

Fact Sheet: Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre

Project Description	<p>The commission for the National Music Centre's (NMC) new home was awarded to Allied Works in 2009, as the result of an international search and design competition. Located in Calgary, Alberta, Studio Bell will connect visitors with Canada's rich musical history through live performances, exhibitions, interactive education programs, and artist residencies. The new state-of-the-art cultural center is at once a performance hall, recording facility, broadcast studio, live music venue, and museum—the first facility of its kind in North America.</p> <p>Rising in nine subtly curved and interlocking towers, the building references acoustic vessels, while providing sweeping views of the Bow River and surrounding cityscape. The complex also incorporates and revitalizes the neighboring historic 1905 King Edward Hotel, one of Calgary's oldest buildings, and former home of a legendary blues club.</p>
Location	<p>East Village district of Calgary, Alberta, Canada Corner of 9 Avenue and 4 Street SE</p>
Opening Date	Summer 2016
Architect	Allied Works Architecture
Space Breakdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five stories across nine interlocking towers • 160,000-square-feet of new construction, total • 22,000-square-feet of exhibition galleries • 4,000-square-foot, 300-seat recital hall
Features and Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcast facilities (CKUA Radio) • Recording studio spaces, including Rolling Stones Mobile Studio • Acoustic and electronic sound labs • Distance learning education center and classrooms • Live music venue • Home to the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame Collection • Café and retail space
Building Materials	Custom glazed terra cotta cladding, steel and concrete structure
Certifications	Targeted LEED Silver
NMC Leadership	<p>Andrew Mosker, President and CEO Rob Braide, Chair, NMC Board of Directors Charlie Fischer, NMC Board Member and Chair, Building Committee</p>
AWA Project Team	<p>Brad Cloepfil, Principal and Lead Designer Kyle Lommen, Principal in Charge Chelsea Grassinger, Project Manager Daniel Richmond, Dan Koch, Project Architects Kyle Caldwell, Paul Bickell, Brock Hinze, Bjorn Nelson, Philip Balsinger</p>

Building Partners

Kasian Architecture, Calgary – Associate Architect
CANA Construction, Calgary – General Contractor
Haley Sharpe Design – Exhibition Design
Fisher Dachs Associates – Theater Design
RJC, Structural Engineering
SMP, Electrical Engineering
Stantec, Mechanical Engineering
JaffeHolden, Acoustics & A/V Design
Royal Tichelaar Makkum
St. Joseph Media – Exhibition Content Design
Pilchner Schoustal International Inc. – Recording Studio Design

About NMC and Studio Bell

The National Music Centre (NMC) is a national catalyst for discovery, innovation, and renewal through music. In its new home at Studio Bell, NMC will preserve and celebrate Canada's music story and inspire a new generation of music lovers through programming that includes on-site and outreach education programs, performances, artist incubation, and exhibitions. Studio Bell is named in recognition of the partnership between NMC and Bell, Canada's largest communications company, to support the creation of an international hub of music and technology.

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