

Tegan and Sara to visit Studio Bell for ATB Storytellers event on October 6

Tickets for ATB Storytellers Series available tomorrow, September 27

(September 26, 2016 — Calgary AB) Join the National Music Centre (NMC) for the latest live installment of the ATB Storytellers Series on Thursday, October 6, featuring an interview with Calgary-born synth-pop act Tegan and Sara.

Acclaimed Calgary-based singer-songwriter Jann Arden, also last year's ATB Storytellers Series guest, will host and interview Tegan and Sara. Beginning at 7:30 pm inside Studio Bell's performance hall, the event will commemorate the opening of the ATB Storytellers Exhibition and feature a brief performance by Tegan and Sara. **Tickets for the live event are free and will become available tomorrow, September 27 at 11:00 am MST at studiobell.ca/whats-on.**

"We are proud of our Alberta roots and look forward to visiting Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, for the first time"

— Tegan and Sara

The ATB Storytellers Exhibition, sponsored by ATB Financial, is a new temporary exhibition that showcases Alberta's rich music story. It is free and accessible to the public, and will run in Studio Bell's Drop-in Zone from October 6, 2016 until January 8, 2017.

The exhibit will feature a collection of artifacts and recorded oral histories with iconic Albertans, including Jann Arden, noted journalist Holger Petersen, jazz pianist Tommy Banks, Royalty Records Founder R. Harlan Smith, blues artist Amos Garrett, and France Levasseur-Ouimet, Franco-Albertan historian and professor emeritus, among others.

Centering on four themes—*Music Through the Times*, *Music in Alberta's Communities*, *Cultural Influences on Music*, and *Prairie Scramble*—the exhibition will also feature digital stories made in collaboration with several elementary schools, highlighting the next generation of Albertans.

"In a lot of ways the history of music in Alberta is the history of Alberta, with its diverse voices and huge impact on our day-to-day lives," said Dave Mowat, President and CEO, ATB Financial. "We're thrilled that the ATB Storytellers Exhibition at Studio Bell will retell some of the made-in-Alberta stories that many may have never heard."

“Alberta’s music story is one that we are eager to share,” said Adam Fox, Director of Programs, NMC. “We hope this annual event and exhibition gives Albertans a sense of pride and inspires new stories.”

The ATB Storytellers Exhibition will be the first of three annual exhibits planned as part of the program and initiative to document Alberta’s music history.

About ATB Storytellers

In 2015, the National Music Centre (NMC) is launched a multi-year initiative, sponsored by ATB Financial, designed to collect and connect the stories of Alberta's music history. ATB Storytellers is a multifaceted project that includes a digital storytelling education program, an oral history recording initiative, live events with music icons, and an annual installation within NMC's special exhibitions.

About Studio Bell

Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, is a new state-of-the art facility designed by Brad Cloepfil of Allied Works Architecture (Portland/New York). An international hub for music and technology, Studio Bell is the first national cultural institution of its kind dedicated to celebrating music in Canada in all of its forms. More than a museum, Studio Bell rises in nine interlocking towers, clad in glazed terra cotta in the heart of Calgary’s East Village. The 160,000 square-foot building includes five floors of exhibition space, a 2000+ piece collection of artifacts, instruments and music technology, and other features including recording facilities, workshops, classrooms, an event space, and a 300-seat performance hall. For more information, please visit studiobell.ca.

About the National Music Centre

The National Music Centre (NMC) is a national catalyst for discovery, innovation and renewal through music. 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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