

Forget About The World for a while with Jimmy Rankin

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As Jimmy Rankin releases his fourth solo album, the singer songwriter will take to the stage to showcase his new work at more intimate venues.

One of those will be At Space where Rankin will perform Sunday at 8 p.m. with songs from his new album and as well as old favourites, even those from his Rankin Family days.

Rankin said he was looking forward to playing in the intimate setting that is Art Space. It's a nice way to connect to the audience on a personal level, he added.

"The idea of this tour was to get the record out to people and do an acoustic thing," said Rankin. "The tour has been really fun. It's more of an intimate singer songwriter night. People will yell out requests and I will sing them if I can remember them."

Rankin's music has always been appreciated by fans and is recognized often by the recording industry. In addition to multi-platinum album sales and Junos won with the Rankin Family, his previous efforts have earned him East Coast Music Awards for Country Artist of the year, SOCAN Songwriter of the Year, Male Artist of the Year, and Roots Traditional Solo Recording of the Year, as well as two Canadian Radio Music

Awards, six SOCAN top radio play awards and several Juno nominations.

The new radio hit Here in My Heart features guitar by Keith Urban.

Rankin met Urban at the 2002 CCMA's in Calgary and an all-night hotel jam at the Palliser Hotel has since become legendary. The two toured Canada together in 2003.

In this case, however, it was a later chance meeting that prompted Rankin to invite Urban to lend his talents to Forget About The World.

"When I arrived in Nashville last March, Keith was one of the first guys I bumped into. He's such an amazing guitar player and as luck would have it, he agreed to guest on the track. In January, he came into the studio, nailed the song and took it to a whole other level."

Rankin wrote Here In My Heart with his long-time friend Patricia Conroy.

"We've been writing for two or three years now and we just write really good songs together," Rankin said. "We wrote Here in My Heart in a short period of time and it just came really fast. I knew when I took it out on the road with me and workshopped it, it would be the nucleus of my record. I knew it would be a starting point for me."

His last solo album Edge of Day was live, off-the-floor and kind of rootsy, he said. His new one is different.

"I wanted to make a record this time around that

would make a bigger statement," Rankin explained. "I wanted it to be more radio-friendly but still maintain that singer songwriter element." This CD runs the gamut, he said.

"It's got songs like Here in My Heart and the back end of it has Colorado Dave which is a six-minute ballad with me and my acoustic guitar. So I am very pleased with it."

Tickets are \$20 at Books & Co., 1685 Third Avenue or Studio 2880.



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Rudy Buttignol, president and CEO of the Knowledge Network will be coming to Prince George in June for workshops and luncheons in order to share his knowledge.

Gain a little Knowledge through networking

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The Knowledge Network, B.C.'s public broadcaster, is hitting the road for 18 months and will be visiting Prince George at the end of June to offer a variety of events for the public to attend.

Rudy Buttignol, president and CEO of the Knowledge Network will present Inspiring Change – the value of independent thinking. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided by the Knowledge Network. This event is open to the public and you will need to bring a bagged lunch.

Another event hosted by the Prince George and District Arts Council will be a Brown Bag Lunch presentation on Monday, June 27 at 1 p.m. at Studio 2880, 2880-15th Avenue.

Later that evening, at 7 p.m. at the Prince George Playhouse, the Knowledge Network presents a free public screening and art exhibit called Fifty.

The Fifty is a collection of short films on leading artists, performers, designers, living and working in British Columbia, featuring Sarah McLachlin, Douglas Coupland, Dan Mangan, Fred Herzog, Ian Tracey, Alex Cuba, Shane Koyczan and many more.

On Tuesday, June 28 at 2 p.m. the Knowledge Network will host a donor reception at the Ramada Hotel where people who support the public broadcasting station will have a chance to meet with Rudy Buttignol, president and CEO of the Knowledge Network.

The Filmmaker's Roundtable, hosted by the Knowledge Network and the Northern B.C. Film/Tourism office, will take place at the Ramada Hotel Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for those interested in filmmaking to meet with Rudy Buttignol to share thoughts, questions and concerns with fellow filmmakers. Participants will also have the opportunity to speak to Buttignol, who will pass on his knowledge about the documentary industry in Canada on the topics of filmmaking, funding, pitching projects, acquisitions and more. Those wishing to attend must register for the event by contacting Clint Fraser at Northern B.C. Film/Tourism office at 250-561-0432 ext. 202 or clint@nbcourism.com.

During the Prince George Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series at the Ramada Hotel, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. join Rudy Buttignol as he explores the value that independent thinking has played in his life as a spectator, student, entrepreneur, advocate, producer and broadcaster. In the face of economic uncertainty, globalization and technological advances, independent thinking becomes all the more important for business and community leaders to seize new opportunities and inspire change. Cost of the luncheon are \$23, plus HST for chamber members, \$28 plus HST for future members. For more information visit pgchamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/speaker-series-with-the-knowledge-network.

Rosie Perez sues producers of Law & Order

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Academy Award-nominated actress Rosie Perez is suing the producers of television's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, alleging she was injured during the filming of a 2009 episode in New York City.

Perez says in the lawsuit she was "recklessly pulled, grabbed, yanked, wrenched and/or manhandled" during filming of the Hardwired episode on Sept. 9, 2009.

Her attorney, Brian O'Dwyer, tells the New York Daily News that his client is suffering severe pain and has numbness in her arms. He says she has been out of work for about a year.