

Terri Clark to visit Studio Bell as next RBC Master in Residence

Three artists from Western Canada to be mentored by country icon

(Calgary, AB — April 11, 2019) The National Music Centre (NMC) is pleased to announce internationally-renowned Canadian country music superstar Terri Clark as this year's RBC Master in Residence at Studio Bell.

Added to the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2018, Terri Clark is currently being celebrated at Studio Bell with the exhibition, *Showcase: 2018 Inductees*, running until the fall of 2019. During her time in residence, she will officially add her name plaque to the Hall of Fame wall of Studio Bell on May 14. NMC Members get exclusive invites to all Hall of Fame plaque ceremonies – more information about the benefits of NMC membership at studiobell.ca/become-a-member.

Clark will offer her songwriting expertise to three emerging Canadian country acts from Western Canada during an intensive one-day session. Participants include multi award-winning artist Tracy Bone from the Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation in southwestern Manitoba, Vancouver singer-songwriter Shylo Sharity, and Calgary-based Mariya Stokes.

The private mentorship sessions will conclude with a public Songwriters' Circle on May 15, hosted by Clark and featuring the RBC Master in Residence participants. Tickets for the Songwriters' Circle will be included with admission to Studio Bell and free for NMC Members, but space is limited. Get your tickets now at studiobell.ca/whats-on.

"I've had many mentors and I've learned a lot in my 20-plus years in country music," said Terri Clark. "I'm very excited to share some of that knowledge with a new generation of country artists."

The RBC Master in Residence program invites emerging artists to work under the leadership of a Master in Residence chosen to inspire creativity, encourage innovation, share expertise and provide mentorship. Previous masters have included acclaimed singer-songwriter Steven Page, Canadian techno ambassador, Richie Hawtin, and Our Lady Peace founder, Raine Maida. Internationally acclaimed artist and producer, Daniel Lanois led NMC's first ever Master in Residence event in 2015 with an interactive master session in collaboration with Sled Island Music and Arts Festival.

"Within the country music genre, Terri Clark is among Canada's best and most beloved songwriters, and a perfect choice for the next RBC Master in Residence," said Adam Fox, NMC's Director of Programs. "Country artists, past and present, will be a focus at Studio Bell in the lead up to the Canadian Country Music Awards' return to Calgary in the fall of 2019. We're excited to have Terri with us to help kick off these celebrations."

About Terri Clark

Hailing from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Terri Clark got her start by playing for tips at Tootsie's Orchid

Lounge, a legendary honky-tonk bar across the alley from Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium. With over five million albums sold, critically-acclaimed international tours, and hit singles such as "Better Things To Do," "Poor Poor Pitiful Me," "Girls Lie Too," "Northern Girl," and "I Just Wanna Be Mad," Clark has solidified her place in the history books of country music. She is a 2018 inductee into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, three-time JUNO Award winner, 19-time CCMA Awards winner, and also holds the honour of being the only Canadian female member of the legendary Grand Ole Opry. For more information, please visit terriclark.com.

About the RBC Master in Residence Mentorship Program

Sponsored by Royal Bank of Canada, the RBC Master in Residence workshops provide opportunities for emerging artists to gain unprecedented access to masters in various genres and aspects of music. Through mentorship, lectures, and hands-on workshops, Canadian artists benefit from the unique experiences and skills of these masters. NMC will recruit these masters, and work closely to develop specific programs that unpack their distinct skills to maximize benefit for participating emerging artists. For more information, please visit [studiobell.ca/ rbc-master-in-residence](http://studiobell.ca/rbc-master-in-residence).

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.

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