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## SUM gallery announces its inaugural concert series, Queering the Air: featuring four quintessentially queer performances from renowned classical musicians

### For Immediate Release

Vancouver BC, Jan 20, 2022 | Chinatown's **SUM gallery** presents its first curated musical performance series, Queering the Air: music exploring the many facets of the Queer experience— from darkest introspection to most radiant joy.

SUM launches this series Feb 11, presenting renowned Two-Spirit baritone Jonathon Adams in a special concert at the Bill Reid Gallery in partnership with [Müzewest Concerts](#). The remaining three concerts will be hosted by SUM gallery, kicking off with the McGregor-Verdejo Duo, a flute-guitar collaboration performing music inspired by isolation, love, and loss. Then, soprano Sarah Jo Kirsch introduces audiences to romantic non-binary muse, *Mignon*, and finally, *Sex Lives of Vegetables: Music of Leslie Uyeda*, concludes the concert series on Mar 11 with an evening of dazzling vocal music by the composer who gave us the world's first lesbian opera.

### Concert schedule:

Feb 11, 7:30pm, Bill Reid Gallery, 639 Hornby St., Vancouver | **In Darkness: Lute Songs of John Dowland** | Celebrated baritone [Jonathon Adams](#) and lutenist [Lucas Harris](#) give a special performance

Feb 18, 7:30pm, SUM gallery, #425 – 628 Keefer St., Vancouver | **McGregor-Verdejo Duo** | Vancouver flute & guitar duo present a program of queer yearning and loneliness with music by Matthew-John Knights, Rodney Sharman, Hiroki Tsurumoto, and Gabriella Yorke.

Feb 25, 7:30pm, SUM gallery | **Mignon** | Mignon, a non-binary icon of German Romanticism, is brought to life through the music of Zelter, Schubert, Schumann, and Wolf, performed by soprano [Sarah Jo Kirsch](#) and pianist Tina Chang

Mar 11, 7:30pm, SUM gallery | **Sex Lives of Vegetables: Music of Leslie Uyeda** | The scandalous, gorgeous, and profound vocal music of [Leslie Uyeda](#), featuring soprano [Heather Pawsey](#), clarinetist [AK Coope](#), and pianist [Rachel Kiyo Iwaasa](#).

Concession and regular price admission tickets are available for all concerts. Virtual access tickets are available for the Feb 11 performance only. *In Darkness: Lute Songs of John Dowland* tickets can be purchased via Müzewest Concerts' [Eventbrite](#). Tickets to all other SUM gallery concerts are available via the SUM gallery [Eventbrite](#).

### About SUM gallery [sumgallery.ca](#)

One of the only permanent spaces worldwide dedicated to the presentation of queer art, SUM gallery brings diverse communities together to support artistic risk-taking, incite creative collaboration and experimentation, and celebrate the rich heritage of queer artists and art. As the year-round programming arm of the Queer Arts Festival, SUM produces, presents and exhibits challenging, thought-provoking multidisciplinary art that pushes boundaries and initiates dialogue.

*SUM gallery is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and acting accordingly by implementing precautions aligned with public health advisories. We acknowledge that event details may change at any time to reflect provincial health recommendations. Please refer to our website [sumgallery.ca](#) for the most up to date information on COVID safety protocols.*

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