



Symphony Nova Scotia to perform two sold-out tribute concerts dedicated to The Music of the Eagles

Halifax, NS – After the success of past tribute concerts such as Pink Floyd, The Beatles, and Queen, Symphony Nova Scotia welcomes back the Jeans 'n Classics band for two sold-out performances of the Music of the Eagles on Friday, February 1st and Saturday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Halifax.

Guest vocalist Michael Shotton will be joining Jeans 'n Classics and Symphony Nova Scotia for these two performances. Nova Scotia audiences last saw Jeans 'n Classics in February 2012, when they performed the hugely successful "Music of Pink Floyd," featuring the legendary album *The Dark Side of the Moon* in its entirety. With a home base in London, Ontario, Jeans 'n Classics specializes in orchestral collaborations, and has performed unique tribute concerts with dozens of orchestras across Canada and the United States.

"It is a great pleasure for Jeans 'n Classics to be returning to perform alongside Symphony Nova Scotia and to experience yet again the wonderful audience we've grown so fond of in Halifax," says Peter Brennan, founder of the Jeans 'n Classics band. "This Feb 1 and 2 will mark our fifth appearance with the orchestra, and it will indeed be a pleasure to bring you the Music of the Eagles concert. We will perform a cross section of some of the Eagles' biggest hits and classics in the first half of the evening, and then the entire second set will be the Eagles masterpiece, 'Hotel California,' in its entirety. A fabulous orchestra; terrific band and singers; great music; an exceptional experience."

Conducted by resident conductor Jonathan Govias, both concerts will feature some of the Eagles' most legendary hits. The concert lineup will include:

- *The Boys of Summer*
- *Take It Easy*
- *Hotel California*
- *New Kid in Town*
- *Life in the Fast Lane*
- *Try and Love Again*
- *And more!*
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Tickets for this concert are sold out. To learn more about upcoming concerts in our Retro Pops series, call 494.3820.

About Jeans `n Classics

Founded by musician/composer Peter Brennan, Jeans `n Classics is a star performer in the North American arts and entertainment scene. Its concept of combining rock musicians and headlining stars with world-class symphony orchestras has drawn record-setting capacity crowds. With a home base in London, Ontario, Jeans `n Classics has performed with dozens of orchestras across Canada and the United States. For more information, visit www.jeansnclassics.com

About Michael Shotton

Born in Newcastle, England, Michael Shotton loved music from the moment he discovered The Beatles. Beginning at the ripe old age of three, Michael accumulated years of experience playing drums and singing in countless original, top-40 and specialty tribute acts. In 1988, Michael signed to Herb Alpert's label, A&M, with the pop-based group "Diamond Life", who's hit "Habits of the Heart" still gets play on Canadian AOR radio. This launched a diverse, storied career.

In 1991, after appearing on Boston's platinum fifth album, "Walk On" (MCA), he signed to EMI records worldwide with his own original hard rock band, Von Groove. To date, Von Groove has completed their ninth album under the Z Records/Marquee labels. In 1998, Michael also became part of the rock group The Outpatience, releasing their debut album, "Anxious Disease" (Teichiku/Virgin). This album features all of the members of Guns N' Roses (including a duet with Axl Rose), Steve Stevens of Billy Idol fame, Louis Conte of Phil Collins fame, and many other A-list session players. Recently, Michael has been playing drums with the well-known Canadian band The Spoons, as well as performing as a solo vocalist on many symphony dates all across North America – all the while providing the voice behind many radio and television commercials, such as Coke, Labatt's, Coors, Crunchie, Fosters, The Bay, and many more.

In 2001 he independently wrote, produced and released a 911 fundraiser song entitled "The Heart of America," which is currently part of a compilation album with the likes of Paul McCartney and Bruce Springsteen. In 2007, Michael had the honor of writing and co-producing "Just Believe," the new theme for the annual Canadian Special Olympics, a song that captures the spirit of the games and its competitors. He also developed his own TV show for pre-schoolers called "Mike's Garage," featuring a kaleidoscope of songs and characters, adapted for television with support from Bob McGrath of "Sesame Street."

His wide vocal range, the spectrum of his abilities, the charisma of his stage presence, and his appetite and lust for life all shine through in the multitude of things he does.