

BACKGROUND

LiveCity Vancouver

LiveCity Vancouver Timeline:

October 2009	Site preparation (LiveCity Yaletown, David Lam Park)
November 2009	Site preparation (LiveCity Downtown, at Cambie & Georgia)
December 2009	Construction of site support infrastructure begins
February 11, 2010	Evening Community Celebration at LiveCity Yaletown
February 12-28, 2010	Open daily at LiveCity Yaletown
February 13-28, 2010	Open daily at LiveCity Downtown
Early March 2010	Paralympic Games preparations (LiveCity Downtown) Site restoration David Lam Park (LiveCity Yaletown)
March 12-14 and 18-21, 2010	Hours of operation at LiveCity Downtown
May 2010	LiveCity Downtown site returned to parking use
June 2010	David Lam Park field reopens for public use

LiveCity Vancouver Production Team:

FiveCurrents is a creative and production firm based in Monterey, California. FiveCurrents' mission is to capture the flow of human emotion in order to leave a deep and lasting impression on all who experience their projects. FiveCurrents has the flexibility to adapt to large and small-scale productions, leading production teams as large as 1,300 for its projects in 2007.

FiveCurrents productions take place worldwide, and have included the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, the Clinton Global Initiative, Super Bowl Saturday Night, SportAccord 2009 Opening Ceremony, Disneyland's 50th Anniversary and the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Most recently FiveCurrents served as the Executive Producers of bid presentations and films for the successful Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games Candidate City Bid, playing an integral role in bringing the Games to South America for the first time. www.fivecurrents.com

Live Nation is the global leader in live entertainment. Each year Live Nation produces over 28,000 events in 18 countries servicing 64 million attendees. With 126 venues ranging in size and type from 500 person clubs to 30,000+ capacity seasonal outdoor amphitheatres, Live Nation is the premier venue owner/operator in the world. Live Nation is also the largest owner/producer of multi-artist, multi-day festivals in the world including Glastonbury Festival in the UK, Way Out West in Sweden and the Great New York State Fair. Additional to this list of credentials is the producing role for the Games of the 20th Winter Olympiad Medals Plaza in Torino, the Super Bowl XXXVI Halftime Show (featuring U2), and the SARS Concerts for Toronto (the largest concerts ever produced in Canada).

As one of the 23 Live Nation global offices, Vancouver is one of the two that form the Canadian company that collectively produce over 1300 shows, from coast to coast, every year. The Vancouver office produces more than 760 shows across western Canada per year, 275 of which are in the City of Vancouver alone. Locally, Live Nation operates and programs

temporary venues at Deer Lake Park, Malkin Bowl and Thunderbird Stadium in addition to owning, operating and programming the Commodore Ballroom. Live Nation brings its global capacity, infrastructure, experience and relationships localized in the Vancouver office to its role as Producer, LiveCity Vancouver. www.livenation.com.

LiveCity Vancouver Performer Bios:

The following groups are representative of the wide range of talent that will perform nightly at LiveCity Yaletown: Alexisonfire, Allez Ouest, Blue Rodeo, Crystal Shawanda, Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley, Deadmau5, Jim Byrnes, Steve Dawson and The Sojourners, Johnny Reid, Jully Black, Malajube, Sam Roberts Band, Wilco and Wintersleep.

There will be more announcements in the days and weeks to come and the full programming line-up will be posted at www.livecityvancouver.ca / www.villevivantevancouver.ca early in the New Year.

Alexisonfire

Alexisonfire rose up out of the Southern Ontario underground in late 2001, hitting the ground with an immediate full head of steam. The band shot into the spotlight with numerous awards and accolades including a Gold Record in Canada for both debut and sophomore albums and New Group of the Year at the 2005 Junos. Alexisonfire comes to LiveCity Vancouver from an extensive European tour and en route to Australia. www.theonlybandever.com

Allez Ouest

Allez Ouest first came together to represent Alberta's French community at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C. in 2006 and has since carved out a new sound, born on the prairies and captured in their first full-length album Hybride. www.allezouest.com

Blue Rodeo

For nearly thirty years, Blue Rodeo has taken the road less travelled - and succeeded far beyond anyone's expectations. Led by songwriter/vocalist/guitarist combo Greg Keelor and Jim Cuddy, they have amassed over 4 Million units in sales and were recently given a Star on Canada's Walk of Fame. The band has won 12 Juno Awards, including a record breaking 5 Group of the Year Junos and the 2008 Juno for Best Group, Best Adult Alternative Album & Best Video. www.bluerodeo.com

