



The Banff Centre
inspiring creativity

Transformation ~ The 30th Banff Midsummer Ball Weekend

Itinerary

Friday, July 17, 2009

11:00 a.m. ~ Golf at The Fairmont Banff Springs (optional – 18 holes \$250, 9 holes \$125)

Choose from 18 or 9 holes of casual afternoon golf at the world famous Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course – designed by Canada's master golf course architect, Stanley Thompson. Renowned for its panoramic beauty, The Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course is a captivating and challenging layout set in the heart of Canada's Rocky Mountains. Price includes golf cart and lunch.

7:00 p.m. ~ Food Festival and Cabaret

Come celebrate the transformative power of creativity and innovation with fabulous food and wine, and exceptional performances by notable Banff Centre alumni and friends, including Juno Award-winning and Grammy-nominated Cuban pianist **Hilario Durán** (has played with legendary artists like Dizzy Gillespie and Michael Legrand); chameleon-like Canadian bassist **Roberto Occhipinti** (has recorded with the likes of Nelly Furtado, Rush, Holly Cole, and Oscar Peterson); and Irish-born drummer **Mark Kelso** – Head of percussion at Toronto's prestigious Humber College (has worked with numerous stars from Herbie Hancock to James Taylor to Olivia Newton John). Inspired by the Marc Jordan song *I Will Always Love Loulou The Acrobat*, Ball guests will witness the next evolution of a musical-in-the-making. This highlight will be performed by the cast members from Banff Centre Theatre Arts Director Kelly Robinson's musical *Loulou*. With libretto by Quincy Long, the 2008 Ball featured performances by *Loulou's* singer-and-songwriting partners Amy Sky, Marc Jordan, and Steve MacKinnon.

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Sign up for any or all of these optional daytime activities, exclusively for Ball Weekend guests ...

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. ~ Early Bird Walk or Run

Tap into your own creative energies in a beautiful mountain setting with an optional guided walk or run.

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. ~ Musical Mountain-Top Breakfast

Join us for fabulous fare and sumptuous sounds on The Banff Centre's Bentley Chamber Music Patio.

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9:00 – 10:00 a.m. ~ Transformation Spotlight: Veronica Tennant (optional - \$95/person)

Award-winning and internationally renowned Prima Ballerina turned filmmaker, Banff Centre alumna Veronica Tennant will host a private screening of her films *Shadow Pleasures* and *Vida y Danza, Cuba*. As Prima Ballerina with The National Ballet of Canada for 25 years, Veronica Tennant won hearts and accolades, performing with the greatest male dancers of our time, including Erik Bruhn, Rudolf Nureyev, Anthony Dowell, and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Committed to catalyzing the most vibrant artistic talent in Canada, she has transformed from an award-winning and internationally renowned dancer to a Gemini Award-winning filmmaker, writer, director and producer. Produced and directed for CBC and Bravo!, and inspired by the poetry of and collaboration with author Michael Ondaatje, *Shadow Pleasures* broke all records at the 2005 Yorkton Film Festival. *Vida y Danza, Cuba* was screened at the 2008 Luminato Festival of the Arts, on the Bravo! television network, and at the Havana Film Festival.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. ~ Leadership Spotlight: Michael Jones “Pianoscapes” (optional - \$95/person)

Leading Artfully – Awakening the Life of the Imagination: In a time of deep uncertainty and sudden change, creative facilitator, speaker, writer, pianist, and Banff Centre faculty member Michael Jones envisions a renaissance in leadership practice – one that involves a transformation in awareness from performance to presence, from uniformity to uniqueness, from abstraction to beauty, from efficiency to improvisation, and from instrumentality to the expressive power of story and voice. Together they awaken a commons of the imagination – a collective field of possibility that transforms our mechanistic view of the world to a more sustainable and transcendent vision that is creative, organic and whole. Join Michael on a journey of music and stories to awaken a new understanding of the creative dimensions of leadership – a dimension where leaders not only do things differently but see things differently by listening for what emerges in the spaces between the notes.

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. ~ Mountain Culture Spotlight: Maria Coffey (optional - \$95/person)

Adventurer, journalist, Banff Centre alumna, and award-winning author Maria Coffey has what many call a “dream life.” She and her photographer-husband Dag Goering roam the globe running their adventure travel company Hidden Places and their new not-for-profit Elephant Earth Initiative. Through stunning images and lively stories Maria will share how this “dream life” is the result of being guided by life’s big lessons, trusting her intuition, and believing in the power of personal risk. Among her many accomplishments, Maria Coffey’s latest book *Explorers of the Infinite* was selected as one of Oprah Winfrey’s Soul Series “best reads of the summer.”

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11:30 – 1:30 p.m. ~ Mountain View Lunch at Vistas Restaurant

You’ll be inspired by the fare, as well as one of the finest views in the Bow Valley. Our new dining centre is located atop the Sally Borden Building, encircled by breathtaking views of Rundle, Sulphur, Norquay, and Cascade mountains.

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1:30 – 2:30 p.m. ~ Your choice of one of three guided tours...

Kinnear Centre for Creativity & Innovation “Hard Hat Tour”: With the opening scheduled for July 2010, get an exclusive look at the development of this cornerstone facility of The Banff Centre’s campus revitalization plan.

Visual Arts Residency Tour: Banff Centre Director of Visual Arts Kitty Scott invites you for an exclusive tour through artists’ studios, guided by Berlin-based critic and Banff Centre summer residency leader Jan Verwoert. Meet artists and see The Banff Centre’s studio facilities.

Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Get a glimpse of artists at work in the most unique and specialized areas of The Banff Centre. Hosted by our own historian and Banff Centre expert Jim Olver, this year’s tour will feature a sneak-peek of opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* in rehearsal.

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5:30 – 6:30 p.m. ~ Champagne Reception

Launch the evening in style and let the music lead you to our magical mountain stage where the evening begins with bubbles and a sampling of delectable delights. With the Rocky Mountains as your backdrop and friends at your side, tip a glass to the magnificent views that have inspired artists and audiences alike.

Simply Fabulous Photos

A Ball Weekend favorite, don’t miss the opportunity during the champagne reception to have your Midsummer Ball Gala photo taken in all your finery!

6:30 p.m. ~ The 30th Banff Midsummer Ball Gala

The crowning glory of the weekend, this spectacular black tie affair will celebrate the transformative power of artistry and creativity. The evening opens with a never-seen-before performance from *Evangeline*, a new musical from Canadian Ted Dykstra and American Brian Crawley based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem. Ranging from the defunct province of Acadia to the colonies of the nascent United States, *Evangeline* has the outsized romantic heart of the last century’s classic musicals under the tougher, edgier skin of the present – starring Carly Street. Savour a four-course culinary feast, expertly prepared by our award-winning chef, Beat Hegnauer. Bid on an exceptional array of silent auction items between mingling and dancing to the sounds of the Eric Friedenberg Orchestra.

Sunday, July 19, 2009

10:00 a.m. ~ President’s Brunch

As the weekend winds down, guests gather at the residence of Banff Centre president and CEO, Mary E. Hofstetter, and David Riggs, for a sumptuous balcony brunch overlooking the Bourgeau Mountain Range.

NOTE: Tickets for the Ball Weekend are \$750 each—this includes everything except accommodation and optional activities. On-site accommodation at The Banff Centre is \$235/night. Optional golf at The Fairmont Banff Springs on Friday is \$250 for 18 holes and \$125 for 9 holes. Saturday morning’s optional “Banff Centre creative experience” activities are \$95 each.