

Lightfoot's work not only stands the test of time, it transcends it.

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# Canada's Most Celebrated Singer-Songwriter **GORDON LIGHTFOOT** Returns to Massey Hall!!

Massey Hall, November 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2009 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$45.00 - \$75.00 - Call 416-872-4255 or visit the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office

[www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com)

Tickets on sale to FRIENDSFIRST on Wednesday, March 25 at 10 am

Tickets on sale to the GENERAL PUBLIC on Saturday, March 28 at 12 pm

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Monday, March 23, 2009:** Gordon Lightfoot's legendary Massey Hall performances have been described by the Toronto Star "as a defining event in the cultural life of Toronto," with shows that are "comforting beacons, offering sanctuary and a sense of home, of history and continuation." The iconic singer-songwriter will continue his 5<sup>th</sup> decade of touring with a return 4-night engagement at **Massey Hall** slated for **November 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2009 at 8 p.m.**

Lightfoot, who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday last Fall shows no signs of slowing down. He is widely considered to be a modern day troubadour, whose time-defying style and legendary hits have made him one of Canada's most anticipated live performers. Gordon Lightfoot began his series of annual concerts at Massey Hall in March 1967 with two sold-out concerts, and has the honour of making the most solo appearances at the Hall of any performer. His unofficial Massey Hall debut occurred in his youth when, at age 12, he entered the Kiwanis Music Festival held at Massey Hall and won first place in his category.

Born November 17, 1938 in Orillia, Ontario Gordon Lightfoot studied at Los Angeles' Westlake College of Music. He returned to Canada in the early 1960s and began performing at the "Riverboat" during Toronto's fabled folk scene. In 1966, his debut album *Lightfoot!* was released. Tracks such as *For Lovin' Me*, *Early Mornin' Rain*, *Steel Rail Blues* and *Ribbon of Darkness* brought him international recognition as a songwriter. Cover versions of his songs were recorded by artists such as Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley, until 1971 when his own version of *If You Could Read My Mind* became a Top Ten hit. In 1974, his classic single, *Sundown*, went to No.1 on the American charts, followed two years later by *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, inspired by a *Newsweek* magazine article; it reached No. 2 on the U.S. *Billboard* charts. By the 1990s he was mostly touring, giving just fifty concerts a year by 1998, mainly in North America, while he released two albums in the period. In 2004, he released his 20th album *Harmony*, and appeared as a featured guest on *Canadian Idol*.

Mr. Lightfoot has won 15 Juno Awards and been nominated for 5 Grammy Awards. He was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Canadian Country Music Hall Of Fame in 2001. In May 2003 was made a Companion of the Order of Canada and is also a member of the Order of Ontario, and in 2004 was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Gordon Lightfoot is currently wrapping up a 15-city US Tour. The Canadian leg of his Spring 2009 Tour touches down in Nanaimo on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 followed closely by appearances in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and ending on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. [A full Canadian tour schedule follows.](#)

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## GORDON LIGHTFOOT CANADIAN TOUR SCHEDULE

- April 8 & 9, 2009. The Port Theatre  
125 Front St  
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 6Z4  
Tickets Prices: \$90.00  
Call The Port Theatre Box Office at 250-754-8550
- April 10 & 11, 2009 The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts  
777 Homer Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2W1  
Tickets Prices: \$72.50 and \$52.50
- April 13, 2009 Epcor Centre's Jack Singer Concert Hall  
205 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Calgary, AB T2G 0K9  
Tickets Prices: \$75.00
- April 14, 2009 Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium  
11455 - 87 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6G 2T2  
Tickets Prices: \$72.50 and 62.50
- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 MTS Centre – RBC Theatre  
300 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1B1  
Tickets Prices: \$75.00, \$60.00 and \$45.00
- April 17, 2009 Thunder Bay Community Auditorium  
1 Paul Shaffer Drive  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6C7  
Tickets Prices: \$69.00  
Call the TBCA Box Office at (807) 684-4444 or 1-800-463-8817
- April 18, 2009 Essar Centre  
269 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1Y9  
Tickets Prices: \$65.00 and \$50.00  
Call the TBCA Box Office a 1-866- 775-9422  
Or order online at [www.essarcentre.ca](http://www.essarcentre.ca)
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Toronto, ON M5B 1T7  
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