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A multi-venue arts centre in downtown Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Arts Commons (formerly EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts) has invested in two Robert Juliat followspots from Sapphire Sound.

Arts Commons is located in Calgary's downtown Cultural District and is one of the three largest arts centres in Canada. Its five theatres and concert hall are home to six resident companies and host a wide array of guest performers annually. While Arts Commons is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the centre has been busy upgrading and expanding its lighting inventory in anticipation of reopening...

A pair of Robert Juliat 800W LED Arthur followspots has been added to the 750-seat Max Bell Theatre, home to Theatre Calgary.



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Brian Cloutier, in sales and design for lighting at Sapphire Sound, worked with Kris Ladd, Head of Lighting at Arts Commons, during the upgrade process, providing equipment for demos and shootouts. "Kris knows what he wants, which makes it very easy for me," he notes. "I've also had a long relationship with ACT Lighting, and they give us amazing support for everything we purchase."



...The Arthur LED long-throw followspots from Robert Juliat replace followspots installed in the FOH cove in the Max Bell Theatre for its opening in 1985.

Prior to the closing of Arts Commons due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ladd demo'd Robert Juliat's 600W Oz followspot in search of a medium- or long-throw spot for greater intensity. "Oz was tempting; it was brighter than what we had, but we felt we needed a little more intensity and wanted an LED instead of an arc source," Ladd recalls. "We were fortunate that Arthur, an 800W LED, came out soon after and was everything we needed!"

A long-time ACT Lighting customer, Arts Commons is eager to reopen. "ACT gives us quick and efficient service," says Ladd. "They are always ready to respond right away when we need them." Ryan Hindinger, Director of Sales Logistics at ACT Lighting, facilitated the Arts Commons sale.

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Full details of Arthur LED followspots and the full inventory of Robert Juliat LED and conventional source lighting products are available on the Robert Juliat website at www.robertjuliat.com



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About Robert Juliat:

Robert Juliat was founded in 1919 and is still a 100% family-owned company today.

Specialising in high quality stage lighting with superb optics and ergonomic design, Robert Juliat is a world leader in the manufacture of tracking devices and followspots, and also produces profiles, Fresnels, PCs, ambient projectors, dimmers and DMX tools. All Robert Juliat luminaires are designed and built in France and Europe.

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