



## **PNE TO HOST INAUGURAL CELEBRATION FOR NEW FREEDOM MOBILE ARCH**

***Limited Public Tickets Available – Pre-Register NOW!***

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**VANCOUVER, BC** – The inaugural Opening Night Celebration of the Freedom Mobile Arch, one of the most highly anticipated new music, arts and culture venues in North America, will be hosted by Canadian music legend Jann Arden on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

“Hastings Park and the PNE have been the site of countless iconic moments in the history of our City and province,” says Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim. “We are excited to see the Freedom Mobile Arch carry forward that legacy as a truly world-class entertainment venue.”

The Freedom Mobile Arch, whose marquee feature is North America’s largest clean-span wood roof, is a spectacular tribute to the rich history of Canadian building design, products and technology.

"The Freedom Mobile Arch embodies our commitment to investing in the communities we serve," says Freedom Mobile President and CEO Pierre Karl Péladeau. “We are genuinely honoured to have our name associated with this world-class venue, and with the generations of memories that will be made here. Being part of Vancouver and BC's cultural history, alongside an institution as iconic as the PNE, is a real privilege.”

“The Freedom Mobile Arch is a new home for music, art and culture in British Columbia and we are so proud to feature BC and Canadian artists for the Opening Night Celebration,” says PNE President and CEO Shelley Frost. “This evening signifies the PNE’s dedication to our cultural and creative communities, and our belief in the opportunity a world-class venue like the Freedom Mobile Arch gives as a gathering place for shared experiences.”

The Opening Night Celebration will be a powerful, theatrical event that reflects the spirit of British Columbia. The program will spotlight's homegrown talent alongside marquee names, many of whom have deep ties to the PNE and Vancouver. The evening will feature over 200 performers and is designed to reflect the creative spirit of our province, and of the shared history of the PNE and the role it has played in the collective memories of our province.

The Freedom Mobile Arch Opening Night is a variety show that is a distinctly live Canadian experience. The 90-minute event will blend a meaningful Indigenous cultural welcome, music, dance, comedy and storytelling into a celebration of our rich cultural past. Guests to this event will also have the first public opportunity to view the significant and important pieces of Indigenous art that anchor the venue.

Special performance and hosted by one of Canada's most beloved artists and storytellers, Jann Arden, other performers include: International Recording Artists, Tyson Venegas; world-renowned opera singer Spencer Britten; Bobby Bruce's Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band, as well surprise musical artists, dignitaries and special guests.

To purchase tickets for this special evening, pre-register at: [pne.ca/inauguralevent](http://pne.ca/inauguralevent)

**Instagram: @pne\_playland**

About the PNE:

The PNE is a dynamic non-profit organization that welcomes over 2 million visitors annually through world-class cultural, music, sporting, and family events, along with year-round access to public recreation space. Founded in 1910 and based at Hastings Park in Vancouver, the PNE operates the annual PNE Fair, Playland Amusement Park, park and facility maintenance, and a wide range of events throughout the year. Owned by the City of Vancouver, the PNE reinvests all revenues into park space, community programming, and inclusive educational and entertainment experiences.

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