

National Music Centre launches special exhibition dedicated to Corey Hart on March 22

Exhibition to celebrate the life and career of 2019 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee

(March 21, 2019 — Calgary, AB) The National Music Centre (NMC) is pleased to launch a new temporary exhibition at Studio Bell in partnership with The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), honouring 2019 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Corey Hart.

The exhibition follows the Montreal-born singer-songwriter's induction at the 2019 JUNO Awards last weekend in London, Ontario. Known for his monumentally successful singles "Sunglasses at Night" and "Never Surrender," Hart has sold over 16 million records worldwide. He has had nine consecutive singles on the U.S. Billboard top 40 and has had 11 top 10s in Canada. Hart has been nominated for a Grammy, as well as ASCAP, ADISQ, SOCAN, and JUNO Awards.

His first album in over 20 years, *Dreaming Time Again* produced by fellow Hall of Famer Bob Ezrin, will be released on May 3, alongside his cross-Canada *Never Surrender Tour* that kicks off on May 31 (his birthday). Tickets and live dates can be found at coreyhart.com.

Milestones: Corey Hart is a new exhibition at Studio Bell that captures the stories behind some of Hart's biggest career highlights, chronicling the artist's road to stardom, international fame, writing and producing for Céline Dion in the '90s, his connection to his fans, and more.

"My fans have been an important part of this whole process and my decision to re-enter the spotlight," said Corey Hart. "They've stuck by me from the very beginning. My wife, Julie, and I worked closely alongside the staff at the National Music Centre to ensure that there was something special for them in this exhibition. I hope they enjoy it, and I look forward to seeing them when I embark on my first tour in over 20 years this summer."

Notable artifacts from the performer's past include handwritten lyrics for "Never Surrender," fan mail, memorabilia, awards, and personal items such as high school report cards with comments from teachers, and letters to his mom when he was 11 and 12 years old. The exhibition also features the signature Wayfarer sunglasses that he wore in his "Sunglasses at Night" video, which won the first-ever JUNO Award for Best Video in 1984. Hidden fan messages provided by Hart will be sprinkled throughout the exhibition and can be viewed using interactive Wayfarer-style decoding glasses.

"Having been raised in Montreal, Corey Hart's music is forever etched into my own personal history," said Andrew Mosker, President and CEO, NMC. "Whether you were in Quebec or another part of the country, if you were alive in the '80s you were undoubtedly connected by one of Corey's massive hits. I'm thrilled to celebrate his legacy at Studio Bell."

“It was a joy to officially welcome Corey into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and see him return to the stage this past weekend at the 2019 JUNO Awards,” said Allan Reid, President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards & MusiCounts. “As one of the biggest Canadian success stories of the ‘80s and ‘90s, I’m delighted to see him celebrated once again with this new exhibition at Studio Bell in Calgary.”

Milestones: Corey Hart is accessible with paid admission to Studio Bell and will run from March 22, 2019 until October 2019.

Regular admission to Studio Bell is \$18 for adults, \$14 for students/seniors, \$11 for children (3-12 years of age), and free for children under 3 years of age.

About Corey Hart

Corey Hart is best known for his hit singles "Sunglasses at Night" and "Never Surrender," and recognized as one of Canada's most successful singer-songwriters. He has sold over 16 million records worldwide and scored nine US Billboard Top 40 hits. In Canada Hart has amassed 30 Top 40 hits, including 11 in the Top 10, over the course of 30 years in the music industry. Nominated for the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1984, Hart is an inductee of Canada's Walk of Fame and is also a multiple JUNO Award nominee and winner in Canada, including the Diamond Award for his best-selling album *Boy in the Box*. He has also been honoured by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). Hart will release his first studio album in over 20 years on May 3, and will embark on a major arena tour across Canada starting on May 31. He lives in The Bahamas with his four children (India, Dante, River, Rain) and wife, Julie Masse. For more information on Corey Hart, please visit coreyhart.com.

About Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre

Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre (NMC), is much more than a museum. A national catalyst for discovery, innovation and renewal through music, NMC is preserving and celebrating Canada's music story inside its home at Studio Bell in Calgary's East Village. With programming that includes on-site and outreach education programs, performances, artist incubation and exhibitions, NMC is inspiring a new generation of music lovers. For more information, please visit studiobell.ca.

About CARAS

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/L'académie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enregistrement (CARAS) is a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and enhance the Canadian music industry and to contribute toward higher artistic and industry standards. CARAS' mandate is comprised of four key pillars: Educate through our music education charity MusiCounts programs and initiatives, Develop emerging artists through mentorship and development programs, Celebrate Canadian artists with year-round JUNO Awards showcasing, and Honour music industry icons through the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. For more information on the 48th Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit junoawards.ca.



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