

## Base31 Announces 15 New Performances in the Historic Sergeants Mess Hall

Shawnee Kish, Carole Pope, Ron Sexsmith, Jackie Richardson, Ria Mae, iskwē, David Francey, Hawksley Workman, Jane Siberry and Miss Emily join the likes of previously-announced Drill Hall headliners The Glorious Sons, The Reklaws, TALK, Tokyo Police Club, Tom Cochrane, Trooper + Honeymoon Suite and more

(April 24, 2024 - Picton, ON) — Hot on the heels of Base31's announcement last week of a star-studded summer music season — which includes the Pretty Excellent Country Music Festival, the Rock the County Music Festival, nine Drill Hall major headliners, the introduction of The Commissary food and drink market, Pride programming, and the return of the Department of Illumination collaboration, Night Watch — the Prince Edward County-based cultural destination is announcing 15 summer performances in their historic Sergeants Mess Hall venue covering a wide range of genres, from folk to jazz to indie rock and more. Tickets are on sale now at base31.ca.

Base31 continues the year-round programming offered in the intimate concert setting of the 178-seat historic **Sergeants Mess Hall** with a summer series of shows running June 1 through September 6:

- RON SEXSMITH Saturday, June 1
- SHAWNEE KISH Friday, June 7, performing as part of Pride celebrations at Base31
- CAROLE POPE Saturday, June 8, performing as part of Pride celebrations at Base31
- BARBRA SINGS BACHARACH Friday, June 14 and Friday, July 26
- ISKWĒ Friday, June 21
- **DAVID FRANCEY** Friday, June 28
- MISS EMILY Friday, July 5
- **HAWKSLEY WORKMAN** Friday, July 12

- **LUCY DARLING IN INDULGENCE** Friday, July 19
- AMY ARMSTRONG + MARK HARTMAN Saturday, July 20
- JACKIE + KIM RICHARDSON: A FAMILY AFFAIR Friday, August 2
- **JANE SIBERRY** Friday, August 9
- MAKE ME FEEL: A CAROLE KING SONGBOOK Friday, August 16
- BARBERS AT THE BASE Friday, August 30
- RIA MAE Friday, September 6

Base31 thanks Picton Home Hardware Building Centre for their continued support as the Sergeants Mess Hall Season Sponsor.

This latest roster announcement follows last week's news of the major Canadian headliners performing this summer at the 1,500-capacity Drill Hall venue, including:

- TOKYO POLICE CLUB: THE FAREWELL TOUR Saturday, June 15
- MATTHEW GOOD AND HIS BAND Saturday, June 22
- PRETTY EXCELLENT COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL: THE REKLAWS AND HIGH VALLEY Friday, June 28 Saturday, June 29
- BAHAMAS Saturday, July 6
- THE STRUMBELLAS Saturday, July 13
- ART OF TIME ENSEMBLE'S SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND Wednesday, July 24, presented by Base31 x BIGLAKE
- **HALF MOON RUN** Saturday, July 27
- **TOM COCHRANE** Saturday, August 3
- TALK Saturday, August 10
- ROCK THE COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL: THE GLORIOUS SONS AND THE TREWS / MATT MAYS — Friday, August 23 - Saturday, August 24
- TROOPER + HONEYMOON SUITE Saturday, August 31

Now in its third season of cultural programming, the 70-acre former WWII air training base will host over 100 unforgettable experiences this summer, ranging from big stage concerts to intimate performances by Canada's top musicians, illuminated and immersive after dark adventures, a major curated open-air food + drink market, as well as public art, galleries, outdoor play spaces and programs for kids, historic tours, bespoke group experiences and branded merchandise. In 2025, Base31 will open a museum celebrating the site's heritage and the role that it has played within the local community, the nation and globally. Visitors to Base31 can start their journey on site at the Visitor Centre, which opens to the public May 17.

For more information visit <u>www.base31.ca</u>. For <u>Media Assets</u>, click here.

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## **ABOUT BASE31**

Base31 is a 70-acre major cultural destination on the site of a former WWII air training base in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario. This year, Base31 will host over 100 unforgettable experiences, ranging from big stage concerts to intimate performances by Canada's top musicians, illuminated and immersive after dark adventures, a major curated open-air food + drink market, as well as public art, galleries, outdoor play spaces and programs for kids, historic tours and bespoke group experiences. In 2025, Base31 will open a museum celebrating the site's heritage and the role that it has played within the local community, the nation and globally.

Base31 is the cultural heart of a larger 750-acre site that is being developed over the coming years through its Neighbourhood Plan, a dynamic collection of neighbourhoods with a mix of uses: retail, restaurants, places to work and create, parks, trails, and recreation areas, a full complement of community amenities, and a range of housing to suit many needs. Together, we will create a County-made community brimming with opportunity: to live, to learn, to play, and to thrive.

Operated as a military base until 1969, the site transitioned into a business park and airport and was purchased by PEC Community Partners in December of 2021. The new ownership group has embarked on an ambitious revitalization program that includes the adaptive re-use of many of the heritage buildings, transformation of the landscape, and significant investment in placemaking, public art, programming, site activation and food and beverage.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Plan, visit <a href="www.ideas.Base31.ca">www.ideas.Base31.ca</a>
For more information on Base31 and to purchase event tickets, visit. <a href="www.Base31.ca">www.Base31.ca</a>