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Classic Albums Live performs one of the most iconic albums of all time, the Eagles' Hotel California, this month with Arts Commons Presents

May 4, 2022 - CALGARY – It's time to relive the album that defined the Eagles as the music titan we know today, moving them firmly from country to a rock & roll legend – Hotel California. Reproduced faithfully by **Classic Albums Live**, note for note, cut for cut, no Eagles fan should miss **Eagles: Hotel California**, a night of music celebration from Classic Albums Live and **Arts Commons Presents** on **Thursday, May 26, 2022** in the Jack Singer Concert Hall.



Photo courtesy of Classic Albums Live

The Eagles' iconic album, Hotel California, was conceptualized as a dark and dystopic microcosm of the United States. Its dark themes and eerie imagery, coupled with the often-haunting melodies, make it an unforgettable listening experience and in that way, it has easily stood the test of time. Rolling Stone magazine ranked it number 37 in their list of "The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time" and the GRAMMY Award-winning title track is one of the most played songs in radio history.

Celebrating the best albums of the past is something that Craig Martin, founder of Classic Albums Live, and his cast of all-star Canadian musicians do best. They painstakingly recreate the exact sound of the original album in act one, then follow up with other hits from the band's catalogue in act two. This way, fans get the best of both worlds – the album they know and love, and a party atmosphere of non-stop hits. Of their vast catalogue of beloved albums, Hotel California, along with other seminal albums like Abbey Road and Led Zeppelin I, are among Craig Martin's most requested.



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"There's a real thirst to hear these albums performed start to finish. For many of us, this is the music we grew up with — the soundtrack of our lives," says Craig Martin. "These works are our Shakespeare, our Sistine Chapel. This music will live forever."

Arts Commons Presents is proud to bring the power of these classics to the unparalleled Jack Singer Concert Hall – a venue designed to elevate the best of live music. A fan favourite of Arts Commons Presents' programming concluding its fifth season, Classic Albums Live consistently fills the Jack Singer Concert Hall and was the centerpiece of the sold-out Olympic Plaza event *Showtime: A Live Music Celebration* last summer. The 2021-22 season shared the love for Led Zeppelin's debut album and The Beatles' foray into a new persona with Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Now it's your turn to experience it live with the *Eagles: Hotel California!* For tickets, call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca.

Also! Stay tuned for the 2022-23 announcement of Arts Commons Presents' Classic Albums Live line-up.

What: Classic Albums Live, *Eagles: Hotel California*
When: Thursday, May 26, 2022
Where: Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Who: Arts Commons Presents
Tickets: artscommons.ca/hotelcalifornia or call 403-294-9494

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