The Royal Canadian Theatre Company Update

For the year of 2022/23, RCTC has been busy producing 3 touring shows and a Dine Out Vancouver Festival project partnering with the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel.

We started the year with the heartwarming and ghostly comedy, *Ghost of a Chance*. Employing 4 young and emerging performers, as well as two mature and well established New Westminster performers, we were excited to bring this high energy show to the Anvil Centre. The ghostly set you could see through and the themes of loving 'till death do us part' kept our audiences interested, laughing and crying throughout October 2022.





Next, we warmed the cold winter months with our hilarious pantomime, *The Snow Queen: A Frozen Adventure*. This show was a well loved interpretation of Hans Christan Anderson's fairy tale and was well received among New Westminster families. The songs were written by Geoff King before he passed away in 2022 and this show was dedicated to him and all his years creating, playing and working with RCTC. We worked with youth and emerging artists, mentoring them in musical theatre and professionalism

before putting on a full length musical with special panto rules. We welcomed over 600+ audience members to this incredible show at the Massey Theatre.

Finally, we wrapped up with *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers* at the Anvil. This show was a fun challenge where we only cast 2 people instead of 4 to keep the characters equitable. It was fun to watch the characters' quick costume changes backstage as the seasons changed and time passed in the story. This show was also well received at the Anvil theatre with an interesting set reflecting the hollowness of the main characters' attempted affairs.

Thank you so much New Westminster for an amazing year!

