

## **Calgary Foundation donates \$3 million to the National Music Centre and CKUA Radio partnership**

*(Calgary, AB — June 23, 2015)* The National Music Centre (NMC) is pleased to announce that the Calgary Foundation has donated \$2 million to NMC and \$1 million to CKUA Radio to build, outfit and operate the Calgary Foundation CKUA Studio.

CKUA's new Calgary studio will be housed in the restored, legendary King Eddy Hotel portion of Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre. Located at street level, the studio will be visible to the public and will be CKUA's first publically accessible radio station in Calgary.

The Calgary Foundation saw that the CKUA/NMC partnership presented a unique opportunity to bring the local arts and music scene to larger audiences throughout Alberta and across the world—and to give CKUA a Calgary home in the new NMC.

Eva Friesen, CEO of the Calgary Foundation, said: "The new National Music Centre is more than a hub for music lovers from across Canada and beyond. It is a virtual gathering place for the community to share and engage with one another and strengthen ties."

"We are grateful to the Calgary Foundation for seeing the importance of supporting this alliance of two cultural charities committed to serving Albertans. This highly visible studio will strengthen our relationship with Calgary-based listeners and supporters and allow CKUA to be a part of and contribute to the dynamism and excitement of Studio Bell and the National Music Centre," said Ken Regan, CEO of CKUA Radio.

From its new home in Calgary, CKUA will present live prime time programming, develop new special event programs, and feature live interviews, conversations and performances. Broadcasts are planned to begin in fall 2016.

"CKUA Radio and the Calgary Foundation share our passion for community and supporting Alberta's diverse musical landscape. For NMC this is a perfect partnership as our new building's exhibitions and broadcast studio will share stories about music in Canada including CKUA's unique on-going story, as Canada's oldest public broadcaster," said Andrew Mosker, President and CEO of NMC.

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Construction of Studio Bell began in early 2013 and remains on schedule to open in the spring of 2016. The project will cost \$168 million, and NMC has raised over \$125 million to construct the 160,000 square foot cultural space. With interactive education programming, artist incubation, engaging exhibitions and performances, NMC will become a hub for music in Calgary's East Village.

### **About the Calgary Foundation**

Since 1955, the Calgary Foundation has been in the business of building a vibrant community. It is the philanthropic partnerships within the charitable, government and corporate communities that enables them to do this work. The strength and value of the community foundation is reflected in a healthy community supported by a strong, sustainable charitable sector. In 2013-2014, the Calgary Foundation saw \$47 million in new contributions, had an asset base of \$740.1 million and granted \$34.7 million to 758 charitable organizations.

### **About CKUA Radio**

Founded in 1927, CKUA Radio Network is Canada's first educational broadcaster and one of Alberta's foremost cultural ambassadors. Recognized as the voice of Alberta and Canadian musicians, artists and cultural enthusiasts, the station has a long and proud history of championing the early careers and talents of emerging and undiscovered Albertan/Canadian talent—from k.d. lang and Corb Lund to 100 Mile House and Reuben and the Dark. For more information, please visit [ckua.com](http://ckua.com).

### **About the National Music Centre**

The National Music Centre (NMC) is a national catalyst for discovery, innovation and renewal through music. In its new home at Studio Bell in Calgary's East Village, NMC will preserve and celebrate Canada's music story and inspire a new generation of music lovers through programming that includes on-site and outreach education programs, performances, artist incubation, and exhibitions. For more information, please visit [nmc.ca](http://nmc.ca).

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