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## Major artists part of FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton's 2018-19 lineup

I Mother Earth and Finger Eleven among those set to perform locally

Some of Canada's most celebrated artists will take to the local stage when FirstOntario Arts Celebrate Milton kicks off its 2018-19 season Sept. 20.

It will do so with a launch party feature the Grammy-nominated trio, the Wilkinsons.

Headlining the new season is one of Canada's most influential cultural couples, four-time Juno Award-winner Raine Maida and two-time winner Chantal Kreviazuk.

Matthew Good will perform hits from his 20 years in the music industry, and June and Grammy nominated Cuban-Canadian singer/songwriter Adonis Puentes and his top-flight band bring their Afro-Cuban jazz and dance music to the Mattamy Theatre.

In a dream double bill for '90s fans, I Mother Earth and Finger Eleven combine for a night of alternative rock featuring songs from their gold and platinum albums.

and member of Styx, Gowan, will also perform his unique blend of pop and progressive rock including his chart-topping hits Criminal Mind and (You're A) Strange Animal.

This season also promises hilarity and hijinks. Host of CBC radio's Laugh Out Loud, standup comedian Ali Hassan, makes his local debut touring his side-splitting one-person show, Muslim Interrupted. The Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company brings some of the best improvisational comedians for an unscripted and unforgettable evening. Synonymous with improv comedy, the Upright Citizens Brigade has produced successful alumni such as Horatio Sanz, Amy Poehler and Ed Helms.

There are plenty of family performances to entertain children and parents alike. Pete the Cat: The Musical, will leave the whole family clappin' and toe tappin',



Town of Milton photo

A bold slate of performances will be part of the 2018-19 season at FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton.

while acclaimed magicians Mike D'Urzo and Ray Chance challenge each other and the understanding of what is possible.

Lightwire Theater, finalists on America's Got Talent, present A Very Electric Christmas combining dazzling light costumes, a vibrant score of holiday classics, captivating dance and puppetry.

The Centre will also showcase some of the

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world's best cultural artists. The Outside Track perform music, song and dance, blending fiddle, accordion, harp, guitar, whistle, step-dance and vocals. Irish-born Canadian folksinger Irish Mythen makes her Milton debut after having played in Europe, Australia, and

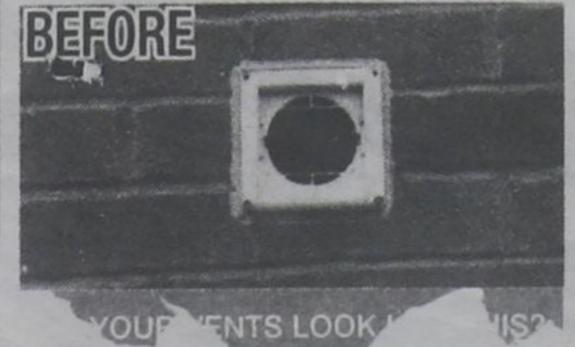
the U.K. where she shared the stage with artists such as Emmylou Harris, Gordon Lightfoot and Peter Yarrow. In RUMBLE THE CONCERT, through music, video and storytelling, audiences will explore the significant contributions Indigenous musicians have made to

North American popular music.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$75 and are available to the general public on June 1. Presale tickets are available today (May 15) by signing up free for Encore e-news at www.firstontarioartscentre.ca.

A full listing of events is available online and on the season postcard available for pick up June 1 at FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton.

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