

Classified, Cockburn & Wilcox to perform during KL Winter Carnival

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee has unveiled a star-studded lineup for the 2014 Winter Carnival including rapper Classified, singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn and classic rocker David Wilcox.

Classified will perform an all-ages concert in the Northern College gym on Saturday, February 15. With his recent hits Inner Ninja and 3 Foot Tall, the Nova Scotia native has become one of Canada's most popular music stars.

Classified's song Pay Day is the newest single from his self-titled album, which debuted at #1 in Canada. In addition, he has just released a new 8-song iTunes Session that includes an updated version of his hit Oh...Canada.

Earlier this year, Classified's Inner Ninja won the Juno Award for Rap Recording of the Year and was named Video of the Year at the Much Music Video Awards.

The back portion of the gym will be licensed for ages 19 years and older for Classified's concert. Tickets for the event will be \$35 advance.

Bruce Cockburn will perform live in the Northern College Auditorium on Wednesday, February 19. Cockburn is one of Canada's most acclaimed singer-songwriters with a career dating back to the late 1960's.

Cockburn's hits include Wondering Where The Lions Are, Lovers In A Dangerous Time, If I Had A Rocket Launcher, Tokyo, Waiting For A Miracle and If A Tree Falls.

Next spring, Cockburn will receive the Allan Slaight Humanitarian Spirit Award during Canadian Music Week. He has spent decades raising awareness about pollution, native rights, unsustainable logging, land mines and Third World debt.

Cockburn is a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, the Order of Canada, the Canadian Broadcasters Hall of Fame and has received honorary doctorates from seven different universities.

Tickets for Cockburn's intimate Winter Carnival concert in the 500-seat auditorium will be \$30 advance.

David Wilcox returns to Kirkland Lake to headline the Winterfest Pub in the gymnasium at Northern College following the \$50,000 ice-fishing derby.

Wilcox last performed in Kirkland Lake during the 2007 Homecoming Pub at the complex. Initially, Wilcox tickets will be available exclusively as part of the fish derby package for \$100.

His hits include Do The Bearcat, Bad Apple, That Hypnotizin' Boogie, Riverboat Fantasy, Downtown Came Uptown, Our Town and Breakfast At The Circus.

Fish Derby participants will be allowed to purchase an additional pub ticket for \$25 at the time they buy their fish derby package. Any remaining tickets will be available as single tickets in mid-January.

The Festivals Committee will present the annual Stars of Pop Concert as part of Winter Carnival. The event will be in the gymnasium on Sunday, February 16th, the night before the Family Day Holiday.

Stars of Pop tickets will be \$10 each. The concert will feature tributes to Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus and Selena Gomez performing with a live band.

The move to the gym will allow additional kids to attend the show, which has sold out annually for the past 11 years. Bleacher seating will be available for parents attending the Stars of Pop Concert.

Tickets for all Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee events will be available beginning Friday, December 6th at reception at the complex. Online tickets will be available beginning December 10th.

The 2014 Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival will feature 18 days of events beginning with the crowning of Miss Kirkland Lake at the CJKL Carnival Queen fashion show and crowning on February 13 in the auditorium at Northern College.

The Rotary hockey tournament will be held the weekend of February 14-16. The NorthernTel Kids Carnival will be held in the Northern College gym on the Family Day Holiday, Monday, February 17.

The Kirkland Lake Rotary Club will host an all-ages magic show in the Northern College Auditorium on Thursday, February 20th featuring a one hour show with The Magic of Coby.

There will be 3 performances of Kabaret in the auditorium at Northern College from Thursday, February 27 through Saturday, March 1.

The Kirkland Lake Skating Club's annual Ice Show is set for Friday, February 28 at the complex. ECJV is hosting a new Winter Carnival event featuring a pasta dinner and talent show on Tuesday, February 18th.

Kirkland Lake Gold will sponsor free sleigh rides and free kids matinees all three weekends of Winter Carnival. There will also be a curling bonspiel, squash tournament, sliding party, fireworks and more.

A schedule of Winter Carnival events is available at the Festivals Committee's website: www.klfestivals.com. The committee will update the schedule as additional events are announced.

Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival was recognized with a prestigious Top 100 Festival Award last year by Festivals and Events Ontario.