

National Music Centre receives \$1 million from RBC Foundation and launches RBC Presents NMC Summer Sessions

(Calgary, AB — June 19, 2015) The National Music Centre (NMC) has received an investment of \$1 million from RBC Foundation towards the new NMC facility, recently named Studio Bell, which is slated to open in spring 2016.

The gift will be used towards creating the RBC Master in Residence Mentorship Program, and naming a part of the new facility, the RBC Terrace Commons, which will be a gathering space for Artists in Residence to collaborate and create with other artists, producers and technicians, as well as a popular event-hosting area.

The RBC Master in Residence Mentorship 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.

“RBC has been a proud supporter of the National Music Centre for several years and we are excited to grow our investment and help to foster future talent,” said Jeff Boyd, Regional President, RBC Alberta and the Territories. “We are committed to supporting emerging talent and believe the new Master in Residence Mentorship Program at NMC will have a tremendous impact on artists’ ability to grow in their careers.”

This funding will also support NMC in delivering RBC presents NMC Summer Sessions, a new jazz summer program to support artist development and community engagement.

“We are proud of our history working with RBC to develop Canada’s future music icons in jazz,” said Andrew Mosker, President and CEO of NMC. “NMC will offer a unique, artist-focused residency program that pairs our collection of rare instruments with music technology. RBC’s gift will further enable NMC to become an international hub for musicians to explore and grow when we open in 2016.”

RBC presents NMC Summer Sessions runs from June 16-20. Along with JazzYYC, and the Calgary Association for the Development of Music Education (CADME), the five-day event brings together musicians, educators and fans for a series of concerts and workshops at NMC that showcase some of Calgary and Canada’s greatest jazz artists.

RBC presents NMC Summer Sessions Schedule

Afro-Cuban Jazz and Beyond

June 16-17, National Music Centre (134 11 Ave SE) at 7:30 pm

Ignacio Berroa, Hilario Duran and their quintet explore the history of Afro-Cuban jazz through performance. Tickets available at nmc.ca. SOLD OUT.

Boogie-Woogie and Bop: Music and Movement for Preschool

June 19, Shawnessy Library (10:15 am), Signal Hill Library (2:00 pm)

Young families are invited to boogie-woogie with Heather Blush, acclaimed music therapist and children's performer. SOLD OUT.

Screening of Lady Sings the Blues

June 20, Globe Cinema (617 8th Avenue SW) at 5:00 pm

Join RBC and NMC to honour the 100th anniversary of Billie Holiday's birth with a screening of this classic film. Tickets available at Globe Cinema.

Female Vocal Workshop

June 20, National Music Centre (134 11 Ave SE) at 10:00 am

Vocalist and composer Allison Lynch Griffiths takes ladies through the basics of jazz vocal techniques in this day workshop. SOLD OUT.

Listening Party with Tommy Banks, Kodi Hutchinson and Mike Murley

June 20, National Music Centre (134 11 Ave SE) at 5:30 pm

Host David Ward of CKUA Radio engages three great musicians in a discussion of the tracks that inspired them. Join us for great stories and the music behind them. Tickets available at nmc.ca.

For more information, workshop registration and tickets, visit nmc.ca/whats-on

About RBC

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About 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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