

Rose Theatre sees multiple sell-outs

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BRAMPTON – If you wait any longer, you might be too late to buy tickets to some of the shows featured in the Rose Theatre's 2014/15 season.

The city is reporting that several of the shows in the Rose Theatre Presents series are sold out, and many have limited tickets remaining.

According to Bernice Morrison, manager, arts and culture, City of Brampton, "Natalie MacMaster's Celtic Family Christmas, Colm Wilkinson and Rick Mercer were sold out almost from the minute our season began."

She adds that sell-out shows are very likely for April Wine (Nov. 20), Famous PEOPLE Players (Nov. 21), Shaun Majumder (Nov. 29) and Classic Albums Live: Creedence Clearwater Revival's Chronicle, Vol. 1 (Feb. 27).

"Brampton and surrounding area residents who would like to see these shows, or are thinking about buying tickets as Christmas presents, are encouraged to go online or contact the box office as soon as possible," said Morrison.

According to Terry Bachtis, program supervisor for the Rose Theatre, tickets sales for the entire season are ahead of last year's season at this time.

"We attribute this to the approach we took in programming this season: we are offering world-class Canadian and international talent. There are shows for all ages, all cultures and all tastes. Whether it is stand-up comedy, high energy shows like 360 ALLSTARS or renowned performers like Matt Dusk or Colin James – we've got it at the Rose," he said.

One of the biggest successes so far this season was The Wiggles, one of the most popular and recognized children's television shows from Australia.

"It was a coup for us to get them as part of their North American tour," said Bachtis.

"Feedback from audiences last season helped to inform our offering this season, including more jazz. To meet that demand we have the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on March 13 – a real taste of New Orleans-style jazz," said Bachtis.

As well, the Ride to The Rose program has been a hit with seniors groups. As part of the Theatre's community outreach, the Ride to The Rose program has expanded to accommodate more seniors' groups.

"This program provides free, wheelchair accessible transportation to seniors, including pick up at their home or retirement residence," said Morrison. "There's an escort on every bus, mobility support and discounted tickets, plus Brampton seniors have the opportunity to socialize and attend special talkback sessions with the artists and performers."

The Rose Theatre is also proud of its extensive education program. Arts Adventures reaches hundreds of schools and thousands of students in Peel region.

"We had a record number of students participate in the program last year and expect to exceed that number in 2014/2015," said Bachtis. "We offer shows for students from junior kindergarten through to Grade 12."

The City of Brampton is increasingly becoming known for its cultural and artistic vibrancy, ambience and community engagement. The arts and culture team is dedicated to presenting quality arts and entertainment to the city's diverse audiences, providing the local performing arts community with venues of excellence in the performing arts, and preserving a Brampton heritage of live performance.

The 2014/15 Rose Theatre Presents season runs until May 2015 and includes performances by Danú, JoSH, Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea,

Saturday Night Live's

Rob Schneider, Tim Meadows and Chris Kattan, and many other must-see entertainers.

Tickets can be purchased at the Rose Theatre Box Office, by calling 905-874-2800 or online at www.rosetheatre.ca.



Brampton's Rose Theatre is seeing many sell-out shows so far in its 2014/15 season.