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Colleen Brown

Arden Theatre hosts album launch celebration

Friday, October 21st at 7:30 pm

St. Albert, AB – Edmonton songstress **Colleen Brown** has emerged as one of Canada's most treasured artists, having gained recognition as a stellar performer and songwriter with a unique brand of melodic folk-pop. On the verge of releasing her brand new album, *Dirt*, the **Arden Theatre** is thrilled to host Colleen Brown's CD release celebration on **October 21st**.

The musical momentum behind Edmonton's own Colleen Brown is ever building. Since her first self-released album *Foot in Heart* in 2008, she's become the recipient of the Alberta Emerging Artist Award and was a finalist in CBC's Song Quest. Colleen was chosen by popular online music site N^xEW as the 'big find' of the 2010 NXNE Festival, her composition *Western Fire* was one of the winning entries in the All Albertan Song Contest, and she was recognized as Best Female Vocalist at the 2011 Edmonton Music Awards. Colleen has to date – both solo, and as part of her side projects *The Secretaries* and *The Kit Kat Club* – performed more than 250 shows, sharing stages with a broad range of artists including Hawksley Workman, Frank Black, Gogol Bordello, Hey Rosetta, Dan Mangan, Danny Michel, The McDades, Adam Cohen, and Adam Gregory.

Arden Theatre guests have the privilege of being among the first to hear songs from *Dirt*, which expose a rawness and emotional depth far beyond that of her previous album. "*There is a confidence about her new songs that's actually scary, savaging the things we men do with a sarcastic lilt and an eager smile for the next round of battle,*" says Fish Griwkowsky. Her feisty new pop-rock song, *Fight! Fight! Fight!*, recently won the New Music West's Song Search contest.

Having skyrocketed into the Alberta music scene as a member of U22 Productions, 17-year old singer/songwriter **Lucas Chaisson** exudes maturity far beyond his years. Opening for Colleen Brown, Lucas will capture guests with his skilful, percussive guitar style and insightful lyrics, which helped earned him a nomination for Young Performer of the Year at the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Tickets for Colleen Brown's album launch celebration are **\$25** (plus facility fee). Visit the **Arden Theatre Box Office** in person (5 St. Anne Street), purchase by phone at 780-459-1542, or through Ticketmaster* at 1-855-985-5000 or ticketmaster.ca.

* *Agency fee in effect.*

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