Award winning percussionist and composer Robin Layne has put together a project that showcases the marimba and his energetic and virtuosic style on the instrument. Known for his collaborations with a wide spectrum of folk and world artists across Canada, including Locarno, Mazacote and Juno Award winners such as Quique Escamilla, Celso Machado, and the Paperboys, Robin’s passion for rhythm has led him around the world. He has toured in China, Europe, Mexico, the US and Canada and pursued his studies in LA, Cuba, Mexico and West Africa.

Inspired by his global travels, Robin’s music evokes memories of summer days full of adventure and playfulness. Since forming in 2015 the band has been filling dance floors around Vancouver and performing at festivals across BC and beyond. Festival highlights include The Vancouver International Jazz Festival, The Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival, Carnaval Del Sol, Blessed Coast, and Winterruption. With roots in jazz, Latin and African traditions this groove heavy ensemble delivers music that will uplift your spirit, put a smile on your face and take your ears on a journey into the stratosphere.

Robin released his debut album *Memories* on May 10 2018 at the Fox Cabaret in Vancouver with TrebleFive Records and is touring it this summer across Washington and BC, appearing at the FolkLife Festival in Seattle, Vancouver International Jazz Festival, Carnaval del Sol, Stony Ground Concert Series on Pender Island, and ArtsWells Festival among others.

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