts and culture events in other areas of NB visit ArtsLinkNB by clicking here!

1. *In Living Colour, Christmas Choice, & Nikki's Sugar Plum Fair at Gallery 78 from November 30-December 24*

Known for her colourful flowers and vibrant paintings of her "Busy Woman" series, Alexandrya Eaton presents her 10th solo exhibition at Gallery 78, *In Living Colour*. In her latest instalment of large acrylic paintings, Alexandrya pleases and excites the viewer with bold, vivacious bouquets of flowers, and joyously colourful trees at various stages of growth and bloom throughout the year.

Until Christmas Eve, enjoy a wide selection of artworks in our annual *Christmas Choice* from over 20 artists, in the cozy, decorated, and stress-free environment of our gallery. This year features an exciting collection of new and small works by Glenn Hall, Stephen May, David McKay, Stephen Scott, Amber Leger, Andrew Henderson, Cathy Ross, Jessie Babin, Karen Burk and others, including a few special secondary market pieces by Molly and Bruno Bobak.

The holiday magic continues throughout the gallery with *Nikki's Sugar Plum Fair: A New Brunswick Craft Show!* With locally-made items by Kim Bent, Karen LeBlanc, Jacqueline Bourque, Trish Raine Felting, Tuckamoor Wildcrafts, Matt Cripps, Tomo Ingalls, A White Nest Candles, and many more! Gallery 78 is sure to be your one-stop holiday shopping location for the season.

We look forward to your visit in person and on-line at www.gallery78.com. [Back to top](#).

2. *Christmas Craft Bazaar & Open House at Shannex Parkland on December 6 from 10:30am to 3pm*

Christmas shopping made easy with 20 vendors selling knitting, homemade baked goods, wood working, and many more crafts of all kinds! Enjoy a tour of our beautiful facilities and luxury apartments at 2pm. [Back to top](#).

3. *Queer Bodies | Queer Narratives: LGBTQA+ Exhibition opens in George Fry Gallery on Dec 6, 4:30-6:30pm*

This exhibition explores the lived experiences of a group of Fredericton-based artists that identify as gender and sexual minorities, through a variety of mediums including photography, fashion, archival records, video, and more. The exhibition is a platform for queer artists to share their perspectives on living and loving in an increasingly divided world, where queer voices are too often driven into the shadows. It is an invitation to share untold stories, and celebration of the queer lives that have always been, and will always be, an important part of this province

This exhibition features:

- [Kelly Baker Photography](#)
- [Vincent Briggs Needlework](#)
- [Dusty Green of New Brunswick Queer Heritage Initiative](#)
- [Boy Venus](#)
- [Kyle Kirby Designs](#)
- [Chase Benjamin Ceramics](#)
- [Angel Williams](#)

Visit the exhibition in person until January 17. On January 10, join us for a panel discussion and hear from the artists themselves. [Back to top](#).

4. *Branch Out Productions presents The Parfumerie in the Tom Morrison Theatre, December 6-8 at 7pm*

Romance and retail—who could ask for anything more from the holiday season? Join Branch Out Productions as they present the play that inspired *You've Got Mail*, *The Shop Around the Corner* and Broadway's *She Loves Me*. This new hilarious adaption by Fredericton's Ben Harrison will leave your heart melting and your lips laughing as you follow George the Shop Clerk, his feud with Miss Amalia Balash, and his anonymous love letters to "Dear Friend". What could possibly go wrong when the person who annoys you most and the person you long for the most happen to be the same person - and you don't even know it!

Tickets are \$25 and will be available at Westminster Books, at Branchoutproductions.ca/tickets and at the door. [Back to top](#).

5. *The Capital \$100-or-Less Art Sale at 700 McLeod Ave. from December 6-9*

We are pleased to offer the Fredericton area high-quality art at an unprecedented value, just in time for Christmas gifts! We will be presenting a variety of items created by local artists and craftsmen including paintings, photography, mixed media, illustrations, pottery, jewellery, prints, and so much more! The best part? Everything will be \$100 or less!

The hours for this event are as follows:

- Thursday, 6 December: 6pm-9pm
- Friday, December 7: 10am-8pm
- Saturday, December 8: 10am-8pm
- Sunday, December 9: 10am-5pm

This show is completely unique as we will be presenting all work mixed together on the walls of our venue, floor to ceiling, gallery style. Works will be sold directly off the walls and updated throughout the event. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/330751187504610/>. [Back to top.](#)

6. Upcoming Events at Grimross Brewing Co. December 6-28

- **December 6 at 7:30pm: Kurtis Eugene & C.A. Jackson. \$10 at the door or Pay-What-You-Can**
Fredericton born alt-folk artist Kurtis Eugene returns home to perform with the full band. Eugene composes music that captures the imagination and moves the spirit. C.A. Jackson uses his tireless fingerpicking and catalogue-esque repertoire of antique melodies to bring new life into songs of long ago. A folk-singing crooner and multi-instrumentalist, his performances are nostalgic yet fresh, high-energy yet relaxed, and guaranteed to get your toes tapping.
- **December 8 at 8pm: The Hypos Trio. \$10 at the door.**
This four-piece powerhouse is taking Eastern Canada by storm with their high octane live show; prolific heartfelt ballads, and superb musicianship. A much needed whiskey shot in the arm for a new generation raised on corporate radio and Walmart Country.
- **December 13 at 7:30pm Adyn Townes Duo & Colin Fowlie Duo**
The cost is \$10 at the door.
- **December 28 at 7pm Living Roots Music Festival Fundraiser & Silent Auction**
One set of Jimi Hendrix; one set of Janis Joplin. Come see multiple local musicians playing songs of the greats. The cost is \$10 advanced and \$15 at the door.

