



The Lantern Folk Roots Music Society

1945 Golfview Road, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Support for Kelowna Citizens for a New Performing Arts Centre

I am pleased to tell you that the board of Lantern Folk Roots Music Society has chosen to support your initiative to create a new Performing Arts facility in Kelowna. A new larger facility will certainly be a welcome addition to the cultural environment of our dynamic and evolving city.

The Kelowna Community theatre was opened in 1962. The city has grown considerably since then and the venue is now too small or inadequate to fulfil the needs of many of the stakeholders, for example, there is a lack rehearsal space. There are also new technologies that may not work well in a space that was never designed to accommodate them.

Kelowna has been missing out on many world-class events and will continue to do so if there is no adequate facility. For these events, enough seating capacity is needed to keep ticket prices affordable.

Lantern Folk Roots is focused on more intimate performances, so it is unlikely that we would bring in an artist that would fill the new proposed main large theater. However, a new venue will make the remaining smaller performance facilities more available, and possibly more affordable for the types of performances that we bring to Kelowna. A new Performing Arts Centre could also include some smaller studio spaces that could work for us and help us to draw people to the new facility.

Brent Mardon, President,
The Lantern Folk Roots Music Society