

This Season is Gold!

On Leap Day in 1968, Surrey Centennial Arts Centre threw open its doors and welcomed the public with a production of *Brigadoon* by Surrey Musical Productions. Since then, Surrey Civic Theatres has leapt into its mission to be a welcoming place for artists and audiences alike. Through the years the auditorium became the Main Stage with all the features of a professional theatre, and a black box Studio Theatre was built. The venue also became home to the Surrey Art Gallery. Most recently, Centre Stage at Surrey's new City Hall was added into the fold—its innovative design creates a dual purpose venue that is both council chambers and a performance space.

Each year, Surrey Civic Theatres—with the Arts Club Series as its anchor—presents an eclectic blend of high-quality professional theatre, music, dance, comedy, and even magic. It's a place to be entertained, enlightened, and inspired—a place to connect with friends and family.

Surrey Civic Theatres is offering some of its presentations packaged in series form—Arts Club, Classical Coffee Concerts, Comedy, Family, Staged Readings, and Surrey Celebrates Canada150.

Our 50th anniversary season is gold—won't you join us?

CENTENNIAL ARTS CENTRE · 1968

Thanks to our good friends at the Surrey Archives, we are able to share some wonderful photos throughout our season brochure of just a few glimpses from 50 memorable years.



Aerial view of the Bear Creek Park Pavilion, along with the newly constructed Centennial Arts Centre.



The newly constructed Centennial Arts Centre standing open and ready for visitors in Bear Creek Park.

BRIGADOON OPENS CENTENNIAL ARTS CENTRE

The haunting melodies and lyrics of *Brigadoon* will resound through Surrey's spanking new Centennial Fine Arts Centre as the building's first ever show.

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Mink stoles and formal gowns were much in evidence Thursday evening at the official opening of the Surrey Fine Arts Centre. Here, awaiting the final performance of *Brigadoon* are, from left, Mrs. C. D. Moore, and councillors wives Mrs. Jim Wallace and Mrs. Bill Van Der Zalm.

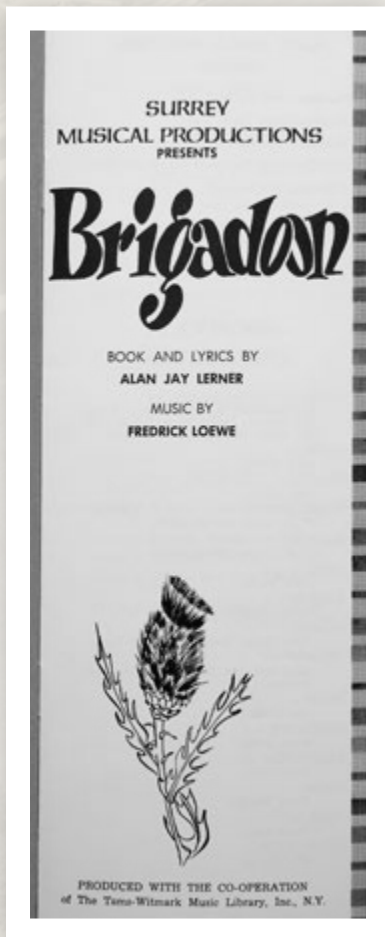
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A capacity crowd was on hand Thursday night for the opening of *Brigadoon* by Surrey Musical Theatre in the municipality's new \$200,000 cultural center,

Surrey Fine Arts Theatre, in Bear Creek Park. In the above picture, long-time Surrey arts booster Doug Moore surveys the opening night crowd with theater members Betty Lou Bossard, left, and Donna Nichols, right.

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First page of *Brigadoon* program presented at the Surrey Arts Centre, by Surrey Musical Productions.



The whole cast of *Brigadoon* takes a final curtain call following the first night of the production at the new Surrey Centennial Arts Centre and Theatre.