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7. Cinema Politica Fredericton presents *Pride Denied* at Conserver House (180 St. John St.) on Dec 7 at 7pm

Pride Denied

(K Chisolm / Canada / 2016 / 70 min.)

Set to the backdrop of World Pride in Toronto in June 2014, *Pride Denied* explores the concepts of pride and homo-nationalism through interviews with activists, community organizers, artists, and academics. The film will be followed by an optional discussion with member of cohosting group; the Fredericton Feminist Film Collective.

All are welcome. Screenings are free but donations are welcome. Conserver House location is wheelchair accessible but the washrooms are up the stairs. For the trailer, or more information, visit <https://www.cinemapolitica.org/screening/fredericton/pride-denied-homonationalism-future-queer-politics>. [Back to top.](#)

8. *Tales of a Charlie Brown Christmas* with The Jerry Granelli Trio at The Playhouse on December 7 at 7:30pm

In 1965, world-class jazz musician Jerry Granelli, the newest member of the Vince Guaraldi Trio, was joined by Fred Marshall on bass in a San Francisco studio. Together, they recorded the soundtrack for a scrappy little animated Christmas special featuring the Peanuts gang. No one knew then that this recording would become the iconic soundtrack to the classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

In recent years, Granelli was inspired by his grandchildren and the generations who grew up loving the Charlie Brown soundtrack to perform the music again. With his own new trio, he's gone on to perform the classic and familiar piece of music in sold out shows across Canada, giving grandparents and parents the chance to introduce a new generation to live jazz music. Granelli's trio will share the stage with a local children's choir to bring *A Charlie Brown Christmas* soundtrack to life. This show promises stories, music, and a wave of Christmas spirit.

Tickets are \$36 (+ HST), \$33 (+ HST) for members, and \$18 (+ HST) for those under 19 years of age. They are available at: www.theplayhouse.ca. [Back to top.](#)

9. Fredericton Society of Artists Annual Fall Exhibition & Sale in the Provincial Archives December 7-17

This is always a great chance to pick up a beautiful Christmas gift. The paintings are all original pieces, no copies or prints and there's a big range in prices. The opening reception will be on December 7 from 5-7pm. There will be weekday viewings from 9am to 5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. [Back to top.](#)

10. Opening of *Surprise Endings* in the Fredericton Public Library Art Gallery on December 8 from 2-3:30pm

Join us for the launch of local artist Rhonda Connell's exhibit *Surprise Endings*. [Back to top.](#)

11. New Brunswick Country Showcase at The Playhouse on December 8 at 7:30pm

Join us for the New Brunswick Country Showcase Christmas Show featuring: Kevin Neilson, Mallory Parsons, Grace Crawford, Christine Crain, Stephen Hatheway, Marlee-Rae Brewer, Dwane Drost, Claudette Norman, Zaida Norman, Sarah MacLoon, Andrea Cormier, Steve Knox, Jolene Hall, Macey Jenkins, Paul DeMerchant, Kelsey Savoie-Moxon, Velvet Touch and the Showcase Band! Tickets are \$26 (+HST) or \$24 (+HST) for members, and are available at: www.theplayhouse.ca. [Back to top.](#)

12. Authors' Day at Westminster Books on December 8 from 10am-3pm

- 10am - 11am: Wayne Curtis signing copies of *Fishing the High Country: A Memoir of the River*
- 11am – 12pm: Lisa Hrabluk signing copies of *New Brunswick Underwater: The 2018 Flood of the Saint John River*
- 11:30am - 12:30pm: Jacques Poitras signing copies of his book *Pipe Dreams: The Fight for Canada's Energy Future*
- 12pm - 1pm: Brent Wilson signing copies of *A Family of Brothers: Soldiers of the 26th Battalion in the Great War*
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm: Ross Hebb signing copies of *In Their Own Words: Three Maritimers Experience the Great War*
- 1pm- 2pm: Alexandra (Jane) Tims signing copies of *Karst Topography (Meniscus Book 5)*
- 1:30pm- 2:30pm: Chuck Bowie signing copies of *The Body on the Underwater Road (Donovan Thief for Hire)*
- 2pm - 3pm: Mike Stapenhurst signing copies of *Forty Plus Thirty: A Road to a Healthier Lifestyle*

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13. The Bel Canto Singers present *Midwinter: A Time of Sleeping & Waking*, Dec 8, 7:30pm, Christ Church Parish Church

Music for the concert was selected to reflect the quiet of a winter world and the contrasting joyful celebration of Christmas. Selections include works by Bruckner, Poulenc, Britten, Chilcott, Ešenvalds, and Gjeilo amongst others. The choir will be joined by guest instrumentalists Emily Kennedy (cello), Julie Grant (flute), Josué Núñez (percussion), and our own Stephen Peacock (guitar). Special guest and former Bel Canto member, City Counsellor Kate Rogers will be reading poetry of the season reflecting the sentiments of the music.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$40 for families. They can be purchased at Westminster Books, from choir members, and at the door. [Back to top.](#)

14. Upcoming Events at The Capital Complex December 8-29

- **December 8 at 10pm: Force Fields with Little You Little Me. \$10 at the door.**
Little You Little Me cut their teeth through sweaty house shows in the industrial fog of Saint John, New Brunswick. Loud guitars articulate the fresh-faced foursome's dissatisfaction with the status quo. Since 2009, they've kicked crowds into sentience with ferocious fuzz-pop in the fine tradition of Eric's Trip and Thrush Hermit, adding their own rocky, coastal verve.
- **December 15 at 10pm: FM Berlin with The Snorkelers & Keegan Dobbelsteyn. \$8 at the door.**
[FM Berlin](#), the recipients of the 2018 Music New Brunswick Rock Artist of The Year award, is a four-piece Alternative east coast rock band that sounds like The Police and The Strokes made a baby....in space. This is a bold claim that they own with sing-a-long swagger.
- **December 29 at 11am: Tortue EP Release with Chillteens & Kral Majales. \$8 at the door.**
With strange time signatures, and slightly obscure rhythms and melodies, Tortue glues together puzzle pieces that were never meant to fit, but at the end the picture comes out unexpectedly pleasant. After a long hiatus from recording and performing, Tortue has put together a diversely dynamic, powerfully short, emotional rollercoaster of an EP.

