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BARENAKED LADIES, LORETTA LYNN, JULIO IGLESIAS AMONG HEADLINE ACTS AT NIAGARA FALLSVIEW CASINO RESORT

\$1 billion entertainment complex opens to the public on June 10; early summer features star-studded entertainment lineup

NIAGARA FALLS, ON – The new Avalon Ballroom stage will be home to Canadian and international stars in the weeks following the June 10 public opening of Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort.

Acts booked for early summer at the spectacular \$1 billion casino resort include:

- Internationally-renowned Canadian band **Barenaked Ladies**, June 18 and 19;
- Legendary '70s rockers **The Steve Miller Band**, June 25 and 26;
- Las Vegas mainstay and Fort Erie native **Howie Mandel**, July 1;
- Rock 'n' roll legends **Creedence Clearwater Revisited**, July 4;
- **Loretta Lynn**, one of country music's most influential singers, July 9; and
- Global star **Julio Iglesias**, July 16 and 17.

In addition, Canadian superstar Paul Anka has confirmed that he'll perform for three nights over the Labour Day weekend in September. Anka is also appearing as the headline act at the resort's invitation-only Gala Opening on Tuesday, June 8th.

"The opening of the casino resort will add a whole new dimension to night life in Niagara Falls. We will bring the stars back to this city and put it on the map for entertainment in North America," said Jim Dougan, President and Chief Operating Officer of Falls Management Company, which is responsible for development and management of the \$1 billion entertainment complex, under agreement with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

The early summer line-up is just a taste of the entertainment in store for visitors and guests of the casino resort, according to Larry Lewin, President of Hyatt Gaming.

"This is one of the top casino resorts in the world," Lewin said. "Our guests can expect to see the top names in music and entertainment on stage here. We believe that it is an essential part of the overall visitor experience."

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Part of this experience will be seeing performers in the intimacy of the state-of-the-art Avalon Ballroom in the casino resort. With 1,500 seats, guests will be able to see entertainers and bands such as Barenaked Ladies, who normally play to much larger crowds, up close in a theatre-style setting.

Expect to see top names in the music and entertainment industries from across Canada, New York, Las Vegas and Europe in the coming months, Lewin said.

"We plan to bring the level of excitement, glitter and glamour to nightlife here in Niagara Falls that you would expect in other great resort destinations," Lewin said. "We're also planning to book a variety of performers to suit different styles and tastes."

Tickets are on sale at the Casino Niagara box office and available by telephone as of May 25. To order tickets by phone, call 1-888-836-8118.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation is an operational enterprise of the Government of Ontario, responsible for province-wide lottery games, commercial and charitable casinos, and the operation and management of slot machine facilities at horse racing tracks.

Falls Management Company is a consortium of five firms which was selected by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation to operate Casino Niagara; and to finance, design, build and operate Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort.

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