



# TENILLE TOWNES AND OLD DOMINION ANNOUNCED AS PERFORMERS FOR THE 2019 CCMA AWARDS

# LINE UP ANNOUNCED FOR BOTH SONGWRITERS' SERIES AND CCMA LEGENDS SHOW; TICKETS ON SALE FOR BOTH EVENTS TODAY

# CCMA FAN VILLAGE TO LAND IN CALGARY, PROVIDING THREE DAYS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL DURING COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK 2019

# ADDITIONAL LOWER BOWL TICKETS RELEASED TODAY FOR 2019 CCMA AWARDS

June 26, 2019 (Calgary, AB) -- The stage for the 2019 CCMA Awards just got a whole lot hotter! Today the Canadian Country Music Association® (CCMA) and Global are thrilled to announce Alberta's Tenille Townes and three-time ACM Award winners Old Dominion are confirmed to perform at the 2019 CCMA Awards. Presented by TD Music and broadcast exclusively on Global Sunday, September 8 at 9 p.m. EST/PST from Calgary, AB, this year's show is bound to be the biggest yet.

Both Alberta's **Tenille Townes** and acclaimed country band **Old Dominion** will hit the CCMA Awards stage as performers for the first time, filling the arena with their chart-topping singles. One of country's fastest rising stars, Townes is marking her place with her latest singles "Somebody's Daughter" and "White Horse." She has celebrated her biggest year yet, earning her first #1 at Canadian country radio ("Somebody's Daughter") and spending a great deal of time on tour with artists such as Dierks Bentley, Little Big Town and Miranda Lambert.

Acclaimed 2018 CMA and two-time ACM "Group of the Year" country band Old Dominion is emerging as one of the most celebrated bands of the country music genre. Following the success of their sophomore album *Happy Endings*, Old Dominion recently released a new chart-climbing single "One Man Band." With more than 34.9 million streams, the track is proving to be an instant fan favourite.

Leading into the CCMA Awards, Calgary will come alive with Country Music Week events including the CCMA Songwriters' Series and the CCMA Legends Show.

One of the most popular events at Country Music Week and brought to life by Stingray Music, the CCMA Legends Show celebrates the best the genre has to offer. Bringing together a long

list of talent, the event will take place on **September 6** at the Arts Commons Jack Singer Concert Hall and promises an evening of legendary performances.

### CCMA Legends Show Performers include:

Alan Doyle, Jade Eagleson, Lindsay Ell, Tim Hicks, Andrew Hyatt, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Aaron Pritchett, The Reklaws, Tenille Townes, The Wilkinsons and Michelle Wright.

Hosted by James Barker, Aaron Goodvin and Tim Hicks, the CCMA Songwriters' Series is a four-part acoustic performance series that will kick off on Thursday, September 5 with additional sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These four marquis events celebrate the storytellers of country music, inviting listeners to enjoy songs from a whole new perspective.

### CCMA Songwriters' Series Performers include:

September 5: Jason Blaine, Kristin Carter, Leah Daniels, Aaron Goodvin, Mallory Johnson, Jess Moskaluke, Meghan Patrick and Leaving Thomas

September 6: Alee, James Barker, Lindsay Ell, Doug Folkins, Nice Horse, Livy Jeanne, MacKenzie Porter and The Reklaws

September 7: Tenille Arts, Sons of Daughters, Jade Eagleson, Stacey Lee Guse, Tim Hicks, Steven Lee Olsen, Emily Reid and Tenille Townes

September 8: Kelly Archer, Jim Cuddy, Mitchell Tenpenny and Pam Tillis

CCMA Fan Village is back for a second year, giving fans access to hours of exciting events throughout the week. More details on the CCMA Fan Village will be announced in upcoming months.

Fans are encouraged to follow along for Country Music Week 2019 updates on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

Tickets to the 2019 CCMA Awards are available now at <u>ticketmaster.ca</u>. As of today, fans will have the chance to secure some of the best seats in the house at the 2019 CCMA Awards with the release of an additional 200 lower bowl tickets. These seats are limited and are available for purchase now.

Tickets to the CCMA Legends Show are available now at <u>https://artscommons.ca/whats-on/2019/ccma-legends-show/</u>.

