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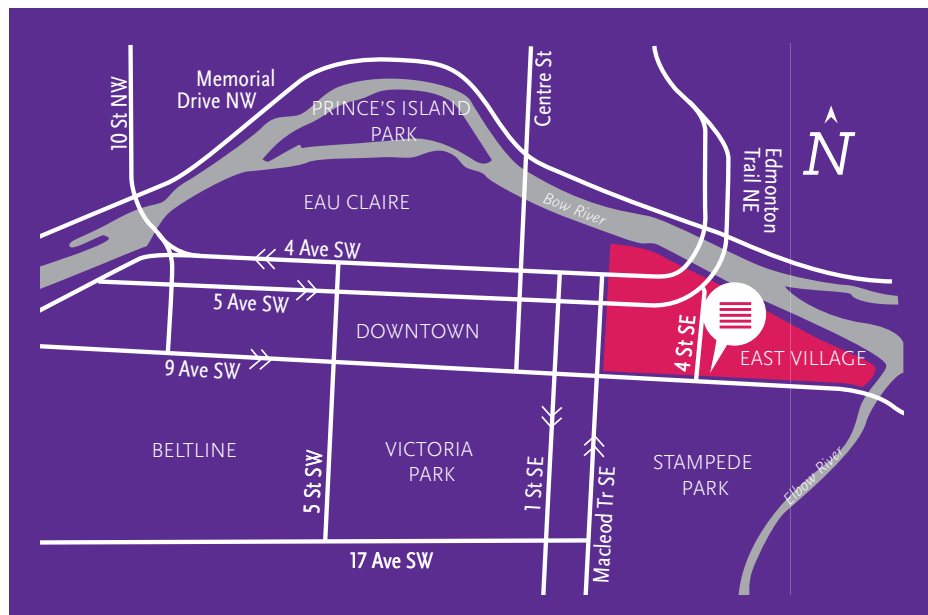
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Ten years ago, Canada did not have a national home for music. Today, Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre in Calgary, Alberta, stands as Canada's national home for musical heritage, a place where our country's music lives, breathes, evolves, and unites us as a country. While rooted in Western Canada, NMC exists for all Canadians, reflecting the full breadth of our country's voices, stories, and sounds, and serving as a connector from coast to coast to coast.

What began as an ambitious idea has grown into something far greater. Together with artists, supporters, partners, and community, we have built a unique national movement that uses history to make history. Over the past decade, we have welcomed more than one million visitors, stewarded and developed one of the most significant collections of musical heritage in the world, and supported and amplified the stories of Canadian artists and creators across cultures and genres. We have also played a meaningful role in the transformation of Calgary's East Village, helping position Alberta as an emerging leader in Canada's music story.

This milestone is not only about what has been built, but how it has been built collectively.

As we enter our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we are building on that momentum with an ambitious slate of programming, including welcoming the global Music Cities Convention to Calgary and advancing plans for a major exhibition featuring Canadian music icon Joni Mitchell in 2027.

Music has a unique ability to connect us across regions, languages, and cultures. As Canada's national home for musical heritage, NMC is committed to strengthening those connections through national partnerships and community programming, and ensuring that our musical heritage remains accessible, relevant, and alive for future generations.

As we mark this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are not simply looking back; we are setting the stage for what comes next. The pages that follow highlight 10 Signature Stories. Each reflects a defining idea, partnership, or impact from NMC's first decade. Together, they demonstrate how a bold vision became Canada's national home for musical heritage, and how that work continues to shape the future of music in Canada.

This anniversary belongs to all of you, artists in every genre, donors, governments, sponsors, partners, and all the cultural communities in Canada who made it possible. And the next chapter is just beginning.

Andrew Mosker  
President and CEO

## MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT- DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

Il y a dix ans, le Canada ne disposait pas d'un lieu national consacré à la musique. Aujourd'hui, Studio Bell, demeure du Centre national de musique à Calgary, en Alberta, s'impose comme le lieu national dédié au patrimoine musical du Canada, un endroit où la musique de notre pays vit, respire, évolue et nous unit comme pays. Bien ancré dans l'Ouest canadien, le CNM existe pour tous les Canadiens, reflétant toute la richesse de nos voix, de nos histoires et de nos sonorités, et agissant comme un lien d'un océan à l'autre à l'autre.

Ce qui n'était au départ qu'une idée ambitieuse est devenu quelque chose de bien plus grand. Avec les artistes, les donateurs, les partenaires et la communauté, nous avons bâti un mouvement national unique qui s'appuie sur l'histoire pour en écrire une nouvelle. Au cours de la dernière décennie, nous avons accueilli plus d'un million de visiteurs, préservé et développé l'une des plus importantes collections de patrimoine musical au monde, et amplifié et mis en valeur les histoires d'artistes et de créateurs canadiens issus de toutes les cultures et de tous les genres musicaux. Nous avons également contribué de façon significative à la transformation du quartier East Village à Calgary, en aidant à positionner l'Alberta comme un acteur émergent dans l'histoire musicale du Canada.

Cette étape importante ne concerne pas seulement ce qui a été accompli, mais aussi la manière dont cela a été réalisé, collectivement.

Alors que nous entamons notre 10<sup>e</sup> année anniversaire, nous poursuivons sur cette lancée avec une programmation ambitieuse, notamment en accueillant à Calgary la conférence internationale Music Cities et en faisant progresser les préparatifs d'une grande exposition consacrée à l'icône canadienne de la musique Joni Mitchell en 2027.

La musique a cette capacité unique de nous rassembler, au-delà des régions, des langues et des cultures. En tant que lieu national du patrimoine musical, le CNM s'engage à renforcer ces liens grâce à des partenariats pancanadiens, à une programmation ancrée dans la communauté, et à faire en sorte que notre patrimoine musical demeure accessible, pertinent et vivant pour les générations à venir.

En soulignant ce 10<sup>e</sup> anniversaire, nous ne faisons pas que regarder en arrière; nous préparons l'avenir. Les pages qui suivent présentent 10 histoires marquantes. Chacune met en lumière une idée, un partenariat ou un impact déterminant de la première décennie du CNM. Ensemble, elles illustrent comment une vision audacieuse est devenue le lieu national du patrimoine musical du Canada, et comment ce travail continue de façonner l'avenir de la musique au pays.

Cet anniversaire vous appartient à toutes et à tous — artistes de tous les genres, donateurs, gouvernements, commanditaires, partenaires et communautés culturelles de partout au Canada — qui avez contribué à le rendre possible. Et la suite ne fait que commencer.

# A DECADE OF IMPACT

## *through Music*

10 YEARS SINCE OPENING, TOLD THROUGH 10 DEFINING  
AREAS THAT REFLECT NMC'S GROWTH, IMPACT, AND REACH

### 1 THE MAKING OF NMC

From a small instrument collection to Canada's home for music, tracing the vision to reality over 10 years.

**160,000-**  
**SQUARE-FOOT**  
home for Canada's  
music collections.

**450 YEARS**  
of music history  
and memorabilia  
preserved.

**119 EXHIBITIONS**  
celebrating  
Canada's legends.

**1,000,000+**  
**VISITORS** since  
opening in 2016.

### 3 LIVING COLLECTION PHILOSOPHY

NMC brings history to life by keeping its collection playable and enabling artists to create with iconic instruments.

**500+ ARTISTS**  
supported through  
development  
programs

**50,000+ HOURS**  
of living collection  
usage.

**8,000+ ARTIFACTS**  
with **200 INSTRUMENTS** available for  
professionals or the public to use.

### 2 A BRIDGE FOR NATIONAL UNITY

NMC is strengthening connections across Canada and beyond, from East to West and across English and French communities.

**70+**  
**PARTNERSHIPS**  
locally and from  
across Canada.

**1 NEW**  
satellite hub in  
Montreal.

**11 TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS**  
developed with cultural partners from  
Canada, Europe, and the US.

### 4 THE KING EDDY

The rich history and legacy of live music is why NMC saved this iconic venue.

**1,800+**  
**LIVE SHOWS**  
since reopening as  
a music venue.

**240,000+**  
total concert  
attendance since  
2018.

**CIRCA 1905**  
the year King Eddy first opened, making it  
one of the oldest music venues still in  
operation in Canada.

### 5 MUSIC AND WELLNESS

NMC advances music therapy through programs and partnerships expanding access across Canada.

**15,000+**  
**PARTICIPANT**  
contacts  
annually.

**12**  
**CERTIFIED**  
music  
therapists.

**12 PROGRAM LOCATIONS**  
across Canada in Alberta, Saskatchewan,  
Manitoba, BC — and growing!

### 6 MUSIC MOSAIC

NMC celebrates Canada's diversity by showcasing musical traditions, artists, and stories from across the country.

**70+ EVENTS**  
with local cultural  
communities or  
festivals.

**40+**  
**PARTNERSHIPS**  
with cultural  
organizations.

**10+ CULTURAL COMMUNITY**  
events and festivals planned for 2026.

### 7 HONOURING INDIGENOUS MUSIC

NMC supports Indigenous artists and amplifies Indigenous voices through dedicated programs.

**100+**  
**INDIGENOUS**  
artists supported  
through artist  
development.

**23 LIVE**  
**PERFORMANCES**  
showcasing  
and celebrating  
Indigenous artists.

**46 STORIES**  
of Indigenous trailblazers told through  
NMC's exhibitions.

### 8 THE HALLS OF FAME

NMC is the home of Canada's music halls of fame, celebrating its most influential artists.

**4 PARTNERSHIPS**  
with national  
music halls of  
fame.

**302 HALL OF  
FAMERS**  
recognized in  
NMC's exhibits.

**14 MAJOR EVENTS**  
hosted with our Hall of Fame partners  
since 2016.

### 9 YOUTH AND LEARNING

NMC inspires the next generation through youth programs and hands-on learning.

**80,000+**  
**STUDENTS**  
served regionally  
and nationally.

**500+ SCHOOLS**  
have participated  
in NMC education  
programs.

**500,000+ ENGAGEMENTS**  
with NMC's online educational videos  
and learning programs.

### 10 THE FUTURE OF NMC

NMC continues to support and shape Alberta as an emerging music-friendly region in Canada. By 2036, NMC aims to help generate:

**\$18M-\$22M**  
in annual  
economic impact.

**120-150 JOBS**  
supported  
annually.

**175,000-225,000 VISITORS**  
annually for exhibitions and other public  
programming at NMC.

# Calendar of Events

This calendar of events is subject to change. For detailed info, please visit [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)

Included = ticket is included with Studio Bell admission \*dates subject to change \*\*space is limited

|    | EVENT TITLE                                                      | DATE                                                        | DAY | EVE | TICKETED         | MEMBER DISCOUNT |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| 77 | NMC School Groups & Field Trips                                  | Ongoing                                                     | •   |     | Schools only     | N/A             |
| 73 | NMC Tours: Greatest Hits*                                        | Weekends                                                    | •   |     | •                | FREE            |
| 74 | NMC Tours: Backstage Pass*                                       | Weekends                                                    | •   |     | •                | \$6 off         |
| 83 | NMC Jam Club (youth)**                                           | Thursdays                                                   | •   |     | FREE             |                 |
| 35 | PlayLab Activations*                                             | Saturdays                                                   | •   |     | FREE             |                 |
| 75 | Liner Notes: Inside the Rolling Stones Mobile Studio*            | First Sunday each month                                     | •   |     | •                | 15% off         |
| 97 | NMC Music and Wellness: Synth Soundbath*                         | Last Sunday each month                                      | •   |     | •                | 15% off         |
| 69 | Forever Young: Seniors' Wednesdays                               | Wednesdays                                                  | •   |     | FREE for seniors |                 |
| 49 | NMC Presents: Studio Bell 10-Year Anniversary Bash on Canada Day | July 1                                                      | •   |     | FREE             |                 |
| 45 | CIBC BackBeat: Bow & Tell                                        | July 4, 11, 18, 25<br>Aug 1, 8, 15, 22                      | •   |     | FREE             |                 |
| 81 | NMC Education Summer Camps                                       | July 20–24,<br>July 27–31,<br>August 10–14,<br>August 17–21 | •   |     | •                | 20% off         |
|    | Music Production Workshop with Will Maclellan**                  | July 23                                                     | •   |     | •                | 20% off         |
| 45 | Historic Calgary Week — Made in Canada: Pioneers of Sound        | July 31                                                     | •   |     | FREE             |                 |
|    | Design Week Calgary — YYC Soundscapes: In Tune with Motion       | August 7                                                    | •   |     | •                | N/A             |
| 51 | NMC Presents: Eddy Fest                                          | August 14–16                                                | •   | •   | •                |                 |

|    | EVENT TITLE                                                                   | DATE                      | DAY | EVE | TICKETED          | MEMBER DISCOUNT |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|-----------------|
| 45 | NMC & CBC Present — The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration                | August 22                 |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 45 | King & NMC Present — GBÈDU: An Afro-Jazz Orchestral Experience                | September 4               |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
|    | Alberta Culture Days                                                          | September 5-6             | •   |     | FREE Level 1 only |                 |
| 45 | Honens Festival                                                               | September 10–12           | •   | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 45 | Craig Senyk Initiatives & NMC Present: Ride to Remember                       | September 13              |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 89 | OHSOTO'KINO Music Incubator Showcase                                          | September 17              |     | •   | •                 | 50% off         |
| 55 | NMC Presents: Under the Harvest Moon — A Mid-Autumn Concert                   | September 25              |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 45 | Candycmusic & NMC present: Sing with the Live Band Workshop                   | September 26              | •   |     | Included          | FREE            |
| 91 | Live from the King Eddy: The Free Label                                       | September 26 & 27         |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 53 | Alberta Music Cities Convention                                               | September 29 to October 1 | •   |     | •                 | N/A             |
| 48 | National Day for Truth & Reconciliation                                       | September 30              | •   |     | FREE admission    |                 |
| 57 | NMC Presents: Jeremy Dutcher                                                  | September 30              |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 45 | NMC & Calgary Cinematheque Present: Faust — Film Screening                    | October 15–17             |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 59 | NMC Presents: Mudmen                                                          | October 18                |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |
| 45 | JazzYYC & NMC Present: Dawn Pemberton — Portraits of the First Ladies of Jazz | November 3                |     | •   | •                 | 15% off         |

# Calendar of Events

|    | EVENT TITLE                                                                     | DATE                 | DAY | EVE | TICKETED | MEMBER DISCOUNT |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|----------|-----------------|
| 61 | NMC Presents: Six String Nation — Celebrating the Great Canadian Songbook       | November 6           |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 45 | StoryMusic & NMC Present: Little Red Riding Hood with Beethoven                 | November 8           | •   |     | •        | 15% off         |
| 48 | Remembrance Day at Studio Bell                                                  | November 11          | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 45 | Oscill8 SYNC Conference                                                         | November 14          | •   | •   | •        | N/A             |
| 29 | <b>Exhibition Opening: Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame 2026</b>             | November 18          | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 45 | David Dacks: A Radio Active Journey                                             | November 21          | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 63 | NMC Presents: The Barra MacNeils: An East Coast Christmas (afternoon & evening) | November 22          | •   | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 72 | Winter Weekends at Studio Bell                                                  | Weekends in December | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 93 | AE West Artist Showcase                                                         | December 2           |     | •   | FREE     |                 |
| 83 | Jam Club Gig Day                                                                | December 13          | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 65 | NMC Presents: A Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas                               | December 13          |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |

# 2027 Preview

Here are some select highlights from the 2027 calendar. **Stay tuned for more announcements!**

|    | EVENT TITLE                                                                  | DATE                   | DAY | EVE | TICKETED | MEMBER DISCOUNT |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|----------|-----------------|
| 39 | <b>Exhibition Opening: NMC and Joni Mitchell Present: <i>Joni's Jazz</i></b> | 2027                   | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 23 | <b>Exhibition Opening: Canadian Music Hall of Fame <i>Class of 2027</i></b>  | 2027                   | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
|    | Black History Month at Studio Bell                                           | February 6, 2027       | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 47 | Family Day at Studio Bell                                                    | February 15, 2027      | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 67 | NMC Presents: Donovan Woods                                                  | February 24 & 25, 2027 |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
|    | <b>Exhibition Opening: Canadian Music Hall of Fame 2027 Inductee</b>         | March 2027             | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 43 | NMC Presents: Alex Cuba                                                      | March 17, 2027         |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 47 | Journée de la Francophonie                                                   | March 20, 2027         | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 43 | NMC Presents: Valdy                                                          | April 2, 2027          |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 43 | NMC Presents: Heartstrings & Honky Tonks                                     | April 17, 2027         |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 43 | NMC Presents: Piano Heist                                                    | April 24, 2027         |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 43 | NMC Presents: Barney Bentall — My Life in Ranching and Rock'n'Roll           | May 28 & 29, 2027      |     | •   | •        | 15% off         |
| 33 | <b>Exhibition Opening: <i>Speak Up!</i></b>                                  | June 16, 2027          | •   |     | Included | FREE            |
| 47 | Indigenous Peoples Day                                                       | June 21, 2027          | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 47 | Canada Day at Studio Bell                                                    | July 1, 2027           | •   |     | FREE     |                 |
| 81 | NMC Education Summer Camps                                                   | July/August, 2027      | •   |     | •        | 20% off         |
| 29 | <b>Exhibition Opening: Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame 2027</b>          | September 2027         | •   |     | Included | FREE            |

## WAYS TO GIVE

**National Music Centre is a registered charity dedicated to amplifying the love, sharing, and understanding of music in Canada.**

When you invest in music, you invest in community. NMC relies on the generosity of donors to sustain exhibitions, education programs, artist development opportunities, and music and wellness initiatives.

Your support ensures the continuation of educational programs for youth, provides artists with opportunities to grow, preserves Canada's music history, and brings the healing power of music to more people who need it.

Whether it's a one-time gift, monthly donation, legacy gift, or sponsorship, every contribution plays a vital role in

protecting Canada's musical legacy and supporting the next generation of talent.

### Ways to support NMC:

- Make a one-time donation
- Become a monthly donor
- Legacy giving
- Corporate matching programs
- Host a fundraiser
- Donate instruments or artifacts
- Become a member
- Join the volunteer team
- Purchase admission
- Attend a concert
- Shop the NMC Gift Shop & Café
- Spread the word

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## BECOME AN NMC MEMBER

Join an exclusive community of music lovers and experience Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, as you never have before. Purchase an individual or family membership and receive free admission and tours, access to exclusive members-only events, discounts on concert tickets, and much more!

Individual and family memberships are available to purchase online or in-person, and are valid for one year.

Loved your visit? Stop by the front desk to apply your same-day Studio Bell admission towards the purchase of an NMC Membership.

### Member Benefits

- Free Studio Bell admission
- Free Greatest Hits guided tours
- Discounted Backstage Pass tours
- Exclusive Members-only events
- Discounted concert tickets
- 15% off at NMC Gift Shop & Café
- 10% off at the King Eddy
- 20% off NMC Summer Camps
- Free birthday month drink
- Guest passes
- And much more!

**JOIN AT [NMC.CA/MEMBERS](https://nmc.ca/members)**

### Membership Rates

#### Adult:

\$60.90

#### Student/Senior (65+):

\$47.25

#### Family:

\$115.50





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## HOW TO VOLUNTEER

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Visitor support and museum stewardship
- Education programs
- Jam Club mentor
- Event volunteer
- Handyperson
- Marketing and street teams
- Collections and exhibitions

Volunteers are an essential part of the National Music Centre community, helping bring everything that happens at Studio Bell to life. From welcoming visitors and supporting concerts to mentoring young musicians in Jam Club, there are many ways to get involved.

Join a passionate group of music lovers sharing their time and skills to support music in our community and beyond. You'll help amplify the love, sharing, and understanding of music—and create memorable experiences for visitors of all ages.





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## EVENT RENTALS AT STUDIO BELL

Learn more at [studiobell.ca/rentals](https://studiobell.ca/rentals)

At Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, you can host corporate gatherings, milestone social events—and even your own private concert—in a space where music, history, and architecture collide. Our stunning spaces can welcome 50 to 1,500 guests, with a dedicated sales and production team ready to turn big ideas into unforgettable experiences. Plus, every event helps support the ongoing work of Canada's home for music, so your night leaves a lasting impact long after the lights go down.

## MONTREAL SATELLITE SPACE

Learn more at [nmc.ca/montreal](https://nmc.ca/montreal)

National Music Centre's satellite space in Montreal's Latin Quarter marks an important step in NMC's efforts to build deeper connections between the country's diverse music scenes. Located in the same building as Quebec's music industry association Adisq, the Montréal location serves as a home base for NMC activities and partnerships in Eastern Canada, a venue for workshops, industry meet-ups, artist programming, and pop-up events, a gateway for collaborative projects celebrating Canadian and Québec music, and more.



## LETTER FROM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

At the National Music Centre, we care for—and care about—the artifacts that tell Canada's musical story.

These include handwritten lyrics, instruments, stage outfits, and personal materials that document the work of artists across the country. They are not just objects. They are part of our cultural record, and they shape how that record is understood, preserved, and shared.

Increasingly, these collections are at risk of being sold, divided, or leaving the country altogether. When that happens, they often move out of public reach and away from the context that gives them meaning. Over time, the story becomes harder to access, less complete, and more difficult to pass on.

Ensuring these stories remain intact and accessible is a critical part of our work. It allows artists, researchers, and the public to engage directly with the materials that have shaped Canadian music, and to see themselves reflected in that history.

At Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, these collections are preserved and brought forward through exhibitions that connect audiences to the artists, ideas, and moments that define them. They are not only protected here, they are experienced—through sound, through storytelling, and through direct interaction with the music itself.

As we mark our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, that work continues through a new group of exhibitions. This special 2026-2027 year includes a feature exhibition on Nelly Furtado, alongside new experiences such as *PlayLab*, a free drop-in creative hub for families. Looking ahead, we are also preparing a major Joni Mitchell retrospective tied to her relationship with jazz, opening in 2027. We continue to evolve our Hall of Fame exhibitions and core galleries, ensuring the story we tell remains current, representative, and engaging.

Taken together, these exhibitions reflect the depth of Canada's musical legacy and the ways it continues to evolve.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing these experiences with you throughout this anniversary year.

Jesse Moffatt  
Senior Director of Collections  
and Exhibitions

## MESSAGE DU DIRECTEUR PRINCIPAL DES COLLECTIONS ET DES EXPOSITIONS

Au Centre national de musique, nous prenons soin — et nous nous soucions — des artefacts qui racontent l'histoire musicale du Canada.

Il s'agit notamment de paroles manuscrites, d'instruments, de costumes de scène et de documents personnels qui témoignent du travail d'artistes de partout au pays. Ce ne sont pas de simples objets. Ils font partie de notre mémoire culturelle et façonnent la manière dont cette histoire est comprise, préservée et transmise.

De plus en plus, ces collections risquent d'être vendues, fragmentées ou de quitter le pays. Lorsqu'elles sont dispersées, elles échappent souvent à l'accès du public et sont séparées du contexte qui leur donne tout leur sens. Avec le temps, l'histoire devient plus difficile d'accès, moins complète et plus difficile à transmettre.

Veiller à ce que ces histoires demeurent intactes et accessibles est une part essentielle de notre travail. Cela permet aux artistes, aux chercheurs et au public d'entrer en contact direct avec les éléments qui ont façonné la musique canadienne, et de s'y reconnaître.

À Studio Bell, domicile du Centre national de musique, ces collections sont préservées et mises en valeur à travers des expositions qui relient le public aux artistes, aux idées et aux moments qui les définissent. Elles ne sont pas seulement protégées : elles sont vécues — par le son, par le récit et par une interaction directe avec la musique elle-même.

Alors que nous soulignons notre 10<sup>e</sup> anniversaire, ce travail se poursuit à travers une nouvelle série d'expositions. Cette année comprend une exposition phare consacrée à Nelly Furtado, ainsi que de nouvelles expériences comme *PlayLab*, un espace créatif libre d'accès pour les familles. À plus long terme, nous préparons également une grande rétrospective consacrée à Joni Mitchell et à sa relation avec le jazz, qui ouvrira en 2027. Nous continuons aussi de faire évoluer nos expositions du Panthéon de la musique et nos galeries permanentes afin que l'histoire que nous racontons demeure actuelle, représentative et engageante.

Ensemble, ces expositions témoignent de la richesse de l'héritage musical du Canada et de son évolution continue.

Nous avons hâte de vous accueillir et de partager ces expériences avec vous tout au long de cette année anniversaire.



## CANADIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME: NELLY FURTADO

### Feature Exhibition

**Location:** Level 5

**Dates:** On now until  
February 2027

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



This feature exhibit in partnership with CARAS celebrates 2026 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Nelly Furtado. From folk-pop luminary to global superstar, her genre-defying career has continually shaped and redefined the pop landscape for over two decades. The exhibit captures her sound, style, and fearless reinvention through show-stopping stage outfits, storytelling, archival photos, and creative materials that offer an intimate look at her songwriting process.

**PHOTOS** Left: photo by Sebastian Buzzalino.  
Right: photo by Valentin Herfray.



THE CANADIAN MUSIC  
HALL OF FAME

2026 INDUCTEE

# NELLY FURTADO





# THE CANADIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF

# 2025

## CANADIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

### Rotating Exhibition

**Location:** Level 5

**Class of 2025:**

Dan Hill, Loreena McKennitt,  
Ginette Reno, and Glass Tiger

In partnership with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), this temporary exhibition celebrates the 2025 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees — Dan Hill, Ginette Reno, Glass Tiger, and Loreena McKennitt. This rotating gallery space features memorabilia and storytelling from the latest inductees, offering insight into the artists who have shaped Canada's music landscape.

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CANADIAN ACADEMY OF  
RECORDING ARTS & SCIENCES



# CANADIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME: SUM 41

## Feature Exhibition

### Location:

Level 5

### Dates:

On now until February 2027

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RECORDING ARTS & SCIENCES

This feature exhibit in partnership with CARAS celebrates 2025 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Sum 41. From their early days in Ajax, Ontario to becoming global pop-punk rock icons, Sum 41 has spent close to 30 years delivering All Killer, No Filler anthems. Coinciding with their final bow, the exhibit honours their legacy with rare memorabilia, compelling storytelling, and never-before-seen artifacts, including the original VHS cassette, or "Home Made EPK," that helped land them their first record deal.





## ADISQ HALL OF FAME

### Rotating Exhibition

**Location:** Level 4

#### **New Additions:**

Félix Hommage award recipient Alain Simard was added in February 2026.

Presented in partnership with Adisq, this exhibition celebrates Québec and Francophone Canadian music and the latest Félix Award winners. The gallery's design was inspired by the Gala de l'Adisq. It features exclusive photographs and video from the awards ceremony, offering visitors an immersive look at Québec's music industry. A dedicated plaque wall honours more than 30 years of Félix Hommage recipients—artists and industry professionals whose careers have contributed to the growth and success of the Québec music industry.

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CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC

# HALL OF FAME®

## CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

### Rotating Exhibition

**Location:** Level 4

#### New Additions:

Lisa Brokop and Joe Wood

**Next Update:** The Wilkinsons and Ron Kitchener on November 18

The *Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame* celebrates new artist and builder inductees each year, alongside past inductees including Ian Tyson, Terri Clark, Michelle Wright, Paul Brandt, and many more of Canada's country legends. Through artifacts, stage outfits, instruments, and memorabilia, visitors can explore the careers of artists and industry leaders who have made long-term contributions to the genre. Stay tuned for the 2026 inductees coming this fall!

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## CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME



## CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME

### Rotating Exhibition

**Location:** Level 4

**2025 Inductees:** Andy Kim, Jane Siberry, Ian Thomas, Rik Emmett, Mike Levine and Gil Moore of Triumph, and Gino Vannelli

The *Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame* honours the songwriters whose words have become the soundtrack for generations. Featuring musical instruments and memorabilia, visitors get a behind-the-scenes look at how some of their favourite songs were created. With new inductees added each year, this exhibition celebrates the finest songsmiths across our country, highlighting Canada's rich songwriting tradition and the universal power of a well-told story.

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HALL OF FAME

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CANADIENS



# SPEAK UP!

## Rotating Exhibition

**Location:** Level 3

### New Additions:

Tudjaat, Crystal Shawanda, Andrea Menard, Jerry Alfred, Stoney Park Singers

With support from TD, *Speak Up!* showcases Indigenous artists who have made a lasting impact on music in Canada. This evolving exhibition highlights artists whose work bridges culture, music, and activism while encouraging new generations to speak up. Through stories, music, and multimedia, visitors gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous voices and experiences. *Speak Up!* creates space for reflection and learning about the contributions Indigenous artists have made—and continue to make—to Canada's music scene.

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## CREATIVE COMMUNITY HUB: PLAYLAB

### Free Admission

**Location:**  
Level 1

**Dates:**  
Opened on May 6, 2026

**Join us on Saturdays for  
interactive programs in  
PlayLab!**

*PlayLab* is a hands-on sound playground where young visitors can discover how music works. With interactive stations that feature strings, wind, percussion, and electronic instruments, kids experiment with the building blocks of sound—pitch, volume, timbre, and vibration. Pluck a string, strike a drum, blow into an organ, or shape sound on a synth to hear how instruments create their unique voices. Designed for curiosity and creativity, *PlayLab* encourages visitors to listen closely, explore freely, and learn how musicians turn sound into music.



# TIMELESS: 100 YEARS OF OSCAR PETERSON

## Feature Exhibition

### Location:

Level 5

### Dates:

On now until February 2027

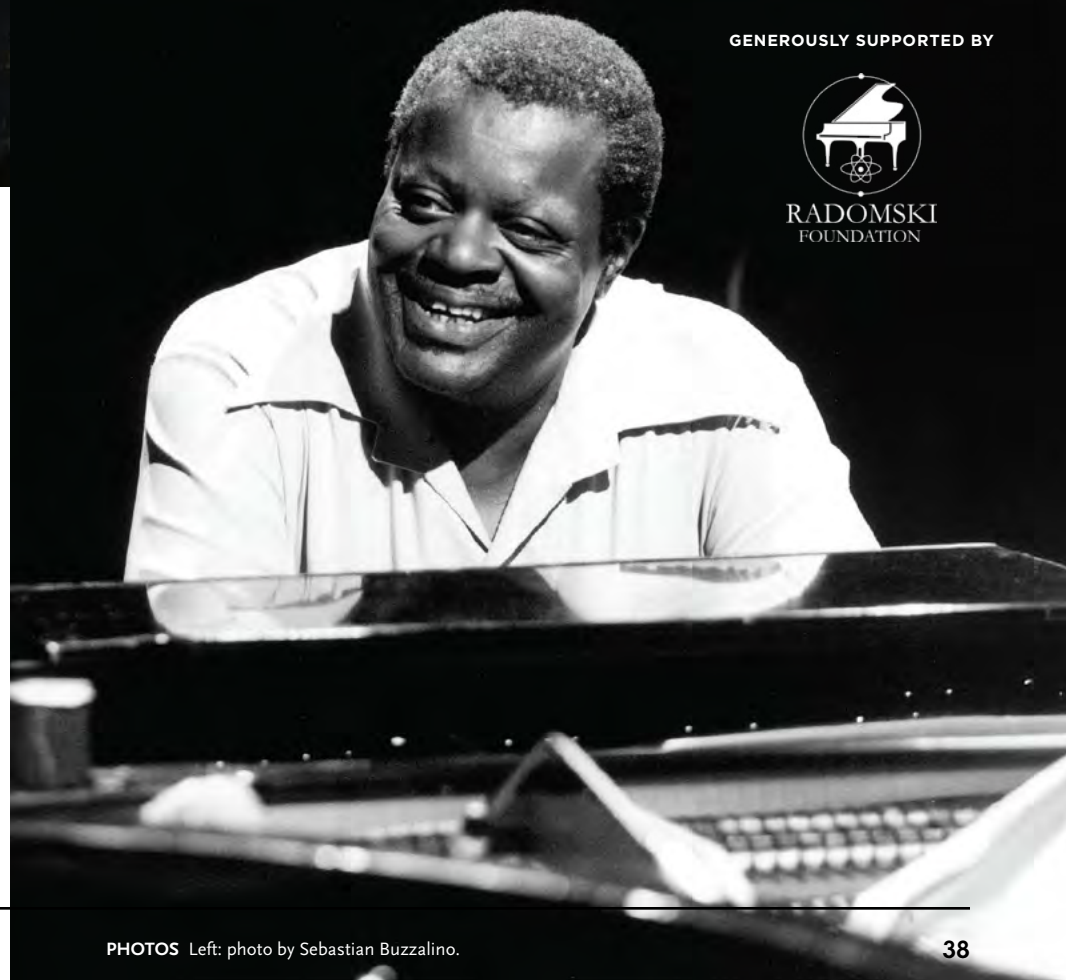
*Timeless: 100 Years of Oscar Peterson* commemorates the centenary of one of Canada's greatest musical legends. The exhibition celebrates the extraordinary life, music, and legacy of the virtuosic jazz pianist, composer, and humanitarian who captivated audiences around the world. The exhibition features musical instruments from Oscar Peterson's home studio, including vintage synthesizers, electronic instruments, and recording gear that illustrate his pioneering use and early adoption of electronic music technology.

# TIMELESS

## 100 YEARS OF OSCAR PETERSON

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PHOTOS Left: photo by Marcy Gensic. Right: *Joni's Jazz* album cover.

## NMC AND JONI MITCHELL PRESENT: JONI'S JAZZ

### Feature Exhibition

#### Location:

Level 5

#### Dates:

Opens in 2027

*Joni's Jazz* explores the creative life of Canadian icon Joni Mitchell. Inspired by the *Joni's Jazz* box set curated by Mitchell herself, the exhibition traces her evolving connection to jazz through music, visual art, and storytelling, revealing how improvisation, risk, and artistic freedom shaped her work. The title *Joni's Jazz* serves as both a nod to her affinity for jazz and a metaphor for the rule-breaking, free-thinking way Mitchell approaches music, art, and life.



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

I still remember when Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, was an ambitious vision. Today, it stands as a vibrant artistic catalyst and community hub, and it's been incredible to watch it grow and evolve over the past 10 years.

Canada's music story is a rich mosaic, and programming at the National Music Centre plays an important role in bringing those voices to life—past, present, and future. What makes this work so meaningful is seeing how people connect with it in real time. Whether it's a student discovering music through a school visit, a concertgoer experiencing something unforgettable, or an artist realizing a creative vision in our studios, those moments of connection are at the heart of everything we do.

At Studio Bell, there is always something new to explore. Some of the most rewarding work we do is rooted in community—collaborating with partners such as Alliance Française, Alberta Vocal Arts, Bow Valley College, Carifest, Fiesta Filipino, Honens, JazzYYC, Oscill8, and the Werklund Centre, among many others. These partnerships not only expand our reach, they ensure our programming reflects the diversity, creativity, and vibrancy of the communities we serve.

We're also creating new ways for audiences to connect more deeply with music. Series like Liner Notes: Inside the Rolling Stones Mobile Recording Studio and Music and Wellness: Synth Soundbath offer rare, intimate access to the instruments and sounds that have shaped music history—experiences that are immersive, personal, and unlike anything else. It's this kind of programming that transforms a visit into something memorable and meaningful.

As we celebrate this milestone year, we're excited to continue building on that momentum, bringing people together through music in ways that are inspiring, inclusive, and distinctly our own. I invite you to experience it for yourself.

Welcome to Studio Bell, where all songs and stories are celebrated.

**Stephanie Hutchinson**  
Director of Programs

## MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTRICE DES PROGRAMMES

Je me souviens encore de l'époque où Studio Bell, maison du Centre national de musique, n'était qu'une vision ambitieuse. Aujourd'hui, c'est un véritable carrefour artistique et communautaire, et c'est impressionnant de voir tout le chemin parcouru au cours des dix dernières années.

L'histoire musicale du Canada est une riche mosaïque, et la programmation du Centre national de musique joue un rôle essentiel pour faire vivre ces voix—passées, présentes et futures. Ce qui rend ce travail si précieux, c'est de voir comment les gens s'y connectent, en temps réel. Qu'il s'agisse d'un élève qui découvre la musique lors d'une visite scolaire, d'un spectateur qui vit un moment marquant, ou d'un artiste qui réalise une vision créative dans nos studios, ces expériences sont au cœur de tout ce que nous faisons.

À Studio Bell, il y a toujours quelque chose de nouveau à découvrir. Une grande part de notre travail repose sur les liens avec la communauté. Nous collaborons avec des partenaires comme l'Alliance Française, Alberta Vocal Arts, Bow Valley College, Carifest, Fiesta Filipino, Honens, JazzYYC, Oscill8 et le Werklund Centre, entre autres. Ces collaborations nous permettent d'aller plus loin et de proposer une programmation qui reflète la diversité, la créativité et l'énergie des communautés que nous servons.

Nous créons aussi de nouvelles façons de rapprocher le public de la musique. Des séries comme Liner Notes : à l'intérieur du studio mobile des Rolling Stones et Musique et bien-être : bain sonore aux synthétiseurs offrent un accès rare et intime à des instruments et à des sons qui ont marqué l'histoire musicale. Ce sont des expériences immersives, personnelles et uniques. C'est ce type de programmation qui transforme une visite en moment marquant.

Alors que nous célébrons cette année importante, nous souhaitons poursuivre sur cette lancée—rassembler les gens autour de la musique de manière inspirante, inclusive et fidèle à ce que nous sommes. Je vous invite à venir en faire l'expérience.

Bienvenue à Studio Bell, où toutes les chansons et toutes les histoires sont célébrées.

PHOTOS by Sara Melvin.



## FEATURE CONCERTS

**AUG** NMC presents:  
**14-16** Eddy Fest

**SEP** NMC presents:  
**25** Under the Harvest Moon:  
A Mid-Autumn Concert

**SEP** NMC presents:  
**30** National Day for Truth &  
Reconciliation: Jeremy Dutcher

**OCT** NMC presents:  
**18** Mudmen

**NOV** NMC presents:  
**6** Six String Nation Guitar

**NOV** NMC presents:  
**22** The Barra MacNeils: An  
East Coast Christmas  
(afternoon and evening shows)

**DEC** NMC presents:  
**13** A Holly Jolly Jill Barber Christmas

**FEB** NMC presents:  
**24+25** Donovan Woods  
**2027**

**MAR 17** NMC presents:  
**2027** Alex Cuba

**APR 2** NMC presents:  
**2027** Valdy

**APR 17** NMC presents:  
**2027** Heartstrings & Honky Tonks

**APR 24** NMC presents:  
**2027** Piano Heist

**MAY** NMC presents:  
**28+29** Barney Bentall: My Life in  
**2027** Ranching and Rock 'n' Roll

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## Candlelight

July 18 • July 26  
July 27 • August 16  
August 30 • September 20

## THE JAZZ ROOM

October 10 • November 12  
December 20 • February 21

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMS

From major festivals and celebrations to culturally themed events, National Music Centre hosts a wide range of programs and co-productions that reflect the diversity of Canada's musical landscape.

Developed with artists and community partners, each event is delivered with the aim of fostering connection and engagement, while showcasing the vibrancy of Canada's musical mosaic.

- JUL + AUG** NMC & Jubilee Arts present: **CIBC BackBeat – Bow & Tell**
- JUL 31** Historic Calgary Week: **Made in Canada – Pioneers of Sound**
- AUG 22** NMC & CBC present: **The Tragically Hip – A National Celebration**
- SEP 4** King & NMC Present: **GBËDU: An Afro-Jazz Orchestral Experience**
- SEP 10-12** NMC & Honens present: **Honens Festival**
- SEP 13** Craig Senyk Initiatives & NMC Present: **Devin Cooper's 7th Annual Ride to Remember**
- SEP 26** Candycmusic & NMC present: **Sing with the Live Band Workshop**
- OCT 15-17** NMC & Calgary Cinematheque present: **Faust – Film Screening**
- NOV 3** JazzYYC & NMC Present: **Dawn Pemberton – Portraits of the First Ladies of Jazz**
- NOV 8** NMC & StoryMusic present: **Little Red Riding Hood with Beethoven**
- NOV 14** Oscill8 SYNC Conference
- NOV 21** NMC & David Dacks present: **A Radio Active Journey**



PHOTOS Top: photo by Sebastian Buzzalino.

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PHOTOS Bottom: photo by Chad Schroter-Gillespie.

PHOTOS Left: photo by Sebastian Buzzalino. Right: photo by Neil Zeller.



## NATIONAL DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

**JUL 1** Studio Bell's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration on Canada Day  
Free admission

**SEP 30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Free admission

**NOV 11** Remembrance Day  
Free admission

**FEB 15 2027** Family Day  
Free admission

**MAR 20 2027** Journée internationale de la Francophonie  
Free admission

**JUN 21 2027** National Indigenous Peoples Day  
Free admission

The National Music Centre is proud to recognize important national and cultural days by offering free admission to all, ensuring music remains accessible to everyone.

These dates honour diverse cultures and communities, preserve shared histories, and provide opportunities to build bridges through music.

We invite visitors of all backgrounds to engage with Canada's rich musical heritage in an inclusive and welcoming environment—completely free of charge on these special days.

► Learn more at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)





## STUDIO BELL'S 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON CANADA DAY

July 1, 2026

Free admission

Featuring Sharon, Lois & Bram  
Singalong with Sharon & Randi

Studio Bell turns 10 on Canada Day—and everyone's invited to the party. Join the National Music Centre for an anniversary celebration filled with unforgettable live performances, can't-miss exhibits, and interactive fun for all ages. Come be part of the excitement as we honour the past, celebrate the present, and turn up the volume on the future of music in Canada.

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**A SHARON, LOIS & BRAM SINGALONG  
WITH SHARON & RANDI**

**+ KUE VARO & THE ONLY HOPES  
+ THE RHYTHM KATS**

LIVE MUSIC AT THE KING EDDY WITH  
**JACQUIE DANIELS + TY BAYNTON  
+ THE CHARMS**

PARTY ON THE KING EDDY ROOFTOP WITH  
**TONI VERE + MILES CANYON  
+ MEERA SYLVAIN + MATT BEATTY**

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING  
**MUSIC ODYSSEY GOOSECHASE  
+ DRUM-ALONG WITH BEATMAP MUSIC  
+ KIMBALL THEATRE ORGAN DEMONSTRATIONS**



KING <sup>1905</sup> EDDY

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# EDDY FEST

CELEBRATING  
120 YEARS

AUGUST 14-16

## NMC PRESENTS: EDDY FEST

August 14-16, 2026

Tickets and full lineup at  
[kingeddy.ca/whats-on](http://kingeddy.ca/whats-on).

The King Eddy has lived many lives over its 120-year existence. In honour of this anniversary, the National Music Centre presents Eddy Fest, a three-day music festival from August 14-16, celebrating every chapter of the venue's history. Eddy Fest showcases an eclectic mix of performances that represent the venue's past and present — from blues and rock to country and singer-songwriters — including Brother Bicker Band, Jade Elephant, Deicha & The VuDudes, Marcus Trummer, John Rutherford, and many more.

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# MUSIC CITIES CONVENTION

September 29 to October 1, 2026

The **Music Cities Convention Alberta 2026** will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, and creatives to explore the transformative power of music in driving jobs, wellbeing, sustainability, and inclusive economic growth, all set in the dynamic landscape of Alberta, Canada.

The three-day program will cover a comprehensive range of topics, including strategies for developing the talent pipeline, integrating music into public health and social prescribing initiatives, and building destination value through music tourism and cultural infrastructure.

Attendees will also delve into forward-looking themes such as the role of Indigenous cultures and music economies, building a circular music economy, and the future of music policy, covering issues like AI, climate action, land use, and community empowerment. The convention will conclude with interactive sessions focused on supporting artists, city-level policy advocacy, and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**300+ delegates from all over the world**

**30+ executive speakers**

**Live music events, featuring Alberta's vibrant music ecosystem**

**Receptions, afterparties, and local hospitality**

**Experience Calgary, Canada's fastest-growing city**

Learn more and get tickets at:  
[musiccitiesevents.com/alberta](https://musiccitiesevents.com/alberta)



MUSIC CITIES  
CONVENTION

CALGARY, ALBERTA

## ALBERTA MUSIC CITIES CONVENTION 2026

September 29 – October 1 2026

Where music policy is defined and  
shared to build better places for  
everyone



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**UNDER THE  
HARVEST MOON**

*Mid-Autumn*  
**CONCERT**

**乐映中秋**

StudioBell

National Music Centre | Centre National de Musique

SEPTEMBER 25  
9月25日

**NMC  
PRESENTS:  
UNDER THE  
HARVEST  
MOON**

**A MID-AUTUMN  
CONCERT**

**September 25, 2026**

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

Join us for an unforgettable Mid-Autumn celebration featuring live Chinese music, culture, and community, presented in partnership with the Alberta Chinese Artists Association. The concert will feature two of Calgary's leading Chinese Canadian ensembles — The GCB Band and Rainbow Chinese Assembly — along with special guest vocalist Mimi Bao, offering a unique musical perspective while celebrating the richness and diversity of Chinese musical traditions.

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# Jeremy Dutcher

National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation

**SEPTEMBER 30**

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## **NMC PRESENTS: JEREMY DUTCHER**

**September 30, 2026**  
**National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation**

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, NMC presents an evening with Jeremy Dutcher. A Two-Spirit song carrier, composer, ethnomusicologist, and Wolastoqiyik member of Tobique First Nation, Dutcher is dedicated to language revitalization. His award-winning music draws on archival recordings of his ancestors and is sung in Wolastoqey. His work incorporates classical and jazz influences with reverence for the traditional songs of his home and the urgency of modern-day resistance.

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# Mudmen

OCTOBER 18

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## NMC PRESENTS: MUDMEN

October 18, 2026

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

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Get ready for a high-octane night of Celtic-rock swagger as Mudmen hit the stage at Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre. With thunderous bagpipes, driving guitars, and infectious energy, Mudmen promise to deliver an unforgettable live experience. Always entertaining and undeniably unique, Mudmen are a blast of Celtic-infused rock energy. Known as much for their on-stage performances as their off-stage charisma, the band was originally discovered as The Campbell Brothers before signing with EMI Records and rebranding as Mudmen in the late 1990s.

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# Six String Nation

Celebrating the Great Canadian Songbook

**NOVEMBER 6**

**StudioBell**

 **National Music Centre** Centre National de Musique



## **NMC PRESENTS: SIX STRING NATION**

**CELEBRATING THE  
GREAT CANADIAN  
SONGBOOK**

**November 6, 2026**

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

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What if there was one object that embodied the countless stories of a truly diverse Canada? Voyageur, the guitar at the heart of the Six String Nation project, is literally built of these stories. Each of the 64 pieces that comprise the guitar is a doorway to a different perspective on the complex and diverse threads that weave together in the story of Canada. Join creator Jowi Taylor for performances by John Wort Hannam, JJ Shiplett, Emily Triggs, and Jaiden Riley bringing Voyageur to life.

The song of Canada is constantly being written, telling our stories from coast to coast to coast. This vast and unique land is built on diversity and the coming together of many cultures. It's what makes The Six String Nation Guitar not only a true Canadian treasure, but a uniquely living artifact and a perfect vehicle to help tell our stories and accompany our songs - built from a collection of artifacts as unique and varied as the country that gave the guitar, Voyageur, birth.

**Steve Kane**

Board of Directors, National Music Centre  
Former President, Warner Music Canada

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six string nation

# BARRA MACNEILS

*An East Coast Christmas*



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## The Barra MacNeils

**NOVEMBER 22**



**StudioBell**

**10** National Music Centre  
Centre National de Musique

### **NMC PRESENTS: THE BARRA MACNEILS AN EAST COAST CHRISTMAS**

**November 22, 2026**

Showtimes: 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

Celebrate the season East Coast-style at Studio Bell as The Barra MacNeils fill the hall with soaring harmonies, fiery fiddles, and the joyful spirit of a Cape Breton Christmas. The Barra MacNeils — An East Coast Christmas is a musical potpourri of traditional MacNeil family favourites gleaned from Christmas ceilidhs, midnight masses, and the general festive frolic that accompanies each holiday season.

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# A HOLLY JOLLY

Jill Barber

CHRISTMAS



**DECEMBER 13**

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de Musique**

## **NMC PRESENTS: A HOLLY JOLLY JILL BARBER CHRISTMAS**

**December 13, 2026**

Tickets at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

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Celebrate the holiday season with Jill Barber! The Juno-nominated singer-songwriter's critically acclaimed repertoire spans folk, vocal jazz, and pop, and includes songs in both French and English. An enchanting performer with an unforgettable voice once heard, never forgotten, Barber has headlined iconic venues across Canada and captivated audiences around the globe. Her evocative and timeless songs have been featured in film and television, earning her scores of fans and critical acclaim.





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# Donovan Woods

FEBRUARY 24 + 25

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## NMC PRESENTS: DONOVAN WOODS

February 24 & 25, 2027

Tickets on sale soon at  
[studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on).

National Music Centre is thrilled to present two intimate evenings with Donovan Woods. Since releasing his first album more than a decade ago, the award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter's blend of folk, country, and pop has resonated with audiences around the world. One of music's most vulnerable storytellers, Woods has built a devoted following through his honest and unflinching songwriting. Alongside his acclaimed solo work, he has crafted songs for artists including Tim McGraw, Barenaked Ladies, Phillip Phillips, Ben Platt, and many more.

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# Seniors' Wednesdays

**STUDIO BELL, HOME OF THE NATIONAL MUSIC CENTRE**

**FREE ADMISSION FOR SENIORS**

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## FOREVER YOUNG SENIORS' PROGRAM

### Seniors' Wednesdays Weekly

Free admission for seniors every Wednesday, plus special programming once a month until November 4, 2026.

Learn more at [studiobell.ca/seniors](http://studiobell.ca/seniors)

Seniors' programs at Studio Bell celebrate lifelong connections to music. Throughout Seniors' Week, visitors are invited to explore special experiences designed for older adults, highlighting the ways music can spark memories, inspire creativity, and bring people together. Monthly programs for seniors and their families began in May 2026 and will continue through November, offering shared musical experiences across generations, with free admission for ages 65 and up.

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## MASTER PLAYERS

### EDEN ROSES

Three-time Grammy Award-winning blues-rock band Eden Roses, known for their powerful sound and energetic live performances, are set to release their new album, *Eden Roses*, in 2026. The band's lead guitarist, Mike Rodden, is a master of the electric guitar, and the band's music is a blend of blues, rock, and soul.

### LIONA BOYD

With her 1986 album, *A Guitar for Christmas*, Boyd became the first classical guitarist to go platinum in Canada. Known affectionately as the First Lady of the Guitar, she has recorded with Yo-Yo Ma and Eric Clapton and is a member of the Order of Canada, among dozens of other honours.

### BREA

From Winnipeg, the U.S.-born Brea is a guitarist's guitarist, known for her versatility and mastery of many styles, from folk to rock to jazz.

### BRIAN GOOD

Good was the guitarist in legendary country-rock group the Good Brothers, formed with his twin brother, Bruce, and younger brother, Larry. Fusing bluegrass, traditional country, folk and rock, Brian led the Toronto-based Good Brothers to win the Best Country Group JUNO award an unprecedented eight years in a row.

### HEADSTOCK

The headstock, which can be flush with the neck or sit at an angle, contains tuning pegs that adjust the tension—and, by extension, the pitch—of the strings.

### SOUNDBOARD

The guitar's flat wooden face, the soundboard helps amplify the string vibrations to create music with help from the sound hole, the opening in the surface that facilitates the projection of sound.

### BRIDGE

The bridge transmits the vibration of the strings to the body of the instrument so the sound can be amplified. It also acts as a counterpart to the head, holding the strings in place.



## CIBC BACKBEAT WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Visit [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)  
for dates and details.

With CIBC BackBeat, visitors can catch an array of offerings on select Saturdays and Sundays during the day, including live sets by local artists, film screenings, community conversations, interactive activities, demonstrations, and more. Included with admission, BackBeat programs amp up the Studio Bell experience, giving visitors even more to see, hear, and do.

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# Winter Weekends

## WINTER WEEKENDS

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for dates and details.

During the holiday season, BackBeat transforms into Winter Weekends, featuring festive performances for visitors of all ages. On select Saturdays and Sundays in December, we'll deck the halls with community choirs, ensembles, and live music. It's the perfect way to celebrate the magic of the winter season through music!

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**BOOK YOUR TOUR AT [NMC.CA/TOURS](https://nmc.ca/tours)**

## GREATEST HITS TOUR

Dive into the world of music technology and explore unique instruments from the National Music Centre's world-renowned collection.

This is your chance to see how music is made and experience one-of-a-kind instruments in action. Step beyond the exhibits as interpreters go behind the glass to demonstrate historic artifacts, sharing the mechanics, sounds, and stories that make each instrument extraordinary.

Plus, this tour includes a sneak peek into NMC's recording studios! For an in-depth studio experience, check out the Backstage Pass tours.

### Times:

Saturdays and Sundays\*  
11:00 am and 2:30 pm

### Tickets:

Adults: \$12  
Students/Seniors: \$8  
Youth (4-12): \$8  
Kids 3 and under: Free  
NMC Members: Free

*\*Tour dates and times are subject to availability. Visit [nmc.ca/tours](https://nmc.ca/tours). Studio Bell admission is required.*

## BACKSTAGE PASS TOUR

Take an exclusive tour backstage at Studio Bell and see music come to life in the National Music Centre's recording studios.

Catch a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the working spaces of our world-class recording facilities and hear the stories behind notable artifacts—spanning 450 years of music innovation and technology—from the earliest instruments in the NMC Collection, such as a 16th century Trasuntino Harpsichord, to modern electronics, like TONTO, considered to be the 'holy grail' of synthesizers.

Plus, you'll get to see the legendary Rolling Stones Mobile Studio!

### Times:

Saturdays and Sundays\*  
12:00 pm and 1:30 pm

### Tickets:

Adults: \$16  
Students/Seniors: \$12  
Musicians: \$12  
NMC Members: \$10

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# LINER NOTES

INSIDE THE ROLLING STONES  
MOBILE RECORDING STUDIO



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## LINER NOTES: INSIDE THE ROLLING STONES MOBILE RECORDING STUDIO

*Sticky Fingers* – The Rolling Stones  
*Led Zeppelin III* – Led Zeppelin  
*Mystery to Me* – Fleetwood Mac  
*Machine Head* – Deep Purple

Learn more and get tickets  
at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)

Liner Notes: Inside the Rolling Stones Mobile Studio is part storytelling tour, part listening session, exploring the legendary albums recorded in the studio on wheels known as the “Sistine Chapel of rock ‘n’ roll.” Guided by a talented musician educator, each tour will highlight a different landmark record from Deep Purple, Fleetwood Mac, The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, and more. Hear the music on vintage equipment, uncover the stories behind the recordings, and enjoy a live interpretation by your tour guide.





## SCHOOL GROUPS AND FIELD TRIPS

**For:** School groups

**Location:** Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, Calgary

**Learn more at**  
[nmc.ca/schools](http://nmc.ca/schools)

Learn through the lens of music with a field trip experience at Studio Bell. NMC's curriculum-connected programs align with Alberta's K–12 programs of study and feature hands-on learning with instruments and artifacts from the NMC Collection. Led by musician educators, each program brings musical concepts to life in an engaging and interactive way. With a range of program options available, teachers can choose experiences that best support their classroom learning goals.

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## VOICES OF CANADA

**For:** School groups

**Location:** Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, Calgary

Learn more at  
[nmc.ca/voices-of-canada](http://nmc.ca/voices-of-canada)

Voices of Canada is a curriculum-aligned program that explores Canada's cultural diversity through music. Featuring live performances, panel discussions, and audience interaction, students engage with the stories and songs of Canadian artists from a range of backgrounds. The program connects music to history, identity, and lived experience, encouraging critical thinking and empathy while offering an engaging, multi-sensory learning experience.



## SUMMER CAMPS

**For:** Ages 6–12

**Location:** Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, Calgary

**When:** July and August

Learn more at  
[nmc.ca/camps](http://nmc.ca/camps)

National Music Centre's camps invite young rock stars in the making to explore music through hands-on, creative experiences. Guided by experienced instructors, the camps encourage creativity, confidence, and self-expression. Each one-week camp concludes with a live performance, giving participants the opportunity to share what they've created.

**Music Makers** (ages 6-9) is perfect for little beginners wanting to explore sound through fun, hands-on activities. **Build a Band** (ages 9-12) is all about jamming, songwriting, and performing like real rock stars.





► **DEC 13**  
**Jam Club Gig Day**  
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## JAM CLUB

**For:** Youth ages 13 – 19

**Location:** Studio Bell, West Block

**Day & Time:** Thursdays, 3–6 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Learn more at** [nmc.ca/jam-club](https://nmc.ca/jam-club)

Jam Club is a free, after-school drop-in program for teens to develop their musical skills and explore their creativity. Open to all skill levels, the program provides a supportive environment where participants can practice, collaborate, and connect with other like-minded youth. Led by a team of musicians and educators, Jam Club offers valuable opportunities for young people to hone their musical craft individually or as part of a group.

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## NMC'S RECORDING STUDIOS

Learn more at  
[nmc.ca/our-studios](https://nmc.ca/our-studios)

National Music Centre's recording studios are unlike any other studio environment. With three historic analog recording consoles, state-of-the-art acoustic design, and access to over 200 musical instruments spanning 450 years of music technology, artists can explore one of the greatest instrument collections in the world—and use history to make history. NMC's recording studios are available through our artist development programs, and through commercial bookings.



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# Artist mini RESIDENCIES



## NMC ARTIST MINI- RESIDENCIES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Learn more at  
[nmc.ca/mini-residencies](http://nmc.ca/mini-residencies)

NMC has selected 10 Alberta-based musicians for a short but powerful burst of creative time in our world-class recording studios: avant-garde ensemble Ackerley, Sharif, Rafiq, de Jong Improvising Unit, folk-pop songwriter and producer Colin Carbonera, jazz and hip-hop outfit Hip Hip Thursday, neo-jazz singer Kreesha Turner, composer and electronic artist Noel Fanaeian, alt-rock Irish fusion project oStella, singer-songwriter Rachel Gleddie, neo-classical artist Sarah Houston, folk trio The Three Sisters, and shoegazers Witch Victim.

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# OHSOTO'KINO

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Logo design by Leticia Spence.

## OHSOTO'KINO

Learn more at  
[nmc.ca/ohsotokino](http://nmc.ca/ohsotokino)

► **SEP 17**  
**OHSOTO'KINO Music**  
**Incubator Showcase**  
Tickets at [studiobell.ca](http://studiobell.ca)

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Guided by NMC's National Indigenous Advisory Committee, OHSOTO'KINO is an Indigenous programming initiative focused on music creation, artist development, and exhibitions via the annually updated *Speak Up!* gallery. The OHSOTO'KINO Recording Bursary gives Indigenous artists the opportunity to record in NMC's professional studio spaces and explore its renowned living collection of rare and iconic musical instruments, while the OHSOTO'KINO Music Incubator supports emerging Indigenous artists through mentorship, career-development workshops, and live performance opportunities.





# Live from the King Eddy

◆ ROLLING STONES MOBILE STUDIO RECORDING RESIDENCIES ◆

## LIVE FROM THE KING EDDY RSM RECORDING RESIDENCIES & LIVE CONCERT SERIES

Learn more and get tickets  
at [studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)

During Studio Bell's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027, the National Music Centre is inviting a select group of acclaimed artists to Calgary for Live from the King Eddy — multi-night recording residencies that capture the energy of a live show through one of the most legendary mobile studios in music history — the Rolling Stones Mobile Studio.

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## ARTIST ENTREPRENEUR WEST

This year marks 10 years of AE West!

Learn more at [nmc.ca/aewest](https://nmc.ca/aewest)

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Artist Entrepreneur West (AE West) is a creative entrepreneurship program designed to support emerging artists in Western and Northern Canada to build sustainable music careers. Through personalized mentorship, industry workshops, networking opportunities, and hands-on training, participants gain practical skills in areas such as marketing, touring, production, and business development. Hosted at Studio Bell, the program also provides access to NMC's recording studios and living collection, helping artists develop both their creative and professional practice.

# AE WEST

► DEC 2  
AE West Artist  
Showcase



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## NMC MUSIC THERAPY INITIATIVE

Learn more and get involved at [nmc.ca/music-therapy](https://nmc.ca/music-therapy)

National Music Centre's Music Therapy Initiative brings the healing power of music across Canada, in collaboration with JB Music Therapy. Through partnerships with healthcare and community organizations, certified music therapists deliver programs that support emotional, physical, and cognitive wellbeing. Beginning in Calgary and now expanding across the country, this initiative is bringing the healing power of music to those who need it.

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## SYNTH SOUNDBATH MUSIC & WELLNESS

Last Sunday of every month\*

Learn more and get tickets at  
[studiobell.ca/whats-on](https://studiobell.ca/whats-on)

\*Dates subject to change.

Plunge into a Music and Wellness: Synth Soundbath, where live electronic soundscapes, responsive visuals, and guided sound meditation combine for a new take on wellness. Using National Music Centre's rare modular synthesizers and calming visuals, a musician educator guides a multisensory journey where sound is both heard and felt. Participants explore how sound frequencies can influence mood, focus, and relaxation, while experiencing the powerful connection between sound, vibration, and wellbeing.





**DREAMS OF BOLLYWOOD**

17 October 2026 / Jack Singer Concert Hall

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## NMC GIFT SHOP & CAFÉ

### Hours

Mon–Fri: 10 am to 5 pm

Sat–Sun: 10 am to 6 pm

**Plan a visit, see the menu, and shop online at [nmc.ca/shop](https://nmc.ca/shop)**

Take the music home with you. The NMC Gift Shop & Café features a curated selection of music-inspired merchandise and gifts for any occasion, including vinyl records, books, art, apparel, toys, jewellery, and handmade wares by Canadian artisans. The café offers coffee, drinks, fresh pastries, grab-and-go snacks, and more, making it the perfect place to relax and recharge during your visit.



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**Amplify** is the National Music Centre's home online to share the ongoing story of music in Canada. An extension of NMC's onsite programs, including exhibitions, artist development, performance, and education, Amplify is a virtual hub for the sounds and stories of music in Canada aimed at connecting with music fans everywhere.

**[amplify.nmc.ca](https://amplify.nmc.ca)**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Is my Studio Bell admission ticket for timed entry?

Studio Bell admission is not timed entry, so your admission ticket is valid all day. You are welcome to come and go during the day, just ensure to show your ticket to the Visitor Experience desk upon re-entry.

## How much time do people typically spend at Studio Bell?

To explore all five floors of the museum, we recommend spending two hours. If you choose to visit Studio Bell on a day when other programming is happening, this may increase the length of your visit.

## Are group rates available for admission?

Yes, group rates are available for groups larger than 10 if paid all together in one transaction. Please contact our Visitor Experience team at 403-543-5115 for more information.

## Where can I park?

Street parking is located along 8 Avenue SE with two paid public lots on the north and south sides of the street. The lot directly north of Studio Bell is not owned by or affiliated with National Music Centre, and it only accepts payment via the mobile app (no kiosk available).

## Are visitors allowed to take photos?

Photography for personal use without the use of flash, tripods, or selfie-sticks is permitted. If you would like to arrange for a commercial photo or video shoot, please inquire with our Events Team.

## Are food and beverages available for purchase?

The NMC Gift Shop & Café offers grab-and-go snacks and drinks, and fresh pastries.

## Does Studio Bell have a gift shop?

Yes. After your visit, be sure to stop at the NMC Gift Shop & Café. Shop for exclusive NMC merchandise, find your new favourite book, or find a one-of-a-kind gift for the music lover in your life.

# ACCESSIBILITY

All exhibition stages, performance areas, entrances, and hallways are physically accessible and barrier-free. Two large elevators provide access to all levels of the building.

At present, accessibility for visitors who are blind or have low vision is limited. We acknowledge this gap and are working toward improving access in the future.

For questions about accessibility or to discuss specific needs in advance of your visit, please contact us. Our team will do our best to support your experience.

## Accessible Entrance:

The north entrance off of 4 Street SE next to the NMC Gift Shop is fully accessible.

## Wheelchair Rentals:

Wheelchairs are available. Please see Visitor Experience upon your arrival.

## Service Dogs:

Service dogs with proper identification are welcome.

## Caregivers:

Caregivers with proof of identification receive free admittance to Studio Bell. Please note only one caregiver admission is offered per individual.

# ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

Our Visitor Experience team is happy to help with any questions or details you'd like to know. For more information, simply call 403-543-5115 or email [info@studiobell.ca](mailto:info@studiobell.ca).

## GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS:

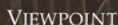
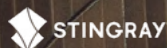
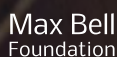
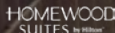
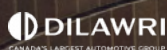
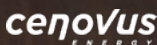
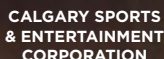
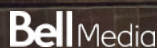
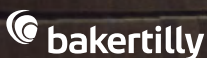
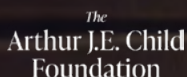


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