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CAST

Tommy Albright	Bruce Rathie
Jeff Douglas	Dave Dunnington
Jane Ashton	Barbara Belford
Fiona MacLaren	Denise Laughland
Jean MacLaren	Margo Bendick
Andrew MacLaren	Roy D. Fletcher
Archie Beaton	Hans Winter
Harry Beaton	Donald Kirk
Mr. Lurie	Gordon Spencer
Charlie Dalrymple	David Tuck
Angus McGuffie	Mel Stewart
Sandy Dean	Charles McGill
Mog Brockie	Carol Molnar
Frank	Sue Curry
Maggie Anderson	Madeline Gressel

TOWNSFOLK OF BRIGADOON

Don Byrne, Steven Brown, Debbie Toop, Anne Tower, Florie Lumsden, Chuck Bury, Lloyd Warner, Val Gordon, Sylvia Seymour, Al Jurk, Anith Jaubert, Betty Stevens, Hans Winter, Mary Edou Mackenzie, Wilma Curry, Barbara Sprouton, Denise Stewart, Gerri Wilson, Harry Worthing, Sandra McLean, May McGill, Mike Toursemille, Paddy MacDonnell.

CREDITS

PRODUCER DIRECTOR	Brian Lane
CHOREUS DIRECTOR	William Anderson
CONDUCTOR	Donald Murray
CHOREOGRAPHER	Madeline Gressel
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Annie Buntt
STAGE MANAGER	Bill Smithmanick
SET DESIGNER	Albert Jurk
SET CONSTRUCTION	Carl Jaubert
LIGHTING	Donna Common and Peter Arnold
PUBLICITY	Mel Stewart
BUSINESS MANAGERS	Jack Whyard and Roy D. Fletcher
PROGRAM and TICKETS	Norma Fletcher
COSTUMES	Molly Sebeck
PROPERTIES	Norma Fletcher and Annie Buntt
MAKE-UP	Margaret Lumsden and Bonnie Tolman
HAIR STYLIST	Sandra Smith
PLAIDIST	Karen Wrenk
Chorus	Surrey Singers



Big smiles from lead players in *Brigadoon* came after final rehearsals for production. From left are Carol Molnar, Bruce Rathie, Margo Bendick and Dave Tuck, all of whom have lead roles in the musical.

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Brigadoon program cast list and credits.

SURREY CIVIC THEATRES SPOTLIGHT



The **Arts Club Theatre Company** and the Surrey Arts Centre have enjoyed a long standing relationship since 1989. Above we see Lauren Bowler on the SAC Main Stage in *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery!* (Photo credit: Mark Halliday Moonrider Productions)



The trophy winners as the outstanding dancers in the 1970 **Surrey Festival of Dance**. From left, Judy Hill, tap; Allison Ramsay, Highland; Patti Caplette, ballet; Beverley Miller, most promising dancer.



The **Surrey Festival of Dance** and the Surrey Arts Centre have been together for a long time—from the very beginning in fact! 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of not only the Surrey Arts Centre, but also the Surrey Festival of Dance being held here! (Photo Credit: Boaz Joseph)



Long-time Community presenter **Josie De Baat** featured here post performance with dancers on the lawn of the Arts Centre (now the parking lot), circa 1987.

LONGSTANDING HISTORICAL PRESENTERS



For the past 35 years, the **Fraser Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society** have been gracing the Surrey Arts Centre stages with its productions. Pictured here is a photo from the FVGSS production of *HMS Pinafore* in 2005 (from left: Laura Luongo, Suzanne Benson, James Walker, Bryony Sawyer).



Featured here is Christina Campbell in the role of Mad Margaret in the 1992 production of *Ruddigore (or The Witch's Curse)* by FVGSS. Christina is now the Performing Arts Programmer at the Surrey Arts Centre.



FVGSS panto *Hickory Dickory Dock* (1989) with, from left, Elizabeth Steele, Kerry O'Donovan, Lyn Lay, Keri Minty, Robert Newcombe, and Robin Hussen.



2018 marks the 10 year anniversary of the **Royal Canadian Theatre Company** presenting at the Surrey Arts Centre. Pictured here is Ellie King, the Artistic Director of RCTC, in the title role of *Shirley Valentine* on the SAC Main Stage in 1997.



RCTC's first production at the SAC was the panto *Mother Goose* in 2008 on the Main Stage, featuring Michael Roberds as Squire Nastiman (left) along with Panto Dame Alan Cedargreen as Mother Goose.