



December looms with theatre,  
music, film and lectures

## Description

# The month has a lot to offer, from the Covenant to Dark Divas

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Despite the advent of snow and ice, December 2022 in Montreal features a number of attractive events. The two most long-awaited highlights are the **Centaur Theatre's** reprise of ***Dark Divas*** featuring singer **Ranee Lee** and DLI's release of its new documentary film, ***First To Stand***, involving politician lawyer **Irwin Cotler**. Details on both appear below in the chronological list by dates.

**Ongoing until December 3**



The Covenant – Image: Pavlo Tull

Theatre Ovest End continues with Alice Abracen's prize-winning play, *The Covenant*.

[segalcentre.org](http://segalcentre.org)

## December 1

The Jewish Public Library presents rare footage of poet/singer **Leonard Cohen** visiting Israel during the six-day war of June 1967.

[eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca)

## December 1, 8 and 15



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The **Atwater Library** presents:

On December 1 – Author **Patterson Webster** discusses gardening

On December 8 – Singer **Barbara Lewis** with Christmas specialties

On December 15 – Actor/playwright **Keir Cutler**

All events are at 12:30 pm, live or via Zoom.

[atwaterlibrary.ca](http://atwaterlibrary.ca)

## December 7 to 10

**Infinithatre** presents its annual **Pipeline Series Readings** of winners of its **Write-On-Q playwriting competition** this year, held at 7 pm each day at the **MIAM** (Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette). Free, but reservations are required.

On December 7 – ***The Sound of Dogs*** by Jennifer Roberts

On December 8 – ***Hung Up*** by Tyson Night (Winner)

On December 9 – ***The Drowned*** by Brian Dooley (runner-up)

On December 10 – ***Would Virginia Woolf Commit Suicide If She Was Filipino?*** by Devan Beckingham III

[infinithatre.com](http://infinithatre.com)





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Felix Stussi – Image: courtesy of Felixstussi.com

**December 8 to 11**

**The Montreal Lyric Theatre Singers** return to Concordia's Loyola Chapel with their annual **Candlelight Christmas**.

[thelyrictheatre.ca](http://thelyrictheatre.ca)

**December 9**



Raneé Lee – Image: courtesy of Raneé Lee

**Diese Onze** hosts jazz pianist **Felix Stussi** with quartet **Super Nova 4**

[dieseonze.com](http://dieseonze.com)



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## December 10 and 11 (now extended from December 16 to 21)

DLI Productions launches its latest documentary, *First to Stand: The Cases and Causes of Irwin Cotler*, at the Musée cinema.

[mbam.qc.ca](http://mbam.qc.ca)

## December 16 and 17

The **Centaur Theatre** hosts beloved Montreal singer **Ranee Lee** in her show, *Dark Divas*, wherein she, in her own way, performs songs associated with **Ella Fitzgerald, Pearl Bailey, Sarah Vaughn, Dinah Washington, Josephine Baker** and **Lena Horne**, together with background information.

[centaurtheatre.com](http://centaurtheatre.com)

Feature image: *Candlelight Christmas, The Montreal Lyric Theatre Singers, by Tam Lan Truong*

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