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15. Launch of *The Wisdom of Beauty* by Artist Stephen May on December 9 at 4pm at Gallery 78

The Wisdom of Beauty is a book length essay by Stephen May, published by Chapel Street Editions in Woodstock, NB. This book is an artist's credo that delves into aesthetics, ethics, the practice of being a painter, and the cultural environment of the arts. Stephen is a winner of the prestigious Miller Brittain Award for excellence in visual art. A mid-career retrospective exhibition at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in 2006 showed the enduring strength of Stephen's skill and style. Stephen continues to produce exceptional paintings in his studio in Fredericton.

For more information, visit www.gallery78.com. [Back to top.](#)

16. Fredericton Ladies Choir Christmas Concert on December 9 at 3pm at St. Dunstan's Church

The choir is directed by Sally Dibblee with Nadine Martin as accompanist. The program will offer a blend of traditional Christmas carols and other seasonal favourites, many of them new to the choir's repertoire. Special guests for the event will be the Adult Handbell Choir from Brunswick Street Baptist Church directed by Peter Steeves. They will have their own time to perform but will also join the singers on several selections.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 each and may be purchased at Westminster Books, from choir members or at the door. A donation from the Christmas concert will go to the Fredericton Community Kitchen to support the Student Hunger Program. [Back to top.](#)

17. Annual Christmas Snootenanny! With Sugarbomb at The Snooty Fox on December 9 from 1-4pm

We are fund/food-raising for the Community Kitchen, with music from Fredericton's grooviest of bands, Sugarbomb Motown & Soul tribute! Bring non-perishable food items, or donate directly to the Community Kitchen if you so choose, and give to those in need this holiday season! [Back to top.](#)

18. Boyce Sunday Christmas Markets December 9 & 16

Join us at the Boyce Farmers Market on Sundays in December. The Market will be filled with talented local crafters, artists, and food producers who will be sure to have something special for everyone on your holiday shopping list. You can even pick out that perfect Christmas tree. These are not a repeat of the Saturday markets and there will be plenty of new vendors for you to meet. These markets will run from 10am to 3pm. [Back to top.](#)

19. Lansdown Concert Series presents Two Christmas-Themed Concerts December 9 & 15

- **Sunday, December 9 at 2pm: Meaghan Blanchard & Catherine MacLellan**
Catherine and Meaghan are in full rehearsal in their music workshop preparing for their annual Christmas concert series. They promise there will be lots of holiday favourites, originals, and more eclectic songs to mix it up!
- **Saturday, December 15 at 8pm: Mike Biggar & Jessica Rhaye**
These award-winning singer/songwriters will be accompanied by Grant Heckman and Sandy McKay

The artist's fee for each concert is \$25 at the door. The venue is 41 River Front Way. To reserve a seat, contact 457-0826 or pmm56@me.com. [Back to top.](#)

20. Upcoming Events at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery December 9-12

- **December 9 from 12 to 5pm: Family Art Day**
Bring the whole family to the Gallery's Family Art Days! This new program, offered on the last Sunday of each month, includes musical performances, multiple artist workshops, free admission, and more. With our ticketed Nutcracker Tea event happening on November 25, the Gallery's monthly Family Art Day has been rescheduled. For full information about this month's Family Art Day, click here. <http://beaverbrookartgallery.org/en/visit/family-art-day>.
- **December 12 from 12:15- 12:50pm: Curator Crunch's *Dangerous December: Exploring Colour and Pattern***
With special guest Jeff Alpaugh, join Manager of Collections and Exhibitions John Leroux for an exciting, intimate, and fast-paced look at artworks on display. Designed to comfortably fit in your lunch break, this short presentations on artistic treasures is open to everyone. See what these artworks say, and how they connect us with the world.

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21. Monday Night Film Series presents *The Happy Prince* (Dec 10)

December 10, 2018 7:30pm at Tilley Hall, UNB Campus

The Happy Prince

105 mins

UK/Belgium/Italy/Germany, 2018

English, Italian, French with English subtitles

Principal Cast: Rupert Everett, Colin Firth, Emily Watson

The last days of Oscar Wilde, and the ghosts that haunted them, are vividly evoked in Rupert Everett's directorial debut, *The Happy Prince*. Everett gives a career-defining performance as Wilde, physically and emotionally embodying the literary genius as he lives out his last days in exile in Europe. In a downward spiral following his conviction for "gross indecency", his body ailing and heavy, his mind spinning, he survives by falling back on the flamboyant irony and brilliant wit that defined him.

As the film travels through Wilde's final act and journeys through England, France and Italy, desire and loyalty face off, the transience of lust is laid bare, and the true riches of love are revealed. *The Happy Prince* also explores Oscar's doomed relationships with Lord Alfred 'Bosie' Douglas (Colin Morgan) and Robbie Ross (Edwin Thomas), as well as his ex-wife Constance Lloyd (Emily Watson).

This year, 30 limited release, independent foreign and Canadian films will be shown. Admission is \$8/film, but a yearly film society membership reduces admission cost to \$5/film. The series is open to all. Memberships are available at Tilley 102 every Monday night. For further info, contact NB Film Co-op at 455-1632, info@nbfilmcoop.com, or visit <http://www.nbfilmcoop.com/exhibition/monday-night-film-series>.