Crystal Shawanda

Crystal Shawanda pours her heart & soul into her music, because it is her lifeline. A First Nations member of the Ojibwe band, Crystal has won numerous awards and accolades including Female Artist of the Year at the 2009 CCMA's and Best Artist of the Year at the 2008 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards.

www.myspace.com/crystalshawanda

Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley

Damian Marley is a reggae artist, a humanitarian and the youngest son of the late reggae legend Bob Marley. He has won three Grammy awards for his music which has a classic reggae sensibility at its core run through with streams of hip-hop, R&B and dancehall. His musical specialty is "toasting" a Jamaican vocal technique that is a predecessor to rapping.

www.myspace.com/damianmarley

Deadmau5

In less than a year, the hottest talent in the world of electronic music, Canadian based whiz kid Deadmau5, has gone from near obscurity to receiving the accolade of Producer Of The Year; beating various supremos to the top spot, whilst becoming the number one selling artist on Beatport and the most in demand producer. www.deadmau5.com

Jim Byrnes, Steve Dawson and The Sojourners

Jim Byrnes is fast becoming a Canadian blues legend. In 1981 he formed the blues group, The Jim Byrnes Band and has become a staple of the Vancouver music scene. In 1996, he won the Juno award for Best Blues/Gospel Album for "That River." The result of a musical meeting between Jim and Steve Dawson (of Zubot & Dawson) created the release of Jim's "Fresh Horses." The Sojourners trio originally came together to provide background vocals to Jim Byrnes's Juno award winning CD "House of Refuge." Jim was so pleased with the trio's contribution to his CD that he christened them, "The Sojourners."

www.jimbyrnes.org

www.thesojourners.ca

www.stevedawson.ca

Johnny Reid

Johnny Reid is a bright star in Canadian Country Music, with two top ten radio singles in "Love Sweet Love" and "Kickin' Stones" and the runaway hit, "Darlin." 2009 is turning out to be a stellar year for the Scottish Born, Canadian singer/songwriter, who just garnered five awards at the CCMA's including Male Artist of the Year, Album of the Year for "Dance with Me" and Fans Choice Award. www.johnnyreid.com

Jully Black

Toronto native Jully Black has penned songs for Destiny's Child and Nas, shared the stage with Jay-Z, 50 Cent, Bon Jovi, Josh Groban and Usher, and collaborated with virtually every influential hip-hop artist in the country and some of the nation's best songwriters, including Ian Thornley, Dallas Green and Hawksley Workman. Her debut album This Is Me firmly established her as one of Canada's most revered music stars. Jully Black's audience has grown further with a regular spot doing celebrity reporting on CTV's eTalk. www.jullyblack.com

Malajube

Montreal's indie rock band Malajube is a crossover hit, charming multilingual crowds with their mix of lullaby-like dream pop and full-throttle rock. In addition to proudly winning four Felix awards in their native province, the band's third full-length album, *Labyrinthes* garnered a Polaris Music Prize nomination.

http://www.bonsound.com/en/artists_detail.php?id=6

Sam Roberts Band

Montreal-based Sam Roberts Band continues to be one of Canada's most exciting rock acts. Winners of the 2009 Juno Artist of the Year as well 2009 Rock Album of the Year for Love at the End of the World, the band has been touring extensively around the world in support of their three albums. www.samrobertsband.com

Wilco

GRAMMY-award winning Wilco from Chicago was formed following the break-up of the influential alternative country music group Uncle Tupelo. Wilco's music has been inspired by a wide variety of artists and styles, including Bill Fay and Television and has in turn influenced music by a number of modern alternative rock acts. Their 2006 album *Kicking Television: Live in Chicago*, was voted one of the Top 20 best live albums by Q Magazine. www.wilcworld.net

Wintersleep

Wintersleep is a Canadian indie rock band from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Following the release of their 2005 self-titled album, *Wintersleep*, the band hired veteran producer Tony Doogan (Mogwai, Belle & Sebastian and Super Furry Animals). In 2007, Wintersleep released their third full-length album, *Welcome to the Night Sky* and won the 2008 Juno Award for New Group of the Year. www.wintersleep.com

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