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Arts Commons is bringing live music back to Calgary's downtown core with a free, family-friendly, and socially distanced outdoor concert: *SHOWTIME: A Live Music Celebration*

Classic Albums Live headlines with Creedence Clearwater Revival: Chronicle, Vol. 1 and Bow Valley folk-pop artist Amelie Patterson opens at Olympic Plaza, presented by Arts Commons and BD&P.

August 9, 2021 CALGARY – Calgary – you're invited to an Arts Commons yard party! Arts Commons is reenergizing Calgary's downtown cultural district with *Showtime: A Live Music Celebration*, a one-night-only outdoor celebration of food, drink, live music, and fun for the whole city with – yes – free admission. **Join Arts Commons on Thursday, August 26 at 7 p.m.** (gates open at 6 p.m.), culminating in a rock-out performance by Classic Albums Live – the beloved concert series that has consistently packed the Jack Singer Concert Hall for the past three seasons – performing Creedence Clearwater Revival's pivotal album, *Chronicle, Vol. 1*, in the great outdoors.

Admission is FREE for all ages, but [pre-registration is required at artscommons.ca](https://artscommons.ca).

Showtime: A Live Music Celebration, part of Arts Commons Presents' 2020-21 season of the BD&P World Stage series, will bring the city together like only live music can – with a little folk, a little country, and a lot of rock and roll – all safely distanced right here in Calgary's beautiful Olympic Plaza, with limited first come, first served seating as well as food and beverage available for sale onsite.

As always, safety remains our priority: attendance will be capped at 25% capacity, there will be socially distanced picnic tables and space for distanced seating throughout the grounds, high traffic surfaces will be regularly disinfected, and masks are encouraged while audience members are moving around the site.

Opening the evening's festivities will be beloved local folk-pop songwriter and performer, **Amelie Patterson**. A multiple YYC Music Award-winner, Amelie Patterson's soaring vocals, comforting melodies, and self-described "glitchy" guitar sweeps you up into her world of living, breathing lyrics and songwriting.

The main act is crowd favourite from Arts Commons Presents, **Classic Albums Live**, performing iconic albums from rock and roll history note for note, cut for cut with some of Canada's best musicians – no wigs, no impersonations, just music. Classic Albums Live will be bringing **CCR's Chronicle, Vol. 1** to the stage with hits like *Suzie Q*, *Bad Moon Rising*, and *Fortunate Son*.

"Olympic Plaza is Arts Commons' front yard, and a historic gathering place to celebrate Calgary's resiliency and strength. I can't imagine a better location in which to invite our Calgary community to enjoy what we've all missed so much over the past year and a half – connecting with the arts and with each other," says Alex Sarian,

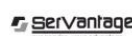
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President and CEO of Arts Commons, who is thrilled to be welcoming audiences for his first large-scale production since beginning his tenure in 2020. "Showtime is our opportunity for us all to reconnect: amazing Canadian musicians, live performance, a community of friends, family and neighbours – and all enjoyed in a safe, socially distanced way. I am personally inviting our city to come out and celebrate Calgary with us!"

Pre-register now and join Arts Commons and BD&P for *Showtime: A Live Music Celebration*. Be sure to arrive early to grab a great spot to watch the show! **For more information, please visit artscommons.ca/showtime**. You've been waiting in the wings... now it's showtime!

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Arts Commons is the third-largest performing arts centre in Canada, located in the heart of Calgary's Cultural District in downtown Calgary, with a mandate that includes a commitment to foster, promote, and present the arts. Taking up a full city block, it is home to six gallery spaces, five theatres, the Jack Singer Concert Hall as well as rehearsal spaces, administrative offices and a set and costume shop. The resident companies of Arts Commons include Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary, and together, they host over 1,800 public performances and events every year. In 2021, Arts Commons achieved the fundraising goal for Phase 1 of Arts Commons Transformation (ACT) project to construct a new building in its home of Olympic Plaza.

Arts Commons Presents invites you to discover the transformative power of the Arts. As the programming arm of Arts Commons, Arts Commons Presents encompasses the programming and presenting of our in-house series: BD&P World Stage, National Geographic Live, PCL Blues, TD Amplify Cabarets, and TD Jazz. Arts Commons Presents programming also includes the work that we do alongside and in collaboration with community partners, like the summer outdoor pop-up performance series, ArtsXpeditions, and professional development programs to support Calgary's local artists.

Classic Albums Live

Founded in 2003 by Craig Martin, Classic Albums Live has become the ultimate destination for music lovers wanting to hear the greatest albums performed live without all the gimmickry and cheesy impersonations. Relying only on the music, using what Martin refers to as 'the world's best musicians', Classic Albums Live has defined itself as a mainstay in Performing Arts Centres across North America.

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