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Jann Arden Embraces the Christmas Spirit with an Arts Commons Presents Holiday Concert of Classics, Storytelling, and Fun

November 22, 2023 - CALGARY – JUNO Award winning singer/songwriter, best-selling author, and television personality spreads the yuletide cheer this December with a two-night live performance in her hometown of Calgary. Join Arts Commons Presents for ***A Jann Arden Christmas*** on **Tuesday, December 19** and **Wednesday, December 20** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall** at **Arts Commons**. Learn more artscommons.ca/jannchristmas.

Affectionately dubbed “Jannta” by her fans due to her love for Christmas, Jann Arden comes to Arts Commons this holiday season for a showcase of festive music in the Jack Singer Concert Hall. *A Jann Arden Christmas* will feature songs from her 2015 album of the same name, as well as light-hearted stories of Christmases past and hits from her catalogue. For many Calgarians who also grew up in the Stampede City, it is an evening that will hit them right in the nostalgic feels with stories conjured up from Arden’s youth growing up in Calgary. This winning combination of Canadian holiday nostalgia made for television gold in both 2021 and 2022 in a fictionalized depiction of Arden’s experience in a CTV Christmas special, *Jann: Alone for the Holidays*.

“I can’t wait to celebrate Christmas in Calgary this December,” says Jann Arden. “The Jack Singer Concert Hall is a treat for any musician to perform in, and there’s nothing quite like being home for the holidays.”

Born and raised in Calgary, Jann Arden is Canadian icon. She has sold over 10 million albums with numerous awards and accolades to her name. That encompasses 19 JUNO Award nominations and eight wins, including solo artist of the year in 1994, Songwriter of the Year in 1995 and 2002, and Female Artist of the Year in 1995 and 2001. Branching into television and literature, her comedy TV series based on a fictionalized version of her life, *Jann*, launched in 2018 and was renewed for a second season in 2020. She has written five books, including 2017’s Canadian best-seller, *FEEDING MY MOTHER: Comfort and Laughter in the Kitchen as My Mom Lives with Memory Loss*, which spent a combined 44 weeks on The Globe and Mail bestseller list. She has a star on Canada’s Walk of Fame, is a recipient of the Order of Canada, and is a Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee.

“The last time I saw Jann Arden onstage I was mesmerized by her effortless charisma and her unstoppable talent and showmanship. So much fun! It’s a special time of year and whether you celebrate or not, spending time with this homegrown Canadian icon is the perfect choice for this time of year” says Sarah Garton Stanley (SGS), VP of Programming at Arts Commons.

Arts Commons Presents is the programming arm of Arts Commons, presenting a diverse line-up of concerts, speaker presentations, youth programming, and emerging artist showcases. Outside of the three signature series of BD&P World Stage, Classic Albums Live, and National Geographic Live, Arts Commons Presents also shares special presentations that are just too good to pass up. This includes two exciting ways to experience the magnetic power of Jann Arden, this month’s ***A Jann Arden Christmas*** on **December 19 & 20, 2023**, and a unique orchestral performance narrated live by Jann Arden, **National Geographic Film Concert: *Secrets of the***

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Whales on April 21 - 23, 2024. To learn about all the shows in the 2023-24 season of Arts Commons Presents, visit acpresents.ca.

What: Arts Commons Presents – *A Jann Arden Christmas*
When: Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/jannchristmas

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