

Lee Aaron headlines Canada Day festivities at Rideau Carleton Casino, Future Hard Rock

Tribute bands Boy Band Story and Little Bones scheduled in August and September

Ottawa, May 24, 2023 - Canada's rock queen and multi-platinum recording artist, Lee Aaron will be headlining the Canada Day festivities at the Rideau Carleton Casino, Future Hard Rock on Saturday, July 1st. Her performance in The Joint will be followed by a 20 minute fireworks display over the Rideau Carleton Raceway beginning around 10:00pm. Ticket holders will be able to access the grandstands at that time to view the display.

Known as the metal queen in the 1980s, Lee Aaron toured world-wide and found great success with rock n' roll audiences. She has received 10 Juno nominations, a Much Music Best Video Award, a pair of Best (Toronto) Female Vocalist Awards, and a CMPA Songwriters Award. Over the years, her career has moved through a number of stages including jazz and blues albums. Lee Aaron has now gone back to her roots and is touring to promote *Elevate*, her latest rock n' roll album.

Tickets for the show will go on sale June 1st. The fireworks are open to the public.

August and September performances announced

Rideau Carleton Casino, Future Hard Rock has also announced two additional performances at The Joint, Ottawa's newest 19+ live entertainment venue:

On **Saturday, August 12**, fans are invited to enjoy the ultimate boy band experience with **Boy Band Story**. The group will be performing hits and choreographies from the Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block, NSYNC, Hanson and more. Tickets go on sale July 13.

On **September 23**, Tragically Hip tribute band and fan favourites **Little Bones** will be returning to perform the Canadian icons' biggest hits. This show is sure to sell out. Tickets go on sale August 24.

Limited tickets are also still available for **Helix**, slated to play on May 27, and for **Honeymoon Suite**, headlining on June 17.

More information on these acts and ticket sales can be found at <https://www.rideaucarletoncasino.com/events.htm>.

View and download **Promotional photos** in Dropbox.

About the Joint

Located on the second floor of Rideau Carleton Casino, Future Hard Rock, The Joint is Ottawa's destination to dance the night away. With exceptional dining, live entertainment, gaming and horse racing all under one roof, Rideau Carleton Casino is the place to be for an unforgettable night out. Free parking is available and all concert attendees receive a free voucher to play. Must be 19+ to attend.

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About Rideau Carleton Casino

Rideau Carleton Casino officially opened as Rideau Carleton Raceway on September 1st, 1962, as Canada's first-ever five-eighths mile oval and has been a key part of Ontario's harness racing community ever since. Since the gaming site was added in February 2000, the City of Ottawa has received approximately \$6 Million annually and over \$93 Million in total payments for hosting Rideau Carleton Casino within the National Capital Region. An additional \$1+ Million per year is invested in local sponsorships and nonprofits, benefiting local communities and the people within. In May 2017, OLG selected Hard Rock Ottawa as the successful new Casino partner for this site. This partnership between HR LP (owned by Hard Rock International) and RCR Investor Inc. (owned by Rideau Carleton Raceway Holdings Limited) is working to build a new state-of-the-art entertainment facility that will soon bring the iconic Hard Rock brand to Ottawa, and enliven the city like never before. The facility is a significant driver of job creation and is expected to employ over 700 local residents once the facility expansion has been completed. Rideau Carleton Casino is operated by [Hard Rock International](#) and governed by [Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation \(OLG\)](#). For more information on Rideau Carleton Casino, visit www.rideaucarletoncasino.com.

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