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Arts Commons Presents and Classic Albums Live Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Pink Floyd's Seminal Album The Dark Side of the Moon in the Jack Singer Concert Hall

April 6, 2023 - CALGARY – Arts Commons Presents brings the 22-23 season of Classic Albums Live to a climactic close with Pink Floyd's earth-shattering release, The Dark Side of the Moon. Performed by a cast of Canadian rockstar talent, **Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon 50th Anniversary** comes to the Jack Singer Concert Hall on **Saturday, April 22, 2023** from Arts Commons Presents.

Released in 1973, Pink Floyd's eighth studio album has sold more than 45 million copies worldwide. Though the album was far from Pink Floyd's first, it marked an important turning point both for their sound and recognition in the greater music community. Containing complex arrangements and highlighting the distinct vocal style of Roger Keith "Syd" Barrett that is deeply steeped in psychedelia, it's a challenging album to recreate live on stage. Each concert by Classic Albums Live follows a tried-and-true formula: recreating these treasured pieces of music history down to each precise detail. Act two opens up the repertoire, and the onstage banter, to cover the artist's biggest hits from their entire catalogue. This way, fans get the best of both worlds – the album they know and love, and a party atmosphere where singing and dancing is encouraged.

One of their most requested albums, The Dark Side of the Moon helped to establish their reputation for perfect album recreation in the early days of Classic Albums Live. From alarm clocks ringing on stage, to the many layered synthesizers, The Dark Side of the Moon is not a straight-forward album for a live performer, which is also what makes it so rewarding when Classic Albums Live gets it right.

"The thing I like about Dark Side, is that it was our flagship," says Martin. "There's a real thirst to hear these albums performed start to finish. For so many of us this is more than just an album, it's a clear path back to our younger years. Pink Floyd will be a band that is performed in concert halls for all time to come."

The Dark Side of the Moon closes its fifth season with Arts Commons Presents. Past season highlights have included sold-out performances of The Beatles: Abbey Road, Pink Floyd: The Wall, and Creedence Clearwater Revival: Chronicle 1 which was the centerpiece of the outdoor music event, *Showtime: A Live Music Celebration*. Each concert by Classic Albums Live follows a tried-and-true formula: recreating these treasured pieces of music history down to each precise detail. Act two opens up the repertoire, and the onstage banter, to cover the artist's biggest hits from their entire catalogue. This way, fans get the best of both worlds – the album they know and love, and a party atmosphere where singing and dancing is encouraged.

"Capping off this season with the 50th anniversary performance of The Dark Side of the Moon feels so right," says Stephanie Hutchinson, Associate Director of Presenting. "It exemplifies everything that Classic Albums Live excels at when it comes to the perfect recreation of a classic piece of music."

As one season of Classic Albums Live comes to a close, Arts Commons Presents is already looking ahead to another thrilling lineup to please Calgary's classic rock fans in the 2023-24 season. Stay tuned for updates on what's in store – and attendees at Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon 50th Anniversary might even get a sneak peek!

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50 years of history and now it's your turn to experience it live on Saturday, April 22 with Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon 50th Anniversary from Arts Commons Presents. For tickets, call 403-294-9494 or visit artscommons.ca/cal.

What: Classic Albums Live, Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon 50th Anniversary
When: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Where: Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall
Who: Arts Commons Presents
Preshow & Intermission: Lisette Xavier
Tickets: artscommons.ca/darkside or call 403-294-9494

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