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Arts Commons Presents Kicks Off Sixth Season of Classic Albums Live in the Jack Singer Concert Hall with Led Zeppelin: Houses of the Holy

An all-Canadian lineup of musicians brings Led Zeppelin: *Houses of the Holy*, Queen: *News of the World*, and Eagles: *Their Greatest Hits* to Calgary in beloved series that brings iconic albums to life – note for note, cut for cut

September 25, 2023 CALGARY – Known for recreating the best of classic rock on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage, Classic Albums Live is a fan-favourite series from Arts Commons Presents, now entering its sixth season. A must-see for any rock music fan in Calgary, Classic Albums Live's shows flawlessly recreate the original sound of the album, note for note, cut for cut in the first act, with the second act cutting loose with the best of the band's discography, in a venue designed to highlight the very best of live performance. The 2023-24 season opens with **Led Zeppelin: *Houses of the Holy* on Friday, October 20, 2023 in the Jack Singer Concert Hall.**

"It's such a joy to be returning to the Jack Singer Concert Hall. We marvel at the beauty of the hall. That stage demands excellence and we know how to do that," says Craig Martin, Founder of Classic Albums Live.

Controversial when it was first released with fans and critics alike, *Houses of the Holy* now holds a spot as one of Rolling Stone Magazine's 500 Greatest Albums of all Time. It presents "Led Zeppelin at the height of confidence and willing to experiment" (Rolling Stone), resulting in "the best album the band ever made" (Far Out). As Led Zeppelin's fifth album, it excels at pushing the boundaries of past releases with songs that became live performance staples like "The Song Remains the Same" and "The Rain Song". For fans of Led Zeppelin, this is an incomparable opportunity to experience the album live in all its glory. Tickets are available now at artscommons.ca/holy.

From ground-breaking experimental waves to crowd-pleasing anthems, **Queen: *News of the World*** will next sweep Calgary away with hits like "We Are the Champions" and "We Will Rock You." Recorded and released at the height of their popularity, *News of the World* went multi-platinum worldwide. Each of the tracks is credited to a single band member, making for a rich and diverse sound that never stagnates. Audiences can sing along live **Saturday, February 3, 2024** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall**. Tickets are available now at artscommons.ca/news.

With over 38 million copies sold, **Eagles: *Their Greatest Hits*** ends the season with a bang as the world's best-selling album of all time. It was the first album to ever receive the Recording Industry Association of America's Platinum certification and it remains to this day a cherished classic. From "Take It Easy" to "Desperado," the artists of Classic Albums Live will passionately perform this non-stop hit parade for eager audiences on **Thursday, April 18, 2024** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall**. Tickets are available now at artscommons.ca/hits.

Full season subscriptions are available now. Audience can reserve the same seats for all three shows and save 15% off, and more. More information on subscriptions from Arts Commons Presents can be found at artscommons.ca/subscribe.

"Houses of the Holy, News of the World, Eagles Greatest Hits –this is a forward-thinking season of power. Each album brings a unique sound and vibe. We're going to pay these albums the ultimate respect and perform them note for note - cut for cut."

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Classic Albums Live recreates the albums you love, while elevating local musicians from Calgary, Alberta, and Canada. A stand-out of last season with Arts Commons Presents, Heart: *Dreamboat Annie* featured Classic Albums Live's first all-female led group, all of which were Alberta-based performers. For Calgary fans, it's an irresistible combination of stand-out local talent, and the hits that they know and love, consistently packing the Jack Singer Concert Hall. The first act precisely recreates the original album on stage with the reverence it deserves, while the second act changes the vibe with a rock concert of all the crowd's favourites. [Learn more about the 2023-24 Classic Albums Live series.](#)

"Classic Albums Live is a great opportunity to see some of Canada's greatest rockers recreating the best albums of all time live on the Jack Singer Concert Hall stage. And it's extra special when some of those rockers are pulled from our incredible talent pool here in Calgary," says Stephanie Hutchinson, Associate Director of Presenting. *"Audiences are so excited to see and hear familiar faces on stage! This impact can't be underestimated, and it is demonstrated in the love that Calgarians have for this series."*

What: Arts Commons Presents –
Led Zeppelin: *Houses of the Holy*, Friday, October 20, 2023 at 7:30pm
Queen: *News of the World*, Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 7:30pm
Eagles: *The Greatest Hits*, Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:30pm

Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons

Tickets: artscommons.ca/cal

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Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, the largest performing arts centre in Western Canada, Arts Commons Presents is one manifestation of this mandate, achieved through the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, National Geographic Live, TD Amplify Cabarets, as well as special presentations and our outdoor pop-up series, ArtsXpeditions. Through this work, we are able to do our part to further enrich our city, as well as create opportunities for Calgary-based artists to perform, exhibit, reach new audiences, and grow on a multitude of levels.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that Arts Commons is located on the sacred land that is the original home of the Niitsitapi from the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Piikani, and Kanai First Nations); the Îyârhe Nakoda (Chiniki, Goodstoney/Kichipwot, and Bearspaw First Nations); and the Dene of the Tsuut'ina First Nation. This territory is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 within the historical Northwest Métis homeland. We thank these Nations for sharing this land with us and commit to being good stewards of this land, while we are here. We welcome all who work, live, and play in, as well as honour and celebrate this historic territory.