

STATEMENT REGARDING PROVINCIAL FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release

Edmonton, AB (March 22, 2018) – The Winspear Centre is thrilled with today's announcement of financial support for the Winspear completion project. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the provincial government not only for their financial support for the project but for their support for the dream this project involves.

"This announcement is exciting and a major step towards the realization of a home for music for the entire community," said Annemarie Petrov, Winspear Centre President & CEO. "This is also the fulfillment, and what we call the completion, of Dr. Francis Winspear's original dream that built the Winspear Centre in 1997."

"We are now past the halfway point in this journey in terms of funds raised," continued Petrov. "Together with our board of directors and the support of Edmontonians, we look forward to the day we welcome the community into Edmonton's creative hub for music. Tommy Banks would be proud."

For more information on the Winspear Completion, visit: <https://www.winspearcentre.com/about/about-winspear/winspear-completion>

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About the Winspear Completion Project:

- 600 seat flex-use midsize acoustic hall
- Childcare centre
- Underground parkade
- Multifunctional spaces and commercial space
- Creation of 2,500 - 3,000 employment opportunities during construction, including 1,500 direct full-time jobs and 200 trades and labour jobs
- 1,800 spinoff jobs in creative and related sectors once operational
- Eco-friendly power through District Energy partnership with Enmax.
- Key investment in city-building that connects Downtown to The Quarters
- Return \$1.84 in economic benefit (tourism, service industry, job creation) for every dollar invested

About the Winspear Centre

In its 20th year, the Winspear Centre has taken its place as one of the best acoustic concert halls in North America. The "home team" Edmonton Symphony Orchestra comprises musicians from around the world performing a wide-ranging repertoire from the great classical masterworks to pops. The Tommy Banks Centre for Musical Creativity delivers revolutionary musical arts enrichment programs and the Winspear Centre stands as one of the foremost rental facilities in Alberta.