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THE TRAGICALLY HIP COMING TO KIRKLAND LAKE JUNE 26 & 27

The Tragically Hip will headline two Homecoming Week concerts in Kirkland Lake this summer. Critically acclaimed for more than two decades, The Hip will perform at the Complex on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27.

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee made the surprise announcement on the opening night of Kirkland Lake's award-winning 18-day Winter Carnival.

"Our committee is extremely proud to be presenting one of Canada's most iconic acts," said Julie Richard-Gorman, Chair of the Festivals Committee. "

To commemorate the re-issue of *Fully Completely*, The Tragically Hip have been performing the album in its entirety on their current tour at major venues across Canada and the United States.

Formed in 1984 the five-piece group of friends – Rob Baker, Gordon Downie, Johnny Fay, Paul Langlois and Gord Sinclair, have since sold millions of records worldwide, managing to enjoy both mass popularity and a fiercely loyal fan base.

The Tragically Hip has been at the heart of the Canadian musical zeitgeist, evoking a strong emotional connection between their music and their fans that remains unrivalled in this country.

The Hip has achieved the enviable status of a band that enjoys both mass popularity with more than 8 million albums sold worldwide, as well as peer recognition through 14 Juno Awards from more than a dozen recordings.

Members of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, The Tragically Hip have released thirteen studio albums, earning two diamond certifications and twenty #1 hits. They have won 14 Juno awards and their recently launched Tragically Hip wine.

Their studio catalogue includes their self-titled debut album "The Tragically Hip" (1987), "Up To Here" (1989), "Road Apples" (1991), "Fully Completely" (1992), "Day For Night" (1994), "Trouble At The Henhouse" (1996), "Phantom Power" (1998), "Music @ Work" (2000), "In Violet Light" (2002), "In Between Evolution" (2004), "World Container" (2006), "We Are The Same" (2009) and "Now For Plan A" (2012). They are currently working on a new studio album.

KL Festivals entertainment coordinator Robin Connelly says presenting The Tragically Hip was the ultimate goal when the organization started presenting live concerts 15 years ago.

“The Hip’s popularity is unrivalled in our country,” Connelly said. “They’re part of our culture and hold a special place in the hearts of Canadians.”

“This would not be possible without the support of our many sponsors, volunteers and all of the people who buy tickets to our shows.”

Both nights will be for ages 19 and up, and, for the first time, the entire arena will be licensed, including the seating area, standing room area and the blue line room.

The KL Festivals Committee will be announcing an additional all-ages Homecoming concert plus Tragically Hip ticket information, on sale dates and fan club advance ticket information in early March.