

JUST THE 2 OF US
JOËLLE & BUWA

**BLUE
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**JUST THE 2 OF US:
JOËLLE RABU & BUWA**

THU NOV 28, 2024



PROGRAMME

ACT 1

- ♪ The New World
- ♪ La Vie en Rose
- ♪ I Have Nothing
 - ♪ Pearls
- ♪ Mon Credo
- ♪ Love Is Love
- ♪ Everybody Hurts/Songbird
- ♪ Bésame Mucho/Sway/Fernando
- ♪ Never Never Never
 - ♪ 360 0
- ♪ You Suppose Know

ACT 2

- ♪ You're Timeless to Me
- ♪ Ladies Who Lunch
- ♪ I Am What I Am
- ♪ Champs Elysées
- ♪ Harvest Moon
- ♪ Bring Him Home
- ♪ Maybe This Time
 - ♪ Home
- ♪ From Now On

THE BAND: Music Direction & Arrangements by **Nico Rhodes**
Cello – **Alexandra Lee** | Guitars, Mandolin – **Brad Shipley**

SCAN FOR
ONLINE
VERSION





Joëlle Rabu

Joëlle was born in Manitoba, to French emigrant parents from Brittany who later moved to Courtenay when she was 12. Joëlle won international critical acclaim back in 1983 at Vancouver's City Stage in her theatrical debut portraying the Parisian chanteuse, Edith Piaf. The songs of this iconic singer were heard throughout Joëlle's French upbringing, but she never thought the 'little Sparrow' would pave the path to a 40-year stage career.

Since that fateful day in April of 1983, which was fueled by her brother who bragged about her to a stage director, who agreed to take a chance on a girl without a résumé, Joëlle has toured throughout 5 continents and has won numerous accolades for her torch singing style and International appeal. She has won many praises including the *Queen Elizabeth 70th Jubilee award for Excellence in Arts and Entertainment*, *2 Jessies*, a *BC Touring Artist of the Year* award, and a *Juno nomination*. She has also starred in numerous theatre productions (*Cabaret*, *Irma la Douce*, *Marion Bridge*, *Anything Goes to name but a few*); performed for royalty; has made several guest appearances with major symphony orchestras across Canada and the USA and has released 8 independent albums (available for download on her website)

An avid world-traveller, Joëlle is passionate about people, lands and cultures. She speaks several languages and continues to enjoy consulting on tourism projects when not on tour with music. Currently, Joëlle is creating a new stage production entitled "I Don't Belong Here", a powerful play with music that takes audiences on a journey through a day in a dementia care home. Joëlle plays a dozen different characters, representing the perspectives of the residents, their families and the care aides. Written by Joëlle and her childhood friend Kelly Wyatt, with music direction by Nico Rhodes, this show will premiere in 2025.



Buwa

Born in the Nigerian town of Warri, Buwa is now based on Vancouver Island. He is a man of many talents, having moved to Nanaimo in 2016 to finish his MBA while holding a Bachelor's in Accounting and a Master's in International Business, and the determination to nurture a career on the stage, for music has always held an important place in his heart.

In a very short time, Buwa was being touted as an artist you want to keep on your radar, and your Spotify list. Drawing influences from the late Whitney Houston, as well as Jill Scott, India Arie, Billy Porter, and Brenda Fassie - Buwa has been called "*an exciting contemporary soul artist, with pop and R & B sensibilities and a penchant for storytelling who channels his creativity into poetry and performance art*".

Recognized for his infectious melodies, his versatile, compelling voice and captivating song writing, Buwa has released two EPs: *Olu* [2019] and *Road Signs* [2016], along with a handful of singles. He is a multidisciplinary performer who has appeared in various stage productions, and in the summer of 2025, mid-Islanders can catch him in the starring role of the highly acclaimed musical, 'Kinky Boots'. Never lacking in ambition, creativity and determination, Buwa is also active in the development of a community-based venue featuring Nigerian foods, art and culture. Buwa uses his music and talents to change the way the world sees Africa. www.buwa.ca

Download Joëlle's albums at www.joellerabu.com

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CIRCUS**
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NOV 28, 2024



**O COME ALL
YE SOULFUL**
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DEC 16, 2024



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