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HEDLEY, ALAN DOYLE & ARKELLS TO PERFORM AT KIRKLAND LAKE HOMECOMING

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee has announced Hedley, Alan Doyle and Arkells will perform at Kirkland Lake Homecoming concerts at the Community Complex this summer.

Hedley headlines the opening night on Friday, June 24. Arguably Canada's biggest band with five consecutive multiplatinum albums, Hedley's new album 'Hello' debuted at #1 on the Canadian albums chart in November.

The band has 17 Top 40 hits, multiple Juno and MMVA trophies and recently received Juno Award nominations for Group of the Year and Pop Album of the Year. Hedley's Homecoming Week concert will follow the band's 27-city Canadian tour this spring.

Jonathan Roy will open for Hedley. His debut hit "Daniella Denmark," which was written by Corey Hart, is climbing the charts. Roy is a former Quebec Major Junior Hockey League player and is the son of Hall of Fame goalie, Patrick Roy.

Hedley returns to Kirkland Lake after packing the Complex for two shows during 2013 Kirkland Lake Homecoming. This summer's concert will be all ages. The entire venue is licensed, but alcohol is not permitted in the front half of the floor.

The second Homecoming Week concert will feature a double bill with Alan Doyle and Arkells on Saturday, June 25. The show will be fully licensed for ages 19 and older only.

Alan Doyle was a founding member of the legendary Celtic folk-rock band Great Big Sea and served as their lead singer for more than 20 years. Doyle has released two albums: 'Boy On Bridge' in 2012 and the Juno-nominated 'So Let's Go' in 2015.

Known for his high-energy live performances, Doyle will be backed by The Beautiful Gypsies and will perform a setlist mixing his solo hits with some of Great Big Sea's best-known songs.

Canada's two-time Juno Group of the Year, Arkells will also make their first appearance in Kirkland Lake as part of the double bill. Since forming in 2006, the Hamilton band has developed a fiercely loyal following of fans from coast to coast.

Arkells have released three critically acclaimed full-length studio albums and a fist full of infectious rock radio hits including Leather Jacket, 11-11, Come To Light, Michigan Left and Whistleblower.

Tickets for both concerts will be available beginning April 1. Additional details on the concerts will be released following Kirkland Lake's 18-day Winter Carnival, which begins today and runs through February 28.

Kirkland Lake's award-winning Homecoming Week is scheduled to run from June 24-July 2 and will include Canada Day festivities, an extreme park competition, Toburn's Day in the Park, kids events and more.

Past Kirkland Lake Homecoming performers include: The Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Sam Roberts, Marianas Trench, Simple Plan, Colin James, Tom Cochrane, Serena Ryder, Down With Webster and the late Jeff Healey.