

# H <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> ARTS

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 2018



**Kathryn Gretsinger (Emcee)** - Kathryn's career in journalism began in the late 80s when she joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Canada's public broadcaster. Kathryn is committed to public service journalism and she has worked to develop her journalistic skills to reflect the technological change in the industry. She works across platforms, but her first love is audio. Her documentaries, programs and interviews have been recognized locally and nationally. She frequently guest hosts radio programs at CBC and continues to work with reporters, producers and editors to train journalists in audio storytelling techniques.



**Fred Lee (Live Auctioneer)** - Fred Lee's fabulous sense of humour and unique style makes him our 'Man About Town.' The Social Butterfly steps out with Rick Cluff every Monday morning on CBC Radio One's The Early Edition to share all of Vanhattan's A-list happenings, red carpet parties, must-attend galas and fabulous fundraisers. Fred's weekly social column 'Fred UnLEEshed' appears in the Vancouver Courier Fridays and his 'Fred Lee's Social Network' column appears every Sunday in the Province Newspaper. Fred will join us for the first time at H'Arts 2018 as our live auctioneer



**Ladies in White (magical greeters)** - The Ladies and White are a feast for the eyes and spirit. They have been known to bring a fantastical flair and delightful ambiance to all sorts of events, including; parties, parades, gala fundraisers, picnics, festivals and conferences. Elegantly sassy, innocent and silly the Ladies love to mingle and pose with you for a photo or two. Choose to engage, or simply enjoy their fancy antics from across the room. Either way, the Ladies in White (who are sometimes men) will help create an affair to remember.

[www.theladiesinwhite.com](http://www.theladiesinwhite.com)



**The Burying Ground (musical greeters)** - An upbeat blues string band that brings the fire of punk to the technical prowess and distinct sounds of such early blues, country and jazz masters as Blind Blake, Bessie Smith, Gary Davis, Memphis Minnie, Big Bill Broonzy, and Jimmie Rodgers. The core duo of Devora Laye (washboard, vocal and saw) and Woody Forster (guitar and vocals) lend new life to old songs while focusing on composing original material. All three albums have hit the radio charts - Big City Blues (2015); Country Blues & Rags (2017); and The Burying Ground (2017).



**Mike Battie (roving greeter)** - Since 1985 Mike Battie has been wowing audiences with his hilariously dynamic stage show. He blends virtuoso juggling choreographed to music with light-hearted crowd participation to amaze and amuse. This is the first time has been with us for H'Arts.



**The Hot Club of Mars (lounge acoustic act)** - Originally known as the Kitsilano Kat Kickers, world renowned luthier Michael Dunn and his fine musicians will thrill you as they slice and dice 50 shades of swing with admirable gusto. This acoustic ensemble has been swinging around Vancouver since the 70's sharing their Django inspired gypsy-jazz, world rhythms and dynamic repertoire. Deanna Knight is their long running chanteuse and will join them on stage during the evening's cabaret and awards. [www.deannaknight.ca/hotclub](http://www.deannaknight.ca/hotclub)



**Clara Shandler (The Sidewalk Cellist)** - A modern-day, musical version of Robin Hood - collecting from the rich and giving to the poor. After she earns her modest living she donates every extra cent of her income to Singing Tree and travels to Cambodia, Burma, and beyond to teach, volunteer, and share music. While in Vancouver she teaches cello and acts as Vice President for the East Vancouver Community Music School, is the assistant strings teacher at the West Point Grey Academy, writes a blog, helps organize monthly Classical Revolution gatherings in Vancouver, and performs as often as possible. [www.sidewalkcellist.com](http://www.sidewalkcellist.com)



**Brooke VanDyk (dancer)** - Brooke Van Dyk is a Toronto based dancer, who grew up in her mother's dance studio. This had a huge impact on her life and inspired her to pursue a career as a professional dancer. Brooke has performed in both corporate and public events across the GTA and this is her first time in BC.

Her training includes Ballet, Jazz, Tap, lyrical, contemporary, pointe, hip hop, cultural, musical theatre, vocal and acting. Brooke studied at Centennial College in the Dance Performance Diploma Program and graduated in April of 2018.



**Chris Ronald (songwriter)** - Chris emigrated from his native England to Canada in 2002, and his music has been described as a meeting of British roots and North American folk with detectable influences including Neil Young, James Taylor, Ralph McTell, and Don McLean, to name just a few. In live performances, Chris also draws on his talents as a storyteller and multi-instrumentalist (guitar, harmonica, ukulele) to deliver a show that can be enjoyed by all ages.



**Shane Koyczan (poet)** - Koyczan uses personal narrative to engage themes of social justice, mental health, and love. He will not be with us live but provided a recording of a new piece entitled "Places"

Winner of both the individual champion title at the National Poetry Slam and the Canadian Spoken Word Olympics, Koyczan performed his poem "We Are More" at the opening ceremonies for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Millions of people have viewed the animated video of his anti-bullying poem, "To This Day," on YouTube, and Koyczan has given a TED Talk on bullying and created a free anti-bullying smartphone application as part of his To This Day Project. For his social justice work, Koyczan received a BC Civil Liberties Award for the Arts.

<https://www.shanekoyczan.com/>



**The Underground Circus (roving & main stage)** - A group of professional performers, entertainers, and general show offs when it comes to acrobatics and circus arts. This year's feature performer is Leyna Shnier. A rising star at The Underground Circus. [www.undergroundcircus.ca](http://www.undergroundcircus.ca)



**Deanna Knight** - H'Arts producer, singer songwriter and longtime Chanteuse with Vancouver's Hot Club of Mars. Deanna has a passion for the arts and a keen eye for talent in all modalities. Her production company SheMoon Music produces unique events like H'Arts for the Homeless and the very popular April in Paris Cabaret. She charms audiences with her lively hot swing ensemble and her original songs alongside well-known local musicians. Last fall saw Deanna and her family relocate to Gibsons to open a wonderful B&B called Secret Beach B&B Suites. [www.deannaknight.ca](http://www.deannaknight.ca)



**Melissa Hume Pottery** - A functional and sculptural ceramics artist with a growing love for abstract and landscape paintings. Her main focus these days is exploring the sculptural elements of buildings...hence our gorgeous centerpieces and unique gifts for our cast and crew. [www.melissahume.weebly.com](http://www.melissahume.weebly.com)



**Laura Zerebeski (theatre slide show)** - A full-time expressionist painter with a surrealist edge. Laura paints urban landscapes and personifies buildings to look like the people who live in them. She takes everyday urban landscapes and renders them with a blend of caricature and idealism to emphasize the colour, character and electricity of life. We have used one of Laura's gorgeous pieces as the backdrop of our H'Arts poster this year. [www.laurazee.com](http://www.laurazee.com)

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