

Press Release  
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### **Soulful BEGONIA at the Capitol Theatre !**

Don't miss this opportunity to see the Winnipeg-based Alexa Dirks live on the Capitol theatre stage on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30pm. Dirks is a Juno Award winner with her former group Chic Gamine. While she thrived off of the collaboration, once the band broke up she knew she was ready to go solo. Even though she was terrified to go out on her own, that feeling was a fundamental factor to positively reinforce that the path she was on was the correct one.

As Begonia, Dirks is bold, brazen with her florid, surprising pop that is tempered with sensitivity and wisdom. Noisey wrote that, "Begonia has one of Canada's most extraordinary voices, and thankfully she uses it to obliterate the misery from this world one live performance at a time." Begonia is "the place where synth-pop meets old soul and scrappy meets sexy."

On her latest single "The Light," Dirks sings over soulful swells, her vocals curving around the notes of the song and making them explode as she bluntly tells us "hang up the phone and scream your name/ again, again/but I like the pain." Who among us hasn't wanted to rage and yell and yet curl into and find comfort in the things that brought us pain? Begonia explores the nuances of such heartfelt emotional experiences.

Opening the show is Penticton's award-winning rock 'n' roller Mason Burns as soloist on acoustic guitar. Burns brings the groovy sounds of the 60s and 70s with a modern flare. A veteran performer at 25, he has played many stages in his life including Canada, Denmark and Myanmar. During the pandemic he has written many new songs that he is ready to share with the world. His unique voice paired with iconic guitar riffs, give the listener a taste of something fresh, nostalgic, but unique in 2022.

This show is also one of our ENHANCED EXPERIENCES! Here is your chance to get creative with the option to dress up with a botanical accent for this show. Floral tie, daisy print dress, garden-themed shirt, rose-coloured glasses: Wear your favourite flower-inspired outfit to BEGONIA! Prizes from local businesses for the best 3 costumes of the night.

Tickets at online at capitoltheatre.ca or call the Box office at 250 352-6363 Tuesday-Friday 11am-3pm.