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JUNO and Multi-Maple Blues Award-winning triple threat bluesman Steve Strongman heats up the stage with Arts Commons Presents this January

Canadian PCL Blues favourite Steve Strongman returns to the Engineered Air Theatre

January 11, 2022 - CALGARY – With four Maple Blues Awards and a JUNO under his belt, Hamilton, Ontario native Steve Strongman is a Canadian blues force to be reckoned with. His seven albums – with an eighth on the way – have earned him numerous accolades as a triple threat singer, songwriter, and guitarist. Join Arts Commons Presents **January 21 & 22, 2022** in the intimate **Engineered Air Theatre** as part of our **PCL Blues series**.



Steve Strongman. Photo by Brent Perniac

Steve Strongman last ripped up the Engineered Air Theatre in 2014, demonstrating his unmatched acoustic style to a packed audience of eager blues patrons. After finding himself housebound due to the pandemic though, Steve had the space to rediscover his passion for songwriting, and he's excited to return to the stage to share his new material.

"As a writer, you're always looking for various inspirations from lots of different areas, and obviously, the pandemic has changed that for sure," says Steve Strongman. "But one thing it's afforded me is the opportunity to spend time writing. So, in terms of creativity, there's been a lot of things that have been brought to the foreground because of it."

A multi-award-winning artist, Steve Strongman has won the Maple Blues Award for Recording of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, and two trophies for Guitarist of the Year. Along with his JUNO Award win for Blues Recording of the Year in 2013 for *A Natural Fact*, he's also been nominated for his subsequent albums *Let Me Prove It To You* and *No Time Like Now*.



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"We are proud to have the opportunity to showcase fantastic Canadian talent in our PCL Blues series and Steve Strongman exemplifies that commitment," Stephanie Hutchinson, Manager of Presenting at Arts Commons. "If you haven't had a chance to see Steve live, this is your chance to see what all the fuss is about."

What: Steve Strongman
When: January 21 & 22, 2022 at 8 p.m.
Where: Engineered Air Theatre, Arts Commons
Tickets: Call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca

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The 2021-22 season of the PCL Blues series, produced by Arts Commons Presents features a powerhouse line-up of blues performers from both North and South of the border. Arts Commons is proud to continue the rich traditional of blues appreciation in Calgary by showcasing these standout performers in the unique and intimate Engineered Air Theatre with **Steve Strongman** – January 21 & 22, 2022, **James "Blood" Ulmer** – March 18 & 19, 2022, **Sue Foley** – April 22 & 23, 2022, and **Crystal Shawanda** – May 27 & 28, 2022.

To subscribe to the PCL Blues series, or purchase tickets to Steve Strongman, please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca.

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