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**THE YALE HOTEL CELEBRATES 130 YEARS OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY:
ONE OF VANCOUVER'S OLDEST SURVIVING BUILDING UNDERGOES HERITAGE UPGRADE**



VANCOUVER, BC – The legendary Yale Hotel (circa 1880's), which for more than 30 years has been home of Vancouver's live rhythm and blues is scheduled to close on Monday, November 21, in order to undergo a heritage upgrade by Rize Alliance Properties slated for the beginning of December 2011.

The former Canadian Pacific Railway bunkhouse, which originally served the mining, logging, fishing, and railway communities, will cease operations for an estimated 12 months in order to ensure its

preservation of live music for future generations.

Designed by Noble Stonestreet Hoffer (1843-1907) and valued for its striking Second Empire architecture, The Yale Hotel is soon to be a designated heritage building by the City of Vancouver in the downtown core. Sole survivor of the great 1886 Vancouver fire, The Yale Hotel became a gathering place for members of the community and in 1889, was refurbished and renamed The Colonial, known for its wild nightlife activity. In 1911, The Yale Hotel reverted back to its original name and decades later, would become the focal point for live music in Western Canada, presenting music celebrities such as John Lee Hooker, Koko Taylor, David "Honeyboy" Edwards, Pinetop Perkins, Johnny Winter, and Jeff Healey.

Marking its 130th Year Anniversary and Monday, November 21 date of closure, The Yale Hotel will present five consecutive nights of top-notch talent from Wednesday, November 16 through Sunday, November 20. Featured acts include Dal Richards Orchestra with special guest Jim Byrnes, Chilliwack, David Gogo, Murray Porter, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, Jerry Doucette, and more! The Yale Hotel which has been at the forefront of Vancouver's live music scene, presents more than 500 local and international acts annually. "This is our opportunity to thank Vancouverites including the musicians, music patrons and business community for their continued support over the years," explains Joe Luciak, Music Director. "The public can be rest assured that when The Yale Hotel reopens, it will be forever," adds Luciak.

130th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONCERT LISTINGS:

Wednesday, November 16:

The Best of Boogie Woogie with Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, David Vest, John Lee Sanders, Willie MacCalder, & Mike Van Eyes 8pm \$12 Adv/ \$17 Door

Thursday, November 17:

The Best of Country and Classic Rock with Chilliwack, Claire Lawrence, UHF with Roy Forbes, Shari Ulrich & Bill Henderson, Lyin' Bastards, One More Girl, Jim Byrnes, Hayley Maclean, Texas Flood with Paul Kype, & Loretta and the 4 Amigos 8pm \$20 Adv/ \$30 Door

Friday, November 18:

The Best of Electric Blues Guitar with David Gogo, Tim Vaughan, Jimmy D Lane, & James Rogers
9pm \$15 Adv/ \$20 Door

Saturday, November 19:

The Best of Aboriginal Blues with Murray Porter Band, Bitterly Divine & Sean “Blues Puppy”
Riquelme 3-7pm \$10 Adv/ \$14 Door

Saturday, November 19:

The Best of Rockin’ Soul Blues with All-Star Blues Revue with Rob Montgomery, Jerry Doucette,
Joani Bye, Nadine States, Murray Porter, Steve Werbicki, Dave Barton, Darrell Mayes, Kenny
Boychuk, Pete Sweetzir, & more! 9pm \$15 Adv \$20 Door

Sunday, November 20:

Big Band Blues with Dal Richards Orchestra featuring Jim Byrnes 2-6pm \$18 Adv/ \$26 Door

Sunday, November 20:

The Best of R&B, Soul and Blues with Brickhouse, Bill Johnson, Harpdog Brown, John Lee Sanders,
Mike Van Eyes, & special guests 9pm \$20 Adv/ \$30 Door

Tickets to The Yale’s 130th Year Anniversary are available in advance or at the door. Advance tickets are available by contacting The Yale at 604.681.9253 or online at www.theyale.ca. Tickets are also available through Tickets Tonight by phone at 604.684.2787 or at the Tickets Tonight booth located inside the Tourist InfoCentre at 200 Burrard Street. Please note that ticket prices and start times vary. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver. The Yale’s 130th Year Anniversary is generously sponsored by The Georgia Straight, Alexander Keith’s India Pale Ale, Okanagan Spring Brewery, Jackson-Triggs, and Red Bull Canada Ltd. Please note that heritage upgrade developments will be available online at www.theyale.ca.

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