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22. Jim Myles Auditorium Dedication & Open House at Charlotte Street Arts Centre, December 11, 5:30-8:30pm

Having led the Fredericton High School musical productions in a time of glory, encouraged students to be their very best, and taken young and older travellers alike on epic journeys across the world, we could think of no better person to whom to dedicate our new performance space. Jim Myles was a wonderful advocate for, and contributor to, community arts.

The Jim Myles Auditorium is a 175 seated (215 standing), fully accessible performance and gathering space. The Auditorium boasts a new backstage area, a Green Room which is generously supported by the Fredericton Community Foundation, and a new elevator to allow one and all access to the many shows and events held in this space. As a cornerstone for the arts in downtown Fredericton, we still need to raise the remaining amount to fully activate this performance space and adjacent areas, but we look forward to providing the very best venue for our community!

Please join us to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Many of the Centre's studios will be open to explore, there will be tours of the building at 6pm and 8pm, performances will be happening around the Centre throughout, and there will be a few short words from the Myles family and CSAC at 7pm. Come for some refreshments and snacks, enjoy the performances, and join us in celebrating the opening of the Jim Myles Auditorium! For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/519948951815350/>. [Back to top.](#)

23. Community Carol Sing on December 12 at 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral

It is not often that the general public gets an opportunity to sing together unless they are a member of a choir or group. So come, bring your singing voices and a friend! All are welcome. [Back to top.](#)

24. Noon-Hour Advent Recitals at St. Paul's United Church on December 12 & 19

- **December 12:** Features the Fredericton High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Craig Woodcock
- **December 19:** The program will include Dr. Sharon Pond and The Vocal Collective

These three recitals will be held during the Advent season. They will start at 12:10pm and conclude at 12:50pm. A freewill offering will be received at each event. [Back to top.](#)

25. Herbert the Cow Productions presents *'night Mother* at Affirmation Lounge on December 13 at 7pm

The magnum opus of American playwright, Marsha Norman, this play won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1983. Jessie Cates, an unemployed epileptic with a failed marriage, and a deeply troubled son, tells his mother, Thelma, that he plans to kill himself before the night is over. Thelma tries to convince her son life is worth living, but Jessie remains resolute. This reader's theatre presentation (with a few surprises along the way) will feature Herbert the Cow alumnus, Amy Bourne, joining Corenski Nowlan for this one night only performance.

The cost is \$5 per ticket. Seating is limited so reserve your ticket by emailing corenski@gmail.com. We will also be accepting donations for the Canadian Mental Health Association. Due to the sensitive subject matter of the play, the show is 16+. Also, we wish to issue a content warning for anyone who suffers from depression, PTSD, or has in the past had suicidal thoughts.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1909170399119560/>. The Affirmation Lounge is located at 385 Mazzuca's Lane.

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26. Theatre New Brunswick presents *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* December 13-15 at the Fredericton Playhouse

Theatre New Brunswick will take audiences on a memorable holiday adventure with its upcoming production of the C. S. Lewis classic. As part of the company's 50th anniversary season, TNB invites you to join Lucy, Edmond, Susan and Peter on a magical journey to the land of Narnia where it's always winter, but never Christmas.

To share the story, TNB welcomes a ten actor cast that pairs national award winning actors of stage, film and television with four young actors from New Brunswick. Elena Hrkalovic (Susan), Sasha Mais (Lucy), Ben Rutter (Edmond), and Carter Scott (Peter) will each make their professional stage debut alongside an impressive cast of accomplished actors from across the country whose collective experience includes roles on Star Trek Discovery, Designated Survivor, Little Mosque on the Prairie, and Nikita, as well as appearances on some of Canada's best-known stages including Stratford, Shaw Festival, Soulpepper, Vancouver Playhouse, Canadian Stage and others.

Show times are as follows:

- December 13 at 7:30pm
- December 14 at 7:30pm
- December 15 at 2pm
- December 15 7:30pm

Tickets are available at the Fredericton Playhouse or online at tnb.nb.ca. [Back to top.](#)

27. Les gars du Nord at Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne on December 13 at 7:30pm

Acadian singer-songwriters, Wilfred LeBouthillier, Maxime McGraw, Danny Boudreau, and Jean-Marc Couture are back in Fredericton for a fifth year with their annual Holiday Celebration! They always deliver a dynamic performance full of holiday classics, original tunes, and lots of humour.

Tickets are \$38 regular and \$33 for 19 years and under at the CCSA's front desk, located at 715 Priestman Street, and at <https://ccsa.yapsody.com/>. For more information call 453-2731 or email info@ccsafredericton.ca. [Back to top.](#)

28. 5 à 7 Holiday Kitchen Party with La gang arrive at Tribute Bar & Lounge on December 14 at 5pm

Local band, La gang arrive is comprised of Robert Duguay, Bruno LaPlante, René LeBouthillier and Sébastien Boudreau. They will perform holiday classics and pop songs in a "kitchen-party" style. Admission is free. For more information call 453-2731 or email info@ccsafredericton.ca. [Back to top.](#)

29. Punk Xmas Party at The Capital on December 14 at 10pm

Featuring Which, Witch is Which, Neighbourhood Watch, Deep Fryer, and a Ramones Tribute. Also featuring:

- An eggnog chugging contest
- Photos with Santa
- Prizes to be won!

The cost is \$8 at the door; Bring non-perishable items for food bank donation. [Back to top.](#)

30. odd Sundays presents the Poetry of Margaret MacQuarrie-McLeod at Corked Wine Bar, Dec 16 at 2pm

The main portion of the afternoon will be a retrospective on the poetry of Margaret MacQuarrie-McLeod, who recently died after a lengthy illness. Margaret's poetry will be read by members of the Wolf Tree Writers Group, of which Margaret was a founding member.

