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Sue Foley, the “Ice Queen” of Blues, Brings Her New Album Home to Canada with the PCL Blues Series from Arts Commons Presents

March 29, 2022 - CALGARY – Sue Foley’s nickname “Ice Queen” comes from her Canadian roots – but her high energy, fiery twang always melts away any cold exterior. That’s why she has played some of the biggest blues venues across North America for the past 30 years. With multiple awards under her belt, including a JUNO for Best Blues Album and a 2022 JUNO nomination for her latest album *Pinky’s Blues*, Arts Commons Presents can’t wait to share this powerhouse singer/songwriter with Calgary in the intimate **Engineered Air Theatre** on **Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23, 2022**.

A follow-up to her breakout album *The Ice Queen* released in 2018, Foley’s newest album is a raw electric guitar-driven romp through the backroads of Texas blues, with Foley’s signature pink paisley Fender Telecaster, “Pinky,” at the wheel. *Pinky’s Blues* was born during the midst of the COVID-19 lockdown after a series of live-streamed performances from producer Mike Flanigin’s house.



Sue Foley, Photo by Danny-Clinch

*“We wanted to make something representative of the Texas blues that we had been schooled on in Austin. My home is Canada and I definitely identify as a Canadian. But I had a yearning for this music and I can't even put my finger on why or how. So, we picked great songs and I wrote a few of my own to round things out. Everything on it [the album, *Pinky’s*”*



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Blues] is a labour of love,” says Sue Foley about her newest album. About her Calgary performance, she says, “When you’re playing solo in a nice theatre, that really intimate thing is just so powerful. You can really be dramatic with it and people are really paying attention to everything you say, so I really love that.”

The 2021-22 season of the PCL Blues series from Arts Commons Presents features an unmatched line-up of blues performers from both North and South of the border. Entering its 24th season of bringing one-of-a-kind intimate performances with the biggest names in blues that can only be found in the singular Engineered Air Theatre, the PCL Blues series from Arts Commons Presents is a cherished part of Calgary’s long lasting love affair with the blues genre. To close the fantastic 2021-22 season, we’re welcoming the recent JUNO Award-winning singer/songwriter, **Crystal Shawanda** to the series on May 27 & 28, 2022.

What: PCL Blues: Sue Foley
Where: Engineered Air Theatre, Arts Commons
When: Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23, 2022
Who: Arts Commons Presents
Tickets: 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/foley

To purchase tickets to Sue Foley, or any performances in the PCL Blues series, please call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/blues.

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