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**TRANSCANADA'S**  
**ALBERTA BACKSTAGE SERIES**  
**NEW PROGRAM SHOWCASES LIVE MUSIC BY ALBERTA ARTISTS**

Showcasing talent from all over the province, CKUA launches **TransCanada's Alberta Backstage Series**, a new 26-part music serial. **Grant Stovel** hosts the hour-long program, which airs **Fridays at 8pm** and includes a monthly **live-on-location broadcast**. A concert by **singer-songwriter Trevor Tchir** from the Recital Theatre at Keyano College in **Fort McMurray** kicks off the series **October 1**.

TransCanada's Alberta Back Stage Series live concerts are **free and open to the public** and broadcast from a different location the first Friday of each month. *\*Artists/venues to be announced*

**November 5: Colleen Brown in Olds**

TransCanada Theatre, Olds College Fine Arts & Multi-Media Centre

**December 3: Drumheller\***

**February 4: Medicine Hat\***

**March 4: Grande Prairie\***

The remaining 21 episodes feature Albertan artists in concert, recorded at Calgary's EPCOR Centre during TransCanada's Alberta Music Series last March. Musicians recorded include:

**Jordan Klassen**

**Brock Geiger**

**Eamon McGrath**

**Savk**

**Noel Johnson**

**Scotty Hills**

**Sonal**

**Lucas Chaisson**

**Krystle dos Santos**

**Dave McCann**

**Colleen Brown**

"I'm thrilled to be involved with a project that celebrates the amazing range of musical expression and inventiveness generated in Alberta," says program host **Grant Stovel**. "I'm already a giant fan of each of the show's featured artists, and I'm super-excited to present their virtuosity to a wide audience. I know listeners everywhere will be as impressed as I am by the diversity and originality of our province's flourishing music scene."

"TransCanada encourages and supports music, arts and culture because we realize the important roles they play in the success and growth of vibrant communities," says **Jamie Niessen, Manager Community Investment, TransCanada Corporation**. "Through TransCanada's Alberta Backstage Series, we are excited to see people and artists come together to celebrate diverse music in a new and innovative way."

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Long recognized as the voice of Alberta artists, musicians and cultural enthusiasts, **CKUA** has helped launch the careers of thousands of Canadian musicians, including Jann Arden, k.d. lang, Joni Mitchell, Amos Garrett and Tommy Banks.

**TransCanada's Alberta Backstage Series** airs **8pm – 9pm Friday** evenings from **October 1** on the CKUA Radio Network, the province's own not-for-profit, listener-supported radio. For more information about CKUA programs and frequencies or to listen online, please visit [www.ckua.com](http://www.ckua.com). Check out CKUA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CKUARadio](http://www.facebook.com/CKUARadio) or follow the Network on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ckuaradio](http://www.twitter.com/ckuaradio).

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