That will be followed by two open sets on a seasonal theme. We are thinking about more than just holidays (although that would be most welcome); we're considering how the deep darkness of winter affects and impacts us, the darkening days when ghost stories and wicked fairies do their worst, when the weird clamours for notice.

This will be a time for you to consider adding your name to these open mic lists, whether you're a regular open mic reader or have never yet stood and read for the group. [Back to top.](#)

31. FHS Music Department Holiday Concert on December 16 at 2:30pm in the Tom Morrison Theatre

Featured groups include the String Ensemble, Glee Choir, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Admission is by donation. Come and enjoy some holiday favourites to put you in the mood for the season! [Back to top.](#)

32. Fredericton Concert & Marching Band presents *Songs of Christmas* on Dec 16, 7:30pm, Wilmot United Church

This concert of Christmas favourites new and old will feature special guest performers from The Fredericton Choral Society and Collective Theatrics, and there will also be a carol sing-along for the audience. Admission is by donation, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the CBC Feed a Family campaign in support of local food banks. [Back to top.](#)

33. Evening of Christmas Readings and Music at St. Paul's United Church on December 16 at 7pm

A presentation of Clement C. Moore's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* will be part of an evening of Christmas readings and music. The family-friendly program will include musical offerings by the Vocal Collective, Sharon Pond (organ), and Alexis Ervin (piano).

Tim Yerxa, executive director of The Fredericton Playhouse, will be the guest reader. Readings and music, both traditional and modern, will follow three themes: The Nativity Story, What Christmas Means to Me, and, of course, A Visit from St. Nicholas, the original title of Moore's work.

Admission is by freewill offering at the door to support the CBC's Feed a Family campaign. [Back to top.](#)

34. Music Ministries of Brunswick Street Baptist Church's Annual Candlelight Service, December 16, 6:30pm

This evening of Scripture and music by candlelight includes the adult choir, youth choir, adult handbell choir with instrumental and vocal soloists presenting a wide range of musical styles appropriate for the Christmas season. In the midst of the Christmas rush this evening presents an oasis of sight and sound. Offering from the service will be directed to support the Fredericton Homeless Shelters. [Back to top.](#)

35. Symphony New Brunswick presents *Messiah* at The Playhouse on December 18 at 7:30pm

Michael Newnham returns as guest conductor to lead SNB and the Louisbourg Choir in everyone's favourite Christmas treat: Handel's *Messiah*. Vocal Soloists: Sally Dibblee, soprano; Heather Flemming, contralto; Owen McCausland, tenor; and Paul Bustin, bass. There will be a pre-show talk at 6:30pm. [Back to top.](#)

36. Spotlight Series presents *A Christmas Time with The Ennis Sisters* at The Playhouse on December 19 at 7:30pm

With multiple accolades, including a Juno Award and multiple East Coast Music Awards, The Ennis Sisters are world-renowned celebrated songbirds. Comprised of three talented sisters, the Newfoundland-based trio is known for their buttery harmonies and voices as powerful as the Atlantic. This special holiday performance features a range of songs, from classic carols to original tunes, which evoke the spirit of a Newfoundland Christmas. [Back to top.](#)

37. *A Candlelight Christmas: Seasonal Music for Cello & Guitar* at Wilmot United Church on December 19 at 7:30pm

Please plan to join cellist Emily Kennedy and guitarist Steven Peacock for this one-hour recital, which features new arrangements of both familiar and lesser-known music of the Christmas season, as well as festive selections by Bach, Villa-Lobos, de Falla and Cordero. Admission is by voluntary contribution, with proceeds to support the Wilmot United Church Benevolent Fund. For further information, please contact speacoc1@unb.ca or call 452-0170. [Back to top.](#)

38. *Good Grief Where's Christmas? A Fun-Filled Musical Comedy* at The Delta, December 20-22 at 6:30pm

What do you get when you take the spirit of the season, wrap it in some cool rock melodies and tie it with all the holiday magic and wonder of your favourite childhood characters? A musical dinner theatre experience to celebrate all the traditions of the season!

Join Charlie Brown, Lucy, Sally, Linus and a host of colourful characters for a remarkable holiday production of *Good Grief, Where's Christmas?* With holiday charm and ticket prices even Scrooge would approve of, this musical comedy is a wonderful way to bring happiness and cheer to your favourite time of year!

The cost is \$35-65. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/good-grief-where-s-christmas-tickets-51316617384?aff=efbevent&fbclid=IwAR1YUHToyRInk2A3oudGEnXPC92RWPBoEJRvVv5PsbssGUZkRIBZRFLJ-Ak>. [Back to top.](#)

39. Measha Brueggergosman's *Christmas for my Hometown* at The Playhouse on December 22 at 7:30pm

Join Measha Brueggergosman as she comes home to Fredericton to celebrate the holidays and the strength of her hometown. The multi-award winning star will perform uplifting spirituals from her ECMA Award-winning album, *Songs of Freedom*, as well as some Holiday Classics. This performance will get you out of your seats and singing along as Measha embraces the spirit of the holidays. No matter what religion you follow, or if you don't follow one at all, it is all about coming together as a community, as a family, celebrating strength and love. [Back to top.](#)

40. Feelsgood XMAS Market 2018 at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre on December 22 from 10am to 4pm

Please join us for an afternoon of local crafters, live music and craft beer for our annual last-minute holiday pop-up at the Charlotte Street Art Centre. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2091077471203178/>. [Back to top.](#)

41. Measha Brueggergosman's *Christmas for my Hometown: Gospel Matinee* at The Playhouse on December 23 at 2pm

This gospel matinee will get you out of your seats and singing along as Measha embraces the spirit of the holidays. No matter what religion you follow, or if you don't follow one at all, it is all about coming together as a community, as a family, celebrating strength and love. The Gospel Matinee is inspired by the church services of her youth and her family's long history with the gospel. [Back to top.](#)

