

# **Legendary Gordon Lightfoot Celebrates 77th Birthday With Announcement of 2016 Massey Hall Concerts**

## Gordon Lightfoot Live At Massey Hall November 23 24, 25 & 26, 2016 at 8 p.m.

FriendsFirst Presale: Tuesday, November 17 at 10 a.m. American Express Front Of The Line Presale: Wednesday, November 18 at 10 a.m. On Sale to the General Public: Friday, November 20 at 10 a.m.

Call 416-872-4255 or visit the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office / www.masseyhall.com Also available at Ticketmaster by calling 1-855-985-5000 / www.ticketmaster.ca

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16:** Gordon Lightfoot, the Canadian Music Hall of Fame icon who turns 77 tomorrow, announces his 2016 return to Massey Hall. The November 23, 24, 25 and 26 concerts will mark the legendary Juno Award-winning and Grammy-nominated singer's 160<sup>th</sup> appearance at the equally iconic Toronto venue.

In a tradition as anticipated as Christmas, Gordon Lightfoot performs to legions of fans, who whether or not they have already experienced Lightfoot at Massey Hall, don't miss a chance to be a part of a tradition that has become as Canadian as hockey.

Tickets for these shows, which also commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. Lightfoot's inimitable and classic ballad *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, are on sale to the public Friday, November 20, at 10 a.m.

A national treasure, Gordon Lightfoot is beloved by music fans around the world. Born November 17, 1938 in Orillia, Ontario Gordon Lightfoot studied at Los Angeles' Westlake College of Music. He returned to Canada in the early 1960s and began performing at the "Riverboat" in Toronto and in coffee houses throughout Canada and the United States. In 1966, his debut album *Lightfoot!* was released. Tracks such as *For Lovin' Me, Early Morning Rain, Steel Rail Blues* and *Ribbon of Darkness* brought him international recognition as a songwriter. As a result, cover versions of his songs were recorded by artists such as Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Barbara Streisand, Johnny Cash, and countless others. In 1971 Gordon earned his first Top Ten hit when *If You Could Read My Mind* became an international sensation. In 1974, his classic single, Sundown, went to No.1 on the American charts, followed two years later by *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, inspired by a Newsweek magazine article; it reached No. 2 on the U.S. Billboard charts. In 2004, he released his 20th album *Harmony*, and his iconic Massey Hall residencies are celebrated with the release of his most recent album *Massey Hall Moments - All Live*, a collection of live recordings of the finest Massey Hall performances, recorded between 1998 and 2001.

Gordon Lightfoot continues to perform extensively throughout the United States and Canada, giving approximately 75-80 concerts each year; and more recently appears at Massey Hall every second year.

Mr. Lightfoot has won **15 Juno Awards** and been nominated for **5 Grammy Awards**. He was inducted into the **Canadian Music Hall of Fame** in 1986 and the **Canadian Country Music Hall Of Fame** in 2001. In May 2003 was made a **Companion of the Order of Canada** and is also a member of the **Order of Ontario**. In 2004 was inducted into the **Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame** and, in 2012 into the **U.S. Songwriters Hall of Fame**.

#### **Ticket Prices**

Wednesday November 23\$32.50, \$49.50, \$79.50 and \$99.50,Thursday, November 24\$32.50, \$49.50, \$79.50 and \$99.50,Friday, November 25\$32.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$99.50 and \$119.50Saturday, November 26\$32.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$99.50 and \$119.50

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