



Entertainment choices for
the last weeks of November

Description

Geordie's 40th anniversary, a tribute to Aznavour and Cohen, ELAN's Schmoozer and more...

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As the classic song **September Song** relates, "Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few – September, November..." we remember a fall season that was truly *pas comme les autres* with all the pandemic dislocations.

I really miss the annual November **Atwater Library Cocktail Fundraiser** (where the **Dave Turner Jazz Trio** was a regular feature). Listen to *September Song* at the end of this preview.

Even though live theatre and cinema remain on hiatus, there are some outstanding choices on the Internet.



Hommage à Charles Aznavour et Leonard Cohen –
Image: Festival Sefarad

November 16 to 19

G. Bernard Shaw's classic *Man and Superman* is shown free courtesy of the **Gingold Theatre Group** via the Plays in the House division of the popular Stars in the House series. Voluntary donations go to The Actors Fund.

gingoldgroup.org

November 17 to 22

New York's **Irish Repertory Theatre**, which featured a gripping O'Neill *Long Day's Journey Into Night* earlier this month, follows up with **Bill Irwin's** acclaimed solo show *On Beckett / In Screen*.

irishrep.org

November 17

At 5 pm, **ELAN (English Language Arts Network)** holds its periodic "**Schmooser**" meet-up, this time digitally. I'm still not sure if *en français*, it is *Le* or *La Schmooser*, but I have often attended and it's great fun to keep an eye upon what's happening in Anglo Quebec music, dance, art, theatre and film.

quebec-elan.org

By the way, ELAN's founder and director **Guy Rodgers** is stepping down soon, and they are searching for a replacement. Big shoes to fill, but qualified applicants should check out the details at quebec-elan.org/Executive-Director-Job-offer.pdf



November 21

From 11 am to 3 pm, **Geordie Theatre**, created in 1980 by **Elsa Bolam**, celebrates its **40th Anniversary**. Current Artistic Director **Mike Payette** invites all to its digital celebration from its new home in Montréal's Little Italy district.

geordie.ca

November 28



The show **Hommage à Charles Aznavour et Leonard Cohen** is the closing presentation at the **Festival Sefarad**, which began on November 14, courtesy of the Cummings Centre. Free to the public (voluntary donations accepted).

festivalsefarad.ca

To close, here is the promised music video of *September Song*. The music was created in 1938 by Kurt Weill with lyrics by Maxwell Anderson – two great theatre figures. Covered by many famous singers, here is one by Frank Sinatra in 1965.

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