

National Music Centre Announces Partnership with Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame

(Calgary, AB — October 16, 2015) The National Music Centre (NMC) is pleased to announce a partnership that will see the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) find a permanent home in Calgary within Studio Bell.

Canadian songwriters, such as Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, Robert Charlebois and Gordon Lightfoot, have penned some of the most iconic songs in popular music history, celebrated internationally for their inspiring words and music.

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame will join the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame Collection, on level five of Studio Bell, a floor entirely dedicated to celebrating and recognizing Canadian music creators and artists who have left their mark on this country and beyond.

“Canadian songwriters have made an incredible contribution to music at home and around the world,” said CSHF Manager Lisa Gaglia. “We are thrilled that our inductees will continue to be honoured and have their legacy preserved through exhibitions at the National Music Centre.”

NMC is partnering with these three Canadian music organizations to highlight the contributions of their inductees, and examine the importance of these organizations in recognizing the achievements of musicians, songwriters, and other influential players in Canadian music.

“We are thankful to the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame for this exciting partnership that will allow us to recognize the amazing legacy of Canadian songwriters,” said Adam Fox, Director of Programs for NMC. “Finally, Canada will have a physical place to visit these three important national halls of fame, and through our programming we can celebrate our pioneers and icons.”

Visitors will be able to visit the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame Collection, and the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame when Studio Bell opens to the public next summer.

About the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) honours and celebrates Canadian songwriters and those who have dedicated their lives to the legacy of music, and works to educate the public about these achievements. National and non-profit, the CSHF is guided by its own board of directors who comprise Anglophone and Francophone music creators and publishers, as well as representation from the record industry. In December 2011, SOCAN (the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) acquired the CSHF. The Hall of Fame's mandate aligns with SOCAN's objectives as a songwriter and publisher membership-based organization. For more information, visit cshf.ca.

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, visit nmc.ca.

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