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Emmy Award Winning Michael Feinstein Delivers Showstopping Tribute to Jazz Legend Tony Bennett with Carnegie Hall Ensemble

February 20, 2025 – CALGARY – It’s an evening of jazz celebration as the unrivaled Michael Feinstein performs a heartfelt tribute to the one and only Tony Bennett, bringing his iconic songs to life in a symphony of sound with the incomparable Carnegie Hall Ensemble. Join Arts Commons Presents for ***Michael Feinstein in Because of You - My Tribute to Tony Bennett Featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble on Thursday, March 20 in the Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons***. Also, join us prior to the show for a preshow performance in the lobby presented in collaboration with JazzYYC.

“Being able to express gratitude and celebrate his [Tony Bennett’s] legacy, as well as to discover different and novel ways to interpret his music, presents a significant challenge because he’s not just an icon; he is a legend,” says Michael Feinstein. “Continuing his music for new generations in “Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett” holds great importance to me and our audiences, an importance I know Tony shared because of his dedication to the arts and educating the youth about music.”

Acclaimed pianist, singer, and interpreter of the Great American Songbook, Michael Feinstein has become a beloved performer over the length of his three-decade career. His rich baritone voice and virtuoso piano skills will be on full display as he lovingly pays homage to Tony Bennett in an evening called “a terrific salute” by Theatre Pizzazz. The concert will feature hits such as “Because of You,” “Rags to Riches,” “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” “The Best is Yet to Come,” “I Get a Kick Out of You,” “Stranger in Paradise,” and many more. Feinstein’s performance will be supported by the illustrious Carnegie Hall Ensemble, lending an added orchestral depth to these classic songs.

“Tony Bennett was simply unmatched - smooth and debonair, a crooner for the ages,” says Sarah Garton Stanley (SGS), VP of Programming at Arts Commons. “Michael Feinstein is a master of the American Songbook. A legend in his own right, this great friend of the late Tony Bennet is accompanied by a Jazz Ensemble direct from Carnegie Hall. It is going to be a remarkable night.”

BD&P World Stage celebrates 25 years of bringing the best of the world to Calgary, from the self-playing pianos of Olafur Arnalds, to the wall-shaking power of YAMATO’s Waidako drums, and even the acrobatic agility of Circa. BD&P World Stage has hosted some of the greatest musicians in the world in the magnificent Jack Singer Concert Hall, performing every genre of music imaginable, with tears and laughter, meditative melodies to all-out dance parties. We invite you to join us and discover the energy of BD&P World Stage.

What: Arts Commons Presents – Michael Feinstein in Because of You - My Tribute to Tony Bennett Featuring the Carnegie Hall Ensemble
Preshow: In collaboration with JazzYYC
When: March 20, 2025
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons
Tickets: artscommons.ca/becauseofyou

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