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## Steinway D piano now graces the Mary Irwin Theatre Stage

(Kelowna, BC) - A beautiful Steinway D Concert Grand piano is now housed at the Mary Irwin Theatre at the Rotary Centre for the Arts thanks to the generosity of local entrepreneur Dave Krysko. The addition of the Steinway D Concert Grand piano at the Mary Irwin Theatre is a remarkable enhancement for the Rotary Centre for the Arts. With its rich history and reputation as the choice instrument for top pianists, this addition undoubtedly elevates the quality of performances and musical expression at the theatre. The piano joins the RCA's Steinway Model B Classic Grand piano as well as 4 other pianos at the performing and visual arts centre.

It's wonderful to see community supporters like Dave Krysko stepping in to share such treasures, ensuring that the wider community can enjoy and benefit from the arts. This beautiful piece is loaned indefinitely to the RCA to be housed in the Mary Irwin Theatre and played for performances and enjoyed by the wider community. Patrons will hear the instrument as performances by Chamber Music Kelowna, Opera Kelowna and more local performing arts organizations.

The Steinway D piano is the epitome of musical excellence, offering unparalleled richness and precision in its sound. Its presence in a theatre elevates performances to new heights, providing musicians with an instrument that responds effortlessly to their artistry. At 8' 11¾" (274 cm) in length, this majestic musical instrument — the pinnacle of concert grand pianos — is the overwhelming choice of the world's greatest pianists and for anyone who demands the highest level of musical expression. The 2008 Steinway D was received by the RCA in December 2023. The instrument was previously under the custodianship of the Kelowna Community Theatre where it was played by many professionals for concerts. The piano is available to rent for performers renting the Mary Irwin Theatre.

## **About the Rotary Centre for the Arts**

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the <u>Rotary Centre for the Arts</u> is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.