42. Christmas Eve Sing-Along & Reading of *'Twas The Night Before Christmas* at Parkland Fredericton, Dec 24 at 7pm

Join Penny in the Garrison Lounge of Regent Hall to share precious Christmas memories, sing carols and enjoy readings of Christmas classics, followed by a Christmas classic movie. [Back to top.](#)

43. Kidstage Series presents DuffleBag Theatre's *Snow White* at The Playhouse on December 28 at 2pm & 6:30pm

This holiday season, DuffleBag Theatre brings the classic story of Snow White to life, with lots of hilarious twists along the way! DuffleBag's fractured fairy tales are an annual favourite, full of spontaneous fun and audience involvement. Pay What You Will! [Back to top.](#)

Workshops | Classes | Art Camps

1. Grey Rabbit Theatre Co. presents *What's Next? Professionalization of Your Artistic Practice, Dec 7*

Laura-Beth Bird will hold a workshop in Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium at 6:30pm. This Workshop is held in partnership with Theatre St. Thomas and aims at teaching new artists about how to access the arts infrastructure ways to professionalize your practice. This event is free and open to the public.

Laura-Beth Bird graduated from St. Thomas Universities Drama Concentration Program in Spring 2017. She has considered herself to be a multidisciplinary artist, ranging between film, theatre and visual art. Bird's workshop will talk about possible post-graduate career paths, from continued education to private industry. It will also discuss how to access funding platforms, professionalization courses in the Fredericton region and recognizing your worth as an artist.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/707449552987290/>. [Back to top.](#)

2. Scripts and Screens in the NB Film Co-Op Resource Centre on December 15 at 6pm

The Grey Rabbit Theatre Co. in association with the New Brunswick Film Co-op will host its first Script and Screen event. This quarterly event is designed to engage writers and discuss the creation of their scripts. Film and theatre writers are welcome.

Note: Must be NB Film Co-op members to participate in this Film Co-op activity. Those non-members interested in attending can email info@nbfilmcoop.com about joining.

Grey Rabbit Theatre Co. hopes to promote both film and theatre with this project. GRTC founder Laura-Beth Bird says that “many new scriptwriters are unsure of their work.” She hopes that “this writing lab will help them discuss their ideas.” Bird believes that discussing storylines and promoting collaboration and conversation will help the community grow. Both theatre and film experience the same creation problems. This lab series hopes to encourage productive discourse and ideas.

This event will take place in the NB Film Co-op resource centre, located in the basement of the Charlotte Streets Arts Centre. All participants are encouraged to bring any work in progress and scripts to share. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/458989247960591/> for more information. [Back to top.](#)

3. Figure Drawing Studio at NBCCD until December 19

Drawing sessions with a model will run on Wednesdays from October 10 until December 19. This is not an instructional program, but rather an opportunity to draw from a model. Sessions run from 6pm to 8:30pm. The outer door will be locked, but the security guard will let you in when you arrive on time.

This will take place in the Drawing Studio, located on the 3rd floor of the main NB College of Craft & Design building on Queen Street in Fredericton (Room 3001). Ask Terry at the door if you are unsure where to go. The cost is \$80 for all 11 weeks, or drop-in for \$10 per night (free for NBCCD students and staff). You can pay the coordinator, Matt Watkins, directly (cash only please) when you come to the studio. No strong scents or chemicals allowed. Nude models are involved.

January 16 will be the storm date in case we have to miss a class. If NBCCD is closed for bad weather, we will cancel class. For more information or to be added to the mailing list for storm cancellations, contact Matt Watkins at symbiosisfineart@gmail.com. [Back to top.](#)

4. TNB Workshop: Adult Musical Theatre Dance Technique

Musical Theatre Dance Technique offers performers tools to enhance their dance skills through strength training, stylized choreography, as well as dance technique through some of Broadway’s hottest hits. Gain confidence at dancing in musicals, while learning in a fun, encouraging, and safe environment.

When: Sunday, January 6, 2019
Time: 5:30-8:30pm
Where: TNB Theatre School Rehearsal Hall, 55 Whiting Road, Fredericton, NB E3B 5Y5
Cost: \$25+HST

Courtney Arsenault is a Fredericton-based dancer, dance instructor, and choreographer. Originally from Saint John she moved to Toronto, Ontario after high school to complete training in the Commercial Dance Program at George Brown College. She has been heavily involved with competitive dance and community theatre for over ten years and continues to seek opportunities to grow as a creative thinker. Courtney is currently a member of the coop CORPS, a training platform for artists to develop and perform original works of physical theatre. While off stage she is also a dance instructor for Theatre New Brunswick, Artemis Dance Studio and choreographer for the St Thomas Musical Theatre Program and KV Players. Her work has been featured in productions including *Newsies* (KVP), *Beauty and the Beast* (TNB), *Urinetown* (STU), and *Chicago* (STU). Courtney has appeared as a guest instructor/performer for notable events including: Saint John Contemporary Dance Festival, PERSPECTIVE, and the New Brunswick Drama Festival.

To register, please email info@tnb.nb.ca. [Back to top.](#)

5. TNB Workshop: A Sampling of Technical Theatre

Fresnel, curve shape, layering, shudders. Have you heard any of these terms used in the theatre and wondered what they meant? Have you ever wanted to learn how to take a lighting design from page to reality? Are you a director that wants to learn how to better communicate with designers?

Theatre New Brunswick is offering *A Sampling of Technical Theatre* workshop. Learn the parts of, and how to hang and focus, different types of theatrical lighting fixtures. Explore how to build and shape your sound design on professional cueing software, Qlab. Find out how to take your images and create a dynamic projection backdrop.

