

Rogers Hometown Hockey is Heading to Mississauga, December 22 and 23

– Festival taking place at Mississauga Celebration Square –

– NHL alumni Darryl Sittler and Darcy Tucker and CWHL star Natalie Spooner to join the weekend festivities –
– Sportsnet broadcast to feature Hockey Night in Canada icon Don Cherry and a special live musical performance by Jim Cuddy Band –

TORONTO (December 5, 2018) [Rogers™ Hometown Hockey™ Tour presented by Scotiabank and Dodge](#) is heading to Mississauga, ON, for a celebration of hockey on December 22 and 23. Hosts Ron MacLean and Tara Slone will be on site for the festivities, which include meet-and-greet opportunities with NHL alumni Darryl Sittler and Darcy Tucker and CWHL star Natalie Spooner, live local entertainment, and the live Sportsnet NHL broadcast.

The two-day hockey festival begins on **Saturday, Dec. 22 at Noon ET** at Mississauga Celebration Square and will conclude on Sunday evening following the **Rogers Hometown Hockey** outdoor viewing party. The evening's broadcast kicks off with a special pre-game show hosted by MacLean and Slone from the Sportsnet Mobile Studio beginning at **6:30 p.m. ET**, followed by a showdown between the Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs on **Sportsnet, Sportsnet NOW and Rogers NHL LIVE**.

Rogers Hometown Hockey Festival Details:

The free hockey-themed weekend features games, prize giveaways, fun activities, and live local entertainment for the whole family, including:

- **Rogers Fan Hub:** Rogers celebrates your community within the Fan Hub. Help support local minor hockey and participate in fun and interactive experiences, autograph signings with NHL alum Darryl Sittler, video game stations, bubble hockey, and popcorn!
- **Sportsnet Virtual Photo Booth and Interactive Games:** Fans have the chance to get close to their favourite players through virtual technology. Fans can take photos with virtual images of NHL stars, and have the photo emailed directly to their device for social sharing and their chance to win great prizes. In addition, hockey players of all ages will be able to show off their hockey skills and see how they match up to the NHL stars!
- **The Hockey Circus Show:** Come see Paz, our world-renowned hockey acrobat! Paz juggles everything from pucks to flaming hockey sticks all while standing on top of a net. It is an experience that the family will never forget.
- **Scotiabank Community Hockey Rink:** A family-friendly outdoor hockey space to engage hockey fans, interact with NHL alum Darcy Tucker and CWHL player Natalie Spooner, celebrate the game and play ball hockey. Scotiabank will also be donating \$15,000 to minor hockey associations in the community.
- **Ram Haul of Fame:** Features the Ram 1500 in a hockey-themed obstacle course that will test the skills of fans of all ages. Also, fans have the opportunity to enter the Breakaway Giveaway contest to win an all-new 2019 Ram 1500 for their family and \$5,000 for their local minor hockey association. All contest entrants will receive a free branded giveaway courtesy of Dodge.
- **Dr. Oetker Giuseppe Pizzeria:** Fans can enjoy a complimentary slice of Giuseppe Pizzeria pizza fresh out of the oven, and learn more about the Find Giuseppe contest with many great prizes to be won!
- **Tim Hortons:** As fans are enjoying the festival, warm up with a complