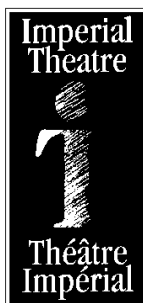


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*Keep IT Live! Red Carpet Gala Concert*  
**Wendy Nielsen & Friends**  
**Imperial Theatre — Saturday, November 28 at 7 p.m.**

Imperial Theatre's *Keep IT Live!* Capital Campaign will take centre stage with a Red Carpet Gala concert when internationally renowned soprano **Wendy Nielsen** and friends perform on Saturday evening, November 28.

As Honorary Co-Chair of Imperial Theatre's Capital Campaign, Ms. Nielsen has generously donated her talent for this fund-raising concert. A gifted soprano, she has starred in opera productions throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. Her performances have included roles at the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, and she has shared the stage with countless symphonies, including our very own Symphony New Brunswick, in 1996 for the Royal Tour Concert at Imperial Theatre for HRH the Prince of Wales. New Brunswick audiences will also remember her in the role of *Tosca*, in the 2005 performance of *Tosca*, also at Imperial Theatre.

For this spectacular fundraising concert, Ms. Nielsen has personally invited a broad range of singers and musicians to join her for this important cause. An extraordinary evening of song featuring exceptional singers and musicians, this Red Carpet Gala concert will bring to Imperial Theatre's stage esteemed, world-renowned talent, many of who are originally from Saint John. Among her performing friends are:

- Robert Kortgaard — Canadian concert pianist, formerly resident musician at UNB for 5 years
- Erik Oland — Saint John native, and professional baritone, prior to being ordained a Jesuit priest in 2003
- Philip Thomson — Saint John native and world-renowned pianist
- The Sopranos — Saint John sopranos Dayna Van Doleweerd, Colleen Foster, Theresa Patterson, Luan Salmon, Cynthia Doyle, Deantha Edmunds, Fairlie McLean, & Maureen Stackhouse, accompanied by Bertis Sutton, organist and pianist, and past Imperial Theatre Board Member
- Isaac & Blewett — New Brunswick's soulful blues duo, songwriters who also sing and play cello, banjo and guitar
- David Myles — New Brunswick folksinger and songwriter, winner of the 2009 ECMA Folk Recording of the Year Award

The evening will include solo turns and captivating collaborations, as voices come together to perform some of music's greatest masterpieces, such as *Vissi d'arte* from *Tosca*, *Who Will Buy?* from *Oliver*, Beethoven's *Adelaide*, as well as folk songs, holiday favourites and the debut of two new songs by Saint John composer, Bev Lewis.

*Keep IT Live!* Capital Campaign Web site: [http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca/keep\\_it\\_live.php](http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca/keep_it_live.php)

Tickets for this special Red Carpet Gala concert are \$50, \$100 and \$250. Tickets priced at \$250 include seats in the A section and an onstage reception with the artists following the performance. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards Imperial Theatre's *Keep IT Live!* Capital Campaign. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca](http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca), by visiting Imperial Theatre Box Office, or by calling 674-4100 (or 1-800-323-SHOW for out-of-town callers).

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