



Press Release: October 14, 2020

**Sir Elton John, Margaret Atwood, k.d. lang, Patti LuPone, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jann Arden, Alan Cumming, Barenaked Ladies, Carole Pope, and Kim Cattrall to join star-studded Virtual Gala for The 519**

*Legendary talents will come together on October 25, 2020 for The 519 Virtual Annual Gala to support Canada's largest LGBTQ2S community centre and celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of The 519's honorary patron, Salah Bachir.*

**Toronto, October 14, 2020:** [The 519](#)'s largest fundraising night, [The Annual Gala](#), will bring together leading performers for a virtual variety show of musical performances and special appearances in support of LGBTQ2S communities in Toronto and beyond. The event will be streamed on **Sunday, October 25, at 7:30 pm (EST)**.

The Annual Gala has gone virtual this year in response to COVID-19, and will feature **musical performances** by:

- John Alcorn • Alan Cumming • Molly Johnson • k.d. lang • Patti LuPone
- Billy Newton-Davis • Louise Pitre • Carole Pope and Barenaked Ladies
- Jackie Richardson • Buffy Sainte-Marie • Lorraine Segato • Theo Tams
- Ben Vereen

And **messages from celebrity guests**, including:

- Jann Arden • Margaret Atwood • Kim Cattrall • Emily Hampshire
- Atom Egoyan and Arsinée Khanjian • Norman Jewison
- Sir Elton John and David Furnish • John Greyson and Stephen Andrews
- Andrea Martin • Kent Monkman • Rick Mercer
- Ben Mulroney, and many more!

The 16th edition of this signature event is organized by The 519's Honorary Patron [Salah J. Bachir](#) and hosted by Mathieu Chantelois, former Chair of The 519 Board of Management.



Event details:

<b>When:</b>	Sunday, October 25, 2020, 7:30 pm (EST)
<b>Where:</b>	Virtual event. Unique access link will be shared closer to the event.
<b>Tickets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VIP: \$1,000 (CAD)</li><li>• Regular: \$150 (CAD)</li><li>• Limited "Pay-What-You-Can" tickets also available.</li></ul> <p><b>Get your tickets at:</b> <a href="https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TicketingWelcome.aspx?eventid=343811">https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TicketingWelcome.aspx?eventid=343811</a></p>

**About The 519:**

Located in downtown Toronto, The 519 is a City of Toronto agency, a registered charity, and Canada's most prominent LGBTQ2S community centre and service provider. The 519 strives to make a real difference in people's lives while contributing to the advancement of LGBTQ2S rights and inclusion in Toronto and beyond. We take pride in being an organization that responds to the existing and emerging needs of our communities – by delivering essential programs and services for the most underserved, and leading advocacy, access to justice, and anti-violence initiatives. The 519 has been a valuable and vibrant community hub offering Service, Space, and Leadership for LGBTQ2S communities and the Church-Wellesley neighbourhood since 1975. Find us on: [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

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