

THE 519 ANNUAL GALA



PRESS RELEASE

The 519 Annual Gala 2021: Alan Cumming, Ben Vereen, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jackie Richardson, Theo Tams, and Serena Ryder to perform at the 17th Gala in support of 2SLGBTQ+ communities

Legendary Canadian and American talents return to the virtual stage on November 14, 2021 for The 519 Virtual Annual Gala to support Canada's largest 2SLGBTQ+ community centre, and to celebrate the 66th birthday of The 519's honorary patron, Salah Bachir.

Toronto, October 18, 2020: The 519's largest fundraising night, The Annual Gala, returns to screens this November. Bringing together leading performers for a virtual variety show of musical performances and special appearances in support of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, the event will be streamed on **Sunday, November 14, at 7:30 pm ET.**

The Annual Gala will feature musical performances by **Alan Cumming, Ben Vereen, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jackie Richardson,** and **Theo Tams**, with singer **Serena Ryder** joining the powerhouse line-up this year. The 17th edition of this signature event is organized by The 519's Honorary Patron **Salah J. Bachir** and his husband **Jacob Yerex**.

When: **Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 7:30pm ET**

Where: **Virtual. Unique access link will be shared closer to the event**

Get your tickets at: bit.ly/519ag2021

VIP ticket: \$1,000 (CAD) • Regular ticket: \$150 (CAD) • Pay-What-You-Can tickets

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“We’re so grateful to Salah J. Bachir, who has championed The 519 via his Annual Gala for the past 17 years. The 2021 Virtual Gala will raise critically-needed funds for our programs and services in a safe manner and enable us to welcome guests from across the city, province, and even country.”

— **Stacy Kelly, Director – Philanthropy, The 519**

“The impact of COVID-19 on the communities we serve was immediate and devastating. Many of them, already marginalized by poverty and violence, now faced isolation because of a shutdown. The 2021 Annual Gala is a unique opportunity to support The 519 in our continued delivery of essential programs and services for the most underserved members of our 2 Spirit, queer, and trans communities.”

— **Maura Lawless, Executive Director, The 519**

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