

YMCArts PRESENTS

The Kitty Cabaret

ft. Peter & the Wolf and Mask Tales

Produced by the Festival of Animated Objects

MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

BMO Theatre, Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge

MARCH 25 & 26, 2023

Evan Hazell Theatre, Brookfield Residential YMCA at Seton

PERFORMANCES AT 1 P.M.

SHOW LENGTH APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRODUCTION OF YMCArts PRESENTS 2023 SEASON!

We are so thrilled you could join us for this wonderful puppet and mask show created for you and your whole family. We here at YMCArts believe that creating and sharing stories through music, song, dance, theatre, and art-making of all kinds – like puppetry! – has the power to bring us closer together, and build thriving, connected communities where everyone can belong, grow, thrive and lead.

We hope you find this production of The Kitty Cabaret a terrific example of doing just that.

Calgary is a hotbed of extraordinary puppeteers – as the Globe and Mail states, “Calgary has become one of the most fertile spots in North America for ground-breaking puppetry” – and the forerunners, and fore-founders of this creative richness, are the people who are putting together this show: the creative team at Calgary’s Festival of Animated Objects. It is a privilege to work with the folks at the festival to bring to you a ‘Kitty Cabaret’ of offerings for the younger set.

Check out ymcocalgary.org/arts to see what other kinds of arts programs, shows, and workshops we do here at the Y, for kids and adults of ALL ages!

And now, please enjoy The Kitty Cabaret!

Judy Lawrence
General Manager of YMCArts



Peter & the Wolf

THE KITTY CABARET FT. PETER & THE WOLF AND MASK TALES PRODUCED BY THE FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS

Get set for the Kitty Cabaret, a purrfectly delightful afternoon full of stories, puppets, masks, and music for the whole family!

Hosted by Jen Bain (Fraggle Rock) and her friend Louis the Cat, the Kitty Cabaret will delight you and your little creatures.

Peter & the Wolf

Originally written by Sergei Prokofiev in 1936, this heartwarming story-with-music is about a spunky little boy and his animal friends, who outwit and capture the big scary wolf that haunts their home. This retelling of the story will be performed with eight original handcrafted puppets. Each puppet character is represented by an instrument in the orchestra.

Mask Tales

The Ravens

Mama teaches mischievous Baby how to be a Raven. Part of Mask Tales by CAOS (Calgary Animated Objects Society).

Discovery

A curious creature’s discovery invites your imagination to take flight. Part of Mask Tales by CAOS.



Mask Tales

FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS (FAO) CAST & CREATIVE TEAM

Xstine Cook:	Creator, Founder of FAO and Artistic Director, Film & Exhibits
Peter Balkwill:	Artistic Director, FAO, Live Performance
Cosmo Christoffersen:	Managing Producer, FAO
Jen Bain:	Performer/puppeteer for Louis the Cat
Louis the Cat:	Jen’s puppet co-host. Better than everyone else.
Juanita Dawn:	Creator and Puppeteer/Performer for Peter and the Wolf
Monica Ila:	Performing in Peter and the Wolf
Jocelyn Mah:	Co-choreographer and performing in both Mask Tales and Peter & the Wolf
Tia Delauria:	Performing in Mask Tales
Emma Eaton:	Co-choreographer for Mask Tales

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS

Calgary’s Festival of Animated Objects Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting mask & puppet related performance.

Animated objects (sometimes known as puppets and masks) are the great equalizer. They arouse our curiosity and suspend our judgement. They open our minds and allow us to see things from different perspectives.

Breathing life into the inanimate and giving expression to the inert, the Festival of Animated Objects brings world-class artists to engage and entertain audiences of all ages, arousing our collective imaginations and opening us up to new worlds and new ideas through the innovative and sophisticated art of storytelling through mask, puppetry and animated objects.

The Festival of Animated Objects is on NOW!
It runs March 14 to April 2, 2023.

Check it out: puppetfestival.ca



The Kitty Cabaret

It’s a kitty. It’s an alien.
It’s a kalienitty!



Explore the creative possibilities of YMCArts

YMCArts opens the curtains to visual arts, drama, choir, and dance programs for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Or be inspired with live performance in one of our breathtaking community theatres. Learn more at ymcocalgary.org/arts.