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Statement

MICHAEL BUBLÉ POSTPONES GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARD TO 2017 BECAUSE OF VOCAL CORD SURGERY

May 18, 2016 – OTTAWA – The internationally acclaimed artist Michael Bublé will receive the National Arts Centre Award – part of the prestigious Governor General's Performing Arts Awards – one year later than planned because of upcoming vocal cord surgery. Mr. Bublé was originally scheduled to be honoured at this year's Governor General's Performing Arts Awards gala on June 11th at the NAC. He will now be celebrated during the 25th anniversary edition of the gala on June 29th, 2017.

"The National Arts Centre is wishing Michael Bublé all the best in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming him to Ottawa with his family in 2017 to receive the NAC Award," said Peter Herrndorf, the President and CEO of the National Arts Centre. "Michael Bublé's artistry has captured the hearts of audiences around the world, and we are all wishing him a complete recovery."

Here is the statement by Michael Bublé issued earlier today on Twitter:

"I wanted to let you know that I am bowing out of some upcoming events due to pending vocal cord surgery which will require a period of time for me to rest and recover. No talking or singing for awhile but my doctors expect a complete recovery. I am especially sorry about two events that I will now be unable to attend: I was scheduled to be honoured at the Canadian Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala on June 11th. It will now be celebrated at next year's 25th anniversary gala on June 29th, 2017. In addition, I will no longer be performing at the Marvin Gaye Tribute at the Kennedy Center on June 5th. Thank you in advance for your prayers and good wishes. I'll keep you up to date on my progress."

MICHAEL BUBLÉ AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Michael Bublé is one of Canada's most sought-after artists. The charismatic singer and songwriter from Burnaby, B.C. has dazzled audiences worldwide for the last decade. Bublé, a Grammy and Juno Award-winning artist, has sold over 50 million records, performed for millions of fans around the globe, and placed four consecutive albums at #1 on Billboard Top 200 charts.

The NAC Award is presented annually as part of the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards in recognition of recent exceptional work by a performing artist.

The Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala will take place as scheduled on June 11, 2016, at the National Arts Centre and will honour the lifetime achievement of dramatic tenor and radio host Ben Heppner, singer-songwriter and humanitarian Susan Aglukark, film and television producer Robert Lantos, children's playwright and artistic director Suzanne Lebeau, artist and choreographer Marie Chouinard, and volunteer and philanthropist John D McKellar.

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