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ARTS CLUB THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR [RUBABOO](#)

Written by Andrea Menard

Composed by Andrea Menard and Robert Walsh

A co-production with the Grand Theatre (London, ON)

March 30–April 30, 2023 (Media opening: April 5)

IN BRIEF The Arts Club Theatre Company's production of [Rubaboo](#) plays **March 30–April 30** at the [Granville Island Stage](#), 1585 Johnston Street, Vancouver. Tickets from \$29. More info at artsclub.com

VANCOUVER, B.C. (March 6, 2023)—Song and story are the key ingredients for the world premiere production of the Métis cabaret *Rubaboo*, playing March 30–April 30 at the Granville Island Stage.

Like the Michif word the title is derived from, *Rubaboo* is an intimate and moving celebration of Métis culture, all guided by **Andrea Menard**, the award-winning powerhouse Métis performer and Vancouver-based artist. Come along as Menard's lyrical voice and intricate storytelling mix with the sounds of drums and guitars to share stories of reconciliation, frustration, and love. This grand musical feast is a powerful journey of unity and resilience, one for everyone to take part in and enjoy.

Of the piece, creator and star Menard said, "*Rubaboo* is a musical cabaret of stories and songs that share my love for the Métis people and culture. It's a journey that takes you into the heart of reconciliation. If you know me, I'm all about healing our collective wounds through gentleness, magic, beauty, humour, and honesty."

Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** said, "From the moment I heard Andrea's music, I was immediately hooked. Her storytelling is rhythmic, moving, and celebratory. I am certain our audiences will be captivated by Andrea's grace, wisdom, imagination, and fierce wit."

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

Andrea Menard is an accomplished Métis singer-songwriter, actor, speaker, wellness trainer, retreat host, and the founder of the Sacred Feminine Learning Lodge. Menard is an influencer in feminine leadership and was named one of the Women Executive Network's (WXN) Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner in 2020. One of the stars of the Netflix series *Blackstone*, Andrea is a five-time Gemini-nominated actress and a 15-time music award winner. Menard has released four award-winning albums, a symphony show, and two television programs. Her TEDx Talk called "Silent No More" has reached over 126,000 views. She has performed for royalty, prime ministers, governor-generals, residential school Survivors, families of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and even sang her song "Peace" to the world's NATO generals. Born in Manitoba, Menard is a proud member of the Métis Nation of Canada. She carries the name *Skooteah Equahh*, which means "Fire Woman" in Anishinaabe and the Cree name *Notigwew Yutin*, which means "Grandmother Wind."



CAST

Nathen Aswell (Nathen), **Andrea Menard** (Andrea), **Karen Shepherd** (Karen), **Robert Walsh** (Robert)

CREATIVE TEAM

Alanis King (Director), **Robert Walsh** (Music Director), **Cimmeron Meyer** (Set Designer), **Samantha McCue** (Costume Designer), **Kimberly Purtell** (Lighting Designer), **Mary Jane Coomber** (Sound Designer), **Kelly Luft** (Stage Manager), **Evan Ren** (Assistant Stage Manager)

SHOWTIMES + SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Tue–Thu at 7:30 PM, Fri & Sat at 8 PM, Wed at 1:30 PM, and Sat & Sun at 2 PM

Tuesday Talkback: Tue, Apr 18, at 7:30 PM

VocalEye Performances: Tue, Apr 25, at 7:30 PM, and Fri, Apr 28, at 8 PM

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ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB THEATRE COMPANY

The Arts Club Theatre Company is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, in particular the [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm](#) (Musqueam), [Skwxwú7mesh](#) (Squamish), and [Seil̓wítulh](#) (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We are honoured to live, work, and create on this land together.

The Arts Club is one of the largest not-for-profit theatre organizations in the country and is the principal gathering place for the theatrical arts in British Columbia. Comprising three unique venues across Vancouver, the Arts Club welcomes more than a quarter million guests annually, tours provincially and nationally, and engages students and artists alike through educational and professional programs.

Above all, the Arts Club is dedicated to the advancement of local artists telling stories from around the globe and, in particular, those of our region. From this, we believe that culture expands, an understanding of differences is nurtured, and art bursts forth. The Arts Club was founded in 1964 and is currently led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White.

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