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## Molly Johnson

### *The voice, the smile, and all that jazz*

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm

**St. Albert, AB** – The **Arden Theatre**'s 2011-2012 performance season begins **October 1<sup>st</sup>** with **Molly Johnson**. An enchantress with a diverse musical career spanning three decades, Canada's great lady of song opens the Arden Theatre's **28<sup>th</sup> season** and is a highlight of **Alberta Arts Days** and **StArts Fest** – a community celebration of the Arts in St. Albert. Having earned a reputation as one of the country's richest voices and most charismatic performers, Molly Johnson speaks to an emotional depth that few vocalists in any genre ever reach.

Evoking the aura of dark, smoky night clubs of a bygone era, Molly Johnson's distinct voice is filled with humour, joy, surprise, sassiness, and love. The Evening Standard UK noted her as having "*a voice that melts an audience in a second.*" In the fall of 2008, after creating a critically acclaimed body of original music, Molly released her fourth full length album, *Lucky*. A long awaited record of standards that pushed Molly to a new level of artistic growth and maturity, *Lucky* won the 2009 Juno for Best Vocal Jazz Album. Molly also received the 2009 National Jazz Award for Best Female Vocalist.

Having gotten her start in the entertainment business as a child actor in the Ed Mirvish Production of *Porgy And Bess*, Molly Johnson went on to become lead vocalist of two rock bands in the 80s, *Infidels* and *Alta Moda*. During the 90s she founded the Kumbaya Foundation and Festival, raising awareness and funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2008 she was honoured with becoming an Officer of The Order Of Canada, recognizing her philanthropic work and international contribution to the arts. Currently, Molly can be heard every weekend on CBC Radio 2's morning program.

Tickets for Molly Johnson are **\$38** (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.

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