

City Opera Vancouver's *Sunday with Sondheim* Comes to The ACT Mainstage for a Musical Exploration of Love and Relationships

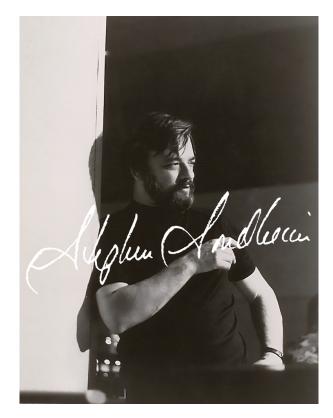
The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge presents *Sunday With Sondheim*, a stageshow centred on the music by legendary Broadway composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim.

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The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge welcomes eight powerful voices from <u>City Opera Vancouver</u> on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 PM for *Sunday With Sondheim*, a unique semi-staged show filled with music and flowing dialogue. The production is based on the many Broadway hits of legendary composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim.

Sunday with Sondheim takes audiences on a unique moving journey connected by scenarios, dialogue, and song, through the emotional phases of a relationship--with romantic partners, friends, and ourselves--exploring the excitement, pain, joy, and desire for human connection.

"...[H] ow the songs are delivered dramatically really generates the emotional journey the audience latches onto" says City Opera Vancouver's Director of Concerts, Alan Corbishley. "How we dramatize by semi-staging each song to show discussions with their romantic partners, with friends, [and] through self...reflections... shows what people are working through..."



The concert features songs from many of Sondheim's beloved musicals, including *Into the Woods*, *Company, Gypsy, Sweeney Todd, Sunday in the Park With George, A Little Night Music*, among many other Broadway hits.

Performing from City Opera Vancouver is a roster of veteran performers: Amy Gartner, Steffanie Davis, Jesse Alvarez, Nic Kyle, Jacob Leonard, Georgia Bennett, and Brandon Thornhill, with Perri Lo accompanying on piano and Alan Corbishley as Director, whose credits include Vancouver Opera, Arts Club Theatre productions, television, and JUNO-award performances. The performance runs approximately 90 minutes, plus a 15-minute intermission. Single tickets are starting at \$22.50 + fees and can be purchased online at <u>www.theactmapleridge.org/sunday-with-stephen-sondheim</u>, in person at The ACT Arts Centre located at 11944 Haney Place, Monday to Saturday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, or by phone at 604-476-2787.

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