Tickets to the CCMA Songwriters' Series are available now at <a href="https://www.studiobell.ca/whats-on/canadian-country-music-week">https://www.studiobell.ca/whats-on/canadian-country-music-week</a>

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#### About Old Dominion

Proving that they are not your average country band, Old Dominion blends lyrical wit, and rock'n'roll grit into radio-friendly, hook-heavy pop nuggets. Old Dominion's latest single "Make It Sweet" reached No. 1 on Billboard Airplay and Mediabase charts marking the Platinum-selling country quintet's seventh No. 1 in the US. The track also peaked at #1 at country radio in Canada, and is a certified GOLD single by Music Canada. The band recently released new songs for their eager audience including "One Man Band" and the reflective "Some People Do." By the end of 2018, Old Dominion performed 136 shows and crossed 1.5 million fan impressions within 365 days. Those gigs encompassed their own arena tour, sold-out European and Canadians runs, dozens of festivals, and opening for Kenny Chesney on his summer stadium and arena tour. And they are keeping that fertile ground-swell going in 2019 with their headlining "Make It Sweet" arena tour including recently added fall dates and a European leg in October. They won back-to-back ACM Group of the Year honours (2018, 2019) and took home the award for Vocal Group of the Year at "The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual CMA Awards." They recently received their second nomination for Country Duo/Group Artist at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards and are nominated for a 2019 CMT Music Award for Group Video of the Year ("Hotel Key"). Old Dominion consists of lead singer Matthew Ramsey, lead guitarist Brad Tursi, multi-instrumentalist Trevor Rosen, bassist Geoff Sprung, and drummer Whit Sellers.

#### About Tenille Townes

Canadian-born, Nashville-based Tenille Townes is "poised for a breakthrough" (Refinery29). On top of an ever growing list of accolades that includes Amazon Music's "2019 Artists To Watch," The Bobby Bones Show's "Class of 2019," CMT's "Next Women of Country," CMT's "Listen Up," iHeart Radio's "Artists To Watch in 2019" and the inaugural class of "Opry NextStage," Townes is currently support on Dierks Bentley's extensive "Burning Man Tour." She's garnered widespread attention including praise from Billboard, The Tennessean, Sounds Like Nashville and NPR Music, who featured Townes as part of their "Best Music of 2018" coverage, hailing her as, "one of the most promising arrivals in mainstream Nashville's burgeoning singer-songwriter movement..." Additionally, Rolling Stone named her Living Room Worktapes EP one of the "10 Best Country EPs of 2018" heralding, "Tenille Townes makes a strong case for being country's most promising young songwriter with this devastating EP." Her first official single, "Somebody's Daughter," impacted at Country radio last fall with her forthcoming full-length debut album—produced by Jay Joyce—expected in 2019 on Columbia Nashville. "Somebody's Daughter" peaked at #1 at country radio in Canada, and is a certified GOLD single from Music Canada. Townes is the first Canadian country artist to have their debut single go to No. 1 in the Mediabase Canada era. She's also only the second Canadian artist to top the Nielsen BDS Country Airplay chart with their first charted song and the first since Carolyn Dawn Johnson's "Georgia" in 2000. Listen to "Somebody's Daughter" here. Her current single "White Horse" is climbing the country radio charts week over week and is currently top 10 in Canada. Listen to "White Horse" here.

### About the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA)

Established in 1976, the CCMA is a membership-based, not-for-profit organization committed to the promotion and recognition of Canadian country music. Built upon the foundation to educate, elevate and celebrate Canadian talent, the CCMA progressively heralds the spirit, community and creativity that country music fosters through year-round initiatives, culminating every fall with Country Music Week and the Canadian Country Music Association Awards. Sponsors of Country Music Week and the 2019 CCMA Awards Show include FACTOR, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters and the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage's "Canada Music Fund", Radio Starmaker, the Government of Alberta, The City of Calgary and Tourism Calgary.

#### About TD Music

Since 2013, TD is proud to sponsor over 80 music festivals and 100 community music programs from coast to coast. From national stages that bring thousands of music fans together, to classrooms and resources that give the next generation a platform for education, expression, collaboration and inclusion, we strive to create opportunities for people to come together to experience the power of music.

With an interest in creating opportunities for people to come together and emerging artists to thrive, TD invests in music to help build more connected communities and open doors for an inclusive tomorrow.

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