

National Music Centre launches special exhibition dedicated to Jann Arden on March 13

Exhibition to celebrate the life and career of 2020 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee

(March 12, 2020— 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 2020 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Jann Arden.

The exhibition launches on the eve of the Alberta singer-songwriter's induction at the 2020 JUNO Awards this Sunday in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. An eight-time JUNO award winner, Arden catapulted onto the Canadian music scene in the early '90s with her now-signature brand of torch songs and heartbreak ballads, including smash hits such as "I Would Die for You" and "Insensitive." To date, Arden has released 14 albums, and achieved 19 top ten singles, among many other awards and accolades. She will embark on a 19-date Canadian tour that kicks off in St. John's, Newfoundland on May 7. Tickets and live dates can be found at jannarden.com.

Nearly three decades into her career, Arden has secured her place in Canada's history, as a celebrated multi-platinum award-winning artist and one of the country's funniest media personalities. This duality of tragedy and comedy has defined much of Arden's life in the spotlight and is one of the qualities that makes the Calgary native such an amazing storyteller. This spring, NMC will celebrate Arden's incredible career full of stories with a temporary exhibition in the Canadian Music Hall of Fame gallery at Studio Bell.

Visitors will gain insights into Jann Arden's unique career in the music business, from writing songs in her parents' basement to appearing on movie soundtracks and starring in her own prime-time TV show. New and old fans will fall in love with Arden through intimate stories and video interviews that illuminate the Canadian star's captivating personality. "Alberta has always been home for me, and to have this exhibition launch at Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, in my hometown of Calgary makes this moment extra special," said Jann Arden. "I think my fans are going to get a kick out of some of the personal items included in the exhibit. Looking at some of that stuff brought back some great memories."

Notable artifacts from the performer's past include early photos, a high school report card, and her first recorded single from 1980. Visitors will hear about her secretive early relationship to music and see the homemade dress she wore to her high school graduation, where she performed for the first time live. Other treasures include intimate lyric books, performance outfits and fan-made scrapbooks.

"The National Music Centre has been a long-time friend and supporter of Jann," said Andrew Mosker, President and CEO, NMC. "We're incredibly proud to claim her—a Calgarian—as our own, and to

celebrate her contributions to music in Canada at the highest national level here in our hometown of Calgary at Studio Bell.”

“For almost 30 years, Jann has entertained audiences with her incredible songwriting, beautiful voice, and unforgettable spirit, earning her a rightful spot in the Canadian Music Hall of Fame,” said Allan Reid, President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards and MusiCounts. “The exhibits at Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, are world class and I can’t wait to experience Jann’s exhibit once it opens.”

Canadian Music Hall of Fame: Jann Arden is accessible with paid admission to Studio Bell and will run from March 13, 2020 until October 2020.

About Jann Arden

Jann Arden is a Canadian born, singer, songwriter, broadcaster and author. The much-celebrated multi-platinum award-winning artist arrived onto the Canadian music scene in 1993 with the release of her debut album “Time for Mercy” featuring the hit single, “I Would Die for You”. A year later with, *Living Under June*, she would have her career breakout hit, “Insensitive” which would solidify her position in the music world. Arden’s impressive list of accolades include eight JUNO Awards including Best New Solo Artist and Songwriter of the Year, 10 SOCAN Awards, four Western Canadian Music Awards, a Much Music Video Award, three Prairie Music Awards and an Alberta Recording Industry Association Award. Arden has also been honoured with a star on Canada’s Walk of Fame, inducted into the Western Canadian Music Alliance Hall of Fame and Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, awarded the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, as well as the Order of Canada. For more information on Jann Arden, please visit jannarden.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 registered charity and 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 icons through the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. For more information on the 49th Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit junoawards.ca.



About The Canadian Music Hall of Fame

The Canadian Music Hall of Fame was established in 1978 and recognizes Canadian artists that have attained commercial success while having a positive impact on the Canadian music scene here at home and around the world. Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre in Calgary, is the physical home to the Canadian Music Hall of Fame collection. NMC works closely with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) to collect and exhibit items within the collection. As the governing body for the Hall of Fame, CARAS makes annual inductions in the artist, industry, and humanitarian categories each year at the JUNO Awards. For more information, please visit canadianmusichalloffame.ca.

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