

## **Jaimie Hill and Tammy-Lynn Powers Memorial Foundation donates \$1 million to the National Music Centre**

*(Calgary, AB — May 26, 2014)* The National Music Centre (NMC) has received a gift of \$1 million from the Jaimie Hill and Tammy-Lynn Powers Memorial Foundation. The gift will be used to support the new NMC building: \$800,000 will be directed towards the construction of the new building in Calgary's East Village, and \$200,000 will be used to support programming for the centre.

Jaimie Hill and Tammy-Lynn Powers were two dancers who lost their lives in 1990, en route to a performance in Penticton. The Hill Powers Memorial Foundation was created in their memory and supports the advancement of the performing arts.

The stage in the 300-seat performance space of the new NMC will be dedicated to the memory of the girls and named the Jaimie Hill and Tammy-Lynn Powers Performance Stage.

“Jaimie was an extremely happy child and loved to entertain through music and dance. Musical theatre was her outlet for being able to express her feelings and have fun. The National Music Centre will be able to provide a stage for children and amateur performers to do exactly what Jaimie loved most. To make people smile. One only has to make the tour of their present location and you enter an environment of relaxation, comfort. They have so much to offer to the arts. We believe that we have found the best location and it has been well worth waiting for,” said the family of Jaimie Hill.

The family of Tammy-Lynn Powers also expressed their happiness at seeing the girls being remembered through the arts: “Tammy-Lynn was always easy going and had a very unique little laugh. Her love of dance took her to many places through competitions, Young Canadians and of course APAC. We are elated that our vision of a memorial tribute to Jaimie and Tammy-Lynn is becoming a reality. This was made possible by the help and cooperation of the National Music Centre who share that vision.”

Both families expressed that they are very thankful to everyone who has volunteered and supported them over the many years it has taken to get to this point.

“The link between dance and music is undeniable and we are deeply touched that The Hill Powers Foundation has chosen NMC as a venue to carry on Jaime and Tammy-Lynn’s love of dance and music. The performances that are shared on the stage at NMC will pay tribute to the beauty and

joyfulness of music and the movement that it inspires,” said Andrew Mosker, President and CEO of NMC.

Opening in 2016, the new NMC will feature five floors of exhibitions space dedicated to telling the story of music in Canada, as well as workshops, classrooms, recording studios and more. NMC is currently raising funds for the new building and has raised over \$100 million towards the project.

### **About the National Music Centre**

The National Music Centre is the home for music in Canada and its mission is to amplify the love, sharing, and understanding of music. The new National Music Centre will be a 160,000 square-foot, architecturally stunning destination in the heart of Calgary’s East Village. It will resonate with expanded programming including education, performance, artist development, and community building collaborations. Learn more at [nmc.ca](http://nmc.ca).

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