When: Saturday, January 12, 2019
Time: 10am to 2pm – Instruction Period | 2 to 4pm – Hands-On Practical Experience
Where: TNB, Open Space Theatre, 55 Whiting Road, Fredericton, NB E3B 5Y5
Cost: \$40+HST

Trent Logan (Technical Director-TNB) and Mike Johnston (Technical Director-TUNB) will be holding a workshop on the basics of theatrical lighting, sound, and projection. This workshop aims to teach the practical aspects that go behind the technical elements of theatrical productions. Introductory instructions in all of these fields plus opportunities to get hands-on with the software and equipment will be used to greater solidify your training.

To register, please email info@tnb.nb.ca. [Back to top.](#)

6. edVentures Workshops during FROSTival from January 24 to February 10, 2019

- **Basketry for Beginners - January 26 from 9am-4pm (includes 1 hour lunch break)**
Join professional basket weaver Jasmine Cull as she teaches you to twine and wale - the fundamentals of basket making. By the end of the day, you will have made your own basket from the base to finished border!
Registration closes January 20, 2019
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$99 per person
- **Silver Ring - January 26 from 1-4pm**
Join goldsmith Erica Stanley and learn how to craft a sterling silver ring. You'll construct a comfort fit, matte finish ring, and learn a little bit about soldering too. This is a great opportunity to practice crafting jewellery for yourself or as a gift! **Registration closes January 20**
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$68 per person
- **Silk Scarf Painting - February 2 from 9am-4pm (includes 1 hour lunch break)**
Instructor Kent Jensen will guide you in some of the many techniques you can use to paint on silk. By the end of the workshop you will have created a beautiful one-of-a-kind scarf. Once dried, your scarf will be ready to take home.
Registration closes January 27
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$68 per person
- **A Taste of Soapstone Carving - February 2 from 1-4pm**
Get a taste of Soapstone Carving in this afternoon workshop. With easy-to-use hand tools, instructor Charles Clark's guidance will have you creating worry stones, ice cubes, pet rocks or let your imagination take over to create something of your very own. **Registration closes January 27**
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$89 per person
- **Soapstone Carving for Beginners - February 9 from 9am-4pm (includes 1 hour lunch break)**
Soapstone is easy to shape and carve, the powder is soft to feel and the dust can be contained by using a little care. With easy-to-use hand tools, and instructor Charles Clark's instructions, any beginner can make worry stones, ice cubes, pet rocks or let your imagination take over to create something of your very own. **Registration closes February 3**
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$149 per person
- **Crafting Sacred Copper Bowls - February 9 from 1-4pm**
Join goldsmith Erica Stanley for a fulfilling afternoon, creating your own sacred copper bowl. Learn how to anneal, sink and form a bowl that is finished with natural elements and made ready to hold those special small objects you find on life's journey! **Registration closes February 3**
Location: New Brunswick College of Craft & Design
Cost: \$85 per person

Limited space is available for each workshop, and pre-registration is required. Materials and HST are included in the cost, and workshops are offered in English or bilingually where indicated. To register, visit www.edVentures.ca. [Back to top.](#)

Auditions | Call for Artist Submissions & Awards

1. Audition Call: *Pride and Prejudice* on December 10

Branch Out Productions is excited to bring one of the world's most loved novels to their stage! Auditions will be by appointment, and are open to people aged 15+. As per Branch Out Production's casting standards, people of all genders, religions, races, and abilities are encouraged to audition. Those auditioning are asked to memorize and perform a 1 minute monologue in the style of the era and genre of the piece.

Rehearsals will begin early in 2019 and the show will run March 7-9, 2019. Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday evenings. Because of the short rehearsal process, those auditioning must be prepared to list all conflicts. No unexpected absences will be permitted. For an audition appointment or inquiries please contact our artistic director at ben@branchoutproductions.ca. [Back to top.](#)

2. The New Brunswick Library of Craft and Design seeks Board Members

The New Brunswick Library of Craft and Design is looking for interested people to establish their first library board. We're seeking individuals with an interest in the arts, particularly in craft, visual art, and design.

Applications are due by December 21, 2018.

For more details visit: <https://tinyurl.com/CraftLibraryBoard> or email andrea.koteles@gnb.ca. [Back to top.](#)

3. Call for Submissions: Bald Moon Magazines' Red Issue

We are searching for visual art and writing submissions with shades of red. Red is passion, fever, pain, murder, love. Red is traffic lights, roses, a blood moon. Red is open to your interpretation. Red is pink. Red is wine. Red is yours.

Submit your red poetry, prose, short stories, vignettes, 2am cellphone notes, photography, and visual art to: baldmoonmagazine@gmail.com. The word limit is 3,000 words. **The deadline is January 1, 2019.** Bald Moon Magazine is an online Canadian biannual arts and literature magazine based out of Fredericton, NB and Montreal, Quebec. Please visit our website to view back issues before submitting at www.baldmoonmagazine.com. [Back to top.](#)

4. 2018-19 Call for Strathbutler Submissions

Since 1991, the Strathbutler has helped to provide recognition in the field of fine craft or visual arts to an artist who has made a substantial contribution to the province of New Brunswick. The Strathbutler Award is a biennial award of \$25,000 and all submissions will be evaluated by an independent jury of arts professionals.

The Board of Directors invites nominations and applications for the 2019 Strathbutler **from November 15, 2018 until January 30, 2019**. All application details are available on line at www.sheilahughmackay.ca. [Back to top.](#)

Galleries at a Glance

The Abbey Café & Gallery: 546 Queen Street, Fredericton, E3B 1B9 | Phone: 455-6368 | Email: abbeycafe546@gmail.com | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abbeycafegallery/> | Hours: Monday – Friday from 9am-9pm, Saturday 12-9pm | Twitter: @abbeycafe546

Acacia Gallery: 1948 Lakeview Road, Cambridge-Narrows, New Brunswick, E4C 1N2 | Phone: 488-1119 | Website: www.flynnfineart.com | Hours: Saturday and Sunday. 12- 5pm, or by appointment.

Artful Persuasion: 80 York Street, Fredericton | Phone: 450-0464 | Website: www.facebook.com/ArtfulPersuasion | Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Saturday 12am-5pm.

Bankside Cottage Gallery: 56 Front Street, Village of Gagetown, NB | Phone: 488-6000 | Email: info@banksidecottagegallery.ca | Website: www.banksidecottagegallery.ca | Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 6pm

Beaverbrook Art Gallery: 703 Queen Street, Fredericton, E3B 5A6 | Phone: 458-2028 | Email: emailbag@beaverbrookartgallery.org | Website: www.beaverbrookartgallery.org | Hours: May through September: Monday*, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-9pm, Sunday 12-5pm. *Closed Mondays October through May.

Botanicals Gift Shop Inc.: 610 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 1C2 | Phone: 454-6101 | Email: botanicalsgiftshop@nb.aibn.com | Hours: Monday – Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-pm4 | Website: www.botanicalsgiftshop.com. Like us on Facebook for all the latest updates and specials in the shop.

Charlotte Glencross Gallery, Charlotte Street Arts Centre: 732 Charlotte Street, Fredericton, E3B 5C8 | Phone: 454-6952 | Email: info@charlottestreetarts.ca | Website: www.charlottestreetarts.ca. | Hours: Seven days a week until 10pm.

Connexion ARC: 732 Charlotte Street, Room 129 | Phone: 478-4484 | Email: info@connexionarc.org | Website: www.connexionARC.org | Hours: Monday to Thursday, 12-6pm.

Fibre Arts Studio and Gallery by Kathy Tidswell: 683 Route 104, Burtts Corner, NB. | Phone: 363-3560 | Email: kathy@kathytidswell.com | Website: www.kathytidswell.com | Hours: by chance or appointment.

Fredericton Region Museum: 571 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 455-6041 | Email: frederictonregionmuseum@gmail.com | Website: www.frederictonregionmuseum.com | Hours: April – June: Tuesday to Saturday: 1-4pm (by appointment or by chance); July – August: Sunday to Saturday: 10am-5pm; September – November: Tuesday to Saturday: 1-4pm (by appointment or by chance); December – March: By appointment* or by chance.

Fredericton Playhouse: Local visual arts exhibitions in the Playhouse Galleries, 686 Queen Street, Fredericton, E3B 1C2 | Phone: 453-8345 | Email: admin@theplayhouse.ca | Website: www.theplayhouse.ca | Hours: Monday - Friday 10am-6pm.

Galerie des Bâtisseurs: Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne, 715 Priestman Street | Phone: 453-2731 | Hours: Monday-Saturday from 8am-10pm, Sunday from 8am-9pm.

Gallery 78: 796 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 454-5192 | Email: art@gallery78.com | Website: www.gallery78.com | Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-3pm, Sunday 1-4pm.

The Gallery on Queen: 406 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 206-1904 & 261-0655 | Website: www.galleryonqueen.com | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/galleryonqueen/> | Hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 10am - 5:30pm.

Government House: 51 Woodstock Road, Fredericton | Phone: 453-2505 | Email: ltgov@gnb.ca. | Hours: Monday – Friday, 10am-5pm.

Isaac's Way Restaurant Art Gallery: 649 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 474-7222 | Email: isaacs@nbnet.nb.ca | Website: <http://isaacsway.ca> | Hours: Monday-Friday 11:30am; Saturday and Sunday 10am (Closing Hours daily 10pm)

Loominations Studio and Gallery: 94 Grasse Circle, Fredericton, New Brunswick | Phone: 457-1443 | Email: loomin_weaver@yahoo.ca | Website: www.loominations.ca | Hours: Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm, or by appointment.

New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame: 503 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 453-3747 | Email: nbsportshalloffame@gnb.ca | Website: www.nbsportshalloffame.com | Hours: Open daily June through August, Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am-5pm, and during Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival. Individual and group tours by appointment during the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Queenstown Goldsmiths: 4476 Route 102 | Phone: 506-440-1469 | Email: goldsmith@ericastanley.com | Website: www.queenstowngoldsmiths.blogspot.com | Hours: Tuesday to Friday from 9am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday by appointment or by chance

Saunders Studio Art Gallery: 29 Route 616, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick | Phone: 506-363-2917.

Scandimodern: 61 Carleton Street, Fredericton | Phone: 455-7730 | Email: <mailto:info@scandimodern.ca> | Website: <http://www.scandimodern.ca> | Hours: Monday to Thursday 11am – 6pm; Friday 11am – 8pm; Saturday 10am – 4pm.

Shannex Parkland Pedway Gallery: 35 Patience Lane, Fredericton | Phone: 460-8546 | Fax: 460-7275 | Mobile: 292-4025 | Email: <mailto:ppacey@shannex.com> | Website: <http://www.experienceparkland.com> | Hours: By appointment from 9am-4pm.

Strata Art Studios: 66 Marigold Street, Fredericton | Mobile: 259-4850 | Email: StrataArtStudios@yahoo.com | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StrataArtStudios> | Website: <http://www.StrataArtStudios.com> | Hours: By appointment only.

The George Fry Gallery: New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, 457 Queen Street, Fredericton | Phone: 453-2305 | Email: <mailto:karen.ruet@gnb.ca> | Website: <http://www.nbccd.ca> | Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:15am-4:30pm.

UNB Art Centre: Memorial Hall, 9 Bailey Drive, UNB Campus, Fredericton | Phone: 453-4623 | Website: <http://www.unb.ca/cel/programs/creative/exhibition/index.html> | Hours: Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.



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