

National Music Centre to close its current space as it prepares to move to its new building in 2016

(Calgary, Alberta – October 27, 2014) The National Music Centre (NMC) has announced major changes to its current programming as it prepares to move into its new building, currently under construction at 9th Avenue and 4th Street SE in downtown Calgary.

NMC will be ending all tours and on-site education programming at its current location at 134 11 Ave SE, Calgary, after December 2014.

Resources will be redirected to outreach education programming that brings interactive music experiences directly into classrooms, as well as packing up and moving NMC's extensive collection of rare instruments, music technology and artifacts.

Until the end of 2014, NMC will host a weekly public tour on Sundays at 1:30 pm. Public tours cost \$10 adults/ \$8 students and seniors. Reservations are not required. **The last public tour of NMC's current gallery space will be Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 1:30 pm.**

To celebrate its incredible collection before it is moved, NMC will also be offering two FREE tours of the current gallery space on Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. These tours are first come, first served.

Private tours of the collections are also available. For more information and to book, please visit nmc.ca/tours. Music fans can also view some of NMC's extensive collection through a collection database at nmc.ca.

NMC will continue to host events and community programming in our Stage One performance space, but this space will close permanently in September 2015.

To learn more about NMC's new outreach education programs, please visit nmc.ca/learning.

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Why should you see a tour at NMC before the current gallery is closed?

NMC has been giving intimate tours of its collection for over 10 years. The experience is truly unique, as musically trained interpreters bring the collection to life as they play music on a range of instruments.

Visitors can get up close to rare artifacts and instruments, like Elton John's songwriting piano, and TONTO, the world's largest synthesizer. Visitors can also try out a Theremin and learn about music technology through the ages.

About the National Music Centre

The National Music Centre is the home for music in Canada and its mission is to amplify the love, sharing, and understanding of music. The new National Music Centre will be a 160,000 square-foot, architecturally stunning destination in the heart of Calgary's East Village, and an international hub for music and technology. It will resonate with expanded programming including education, performance, artist incubation, and exhibitions. The new building will open in the spring of 2016. Learn more at nmc.ca

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