

National Music Centre reveals fall lineup for Alberta Spotlight

Live music series to feature Lucette, Cartel Madras, The Dungarees, Ellen Doty, and more

(Calgary, AB — August 22, 2018) The National Music Centre (NMC) is pleased to return this fall with its monthly concert series, Alberta Spotlight.

Featuring more breakout Alberta talent, the season will kick off during Alberta Culture Days on September 29 with an evening showcase of genre-bending acts.

“Since launching the concert series in January of 2018, we’ve hosted a diverse array of artists from across the province, spanning an array of genres,” said Adam Fox, NMC’s Director of Programs. “With many of our events selling out in advance, this series has been successful at showcasing emerging artists and expanding and developing new audiences for them.”

Alberta Spotlight fall program schedule:

- September 29—Lucette with Hermitess at Studio Bell as part of Alberta Culture Days
- October 17—Cartel Madras at the King Eddy
- November 22—The Dungarees at the King Eddy
- December 6—Ellen Doty at Studio Bell

Tickets go on sale to all three upcoming events on Wednesday, August 22 at 10:00 am at nmc.ca/whats-on.

An Edmonton-bred singer-songwriter with an unwavering voice that recalls the golden age of country, **Lucette** has toured with country legends Joe Ely and Sturgill Simpson, roots-rocker Alejandro Escovedo, and many among Americana’s next wave of artists, including Mason Jennings and David Ramirez. With her debut release, *Black is the Color*, racking up over five million Spotify streams and counting, Lucette is indeed an artist on the rise and one to watch.

Hermitess is the solo project of songwriter and harpist Jennifer Crighton (also of Devonian Gardens). Stripping back the performance to a harp and a circle of women's voices, the Hermitess is an inquisitive, contrary, wounded, wise and ever dreaming incantation.

Cartel Madras is a radical hip hop crew made up of Contra and Eboshi, two female Indian rappers, and DJ Egglad. Their sound fuses the stylings of Dirty South rap, house and trap to bring an energy that is femme, sexy and uncompromisingly aggressive.

"Creating and performing music in Alberta as Cartel Madras has been a truly unique experience," said the group. "There is an incredible amount of talent in Alberta, and we have been fortunate to be accepted in a way that we never thought was possible when we began writing music. The love we have received is overwhelming, but more importantly it is a testament to this province's ability to change and embrace art."

Edmonton's **The Dungerees** are a true-grit country band who have a definitive musical mandate; take the undeniable lyrical styling, twangy telecaster and steel guitar of classic country, and inject them with harmony, modern intensity and pop sensibility.

Hailing from Okotoks, Alberta, **Ellen Doty** is a soulful singer-songwriter with a world-class voice. A true storyteller whose works are as intimate and personal as her handwritten lyrics, Doty's music incorporates elements of jazz, soul, folk and indie-pop into a sound that is inimitably her own.

"I've been on the road a lot lately, but wherever I go, Calgary always feels like home," said Doty. "I grew up on an acreage south of Calgary, and my family is still in the area, so it's always great to perform for a hometown crowd. The local music scene has been so welcoming to me, and I consider them my extended family."

Tickets for Alberta Spotlight events are on sale now. Please go to nmc.ca/whats-on to purchase your tickets in advance.

NMC Members receive discounted admission to Alberta Spotlight, so purchase your membership online today! Details at nmc.ca/members.

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About Studio Bell, home of 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, 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, please visit nmc.ca.

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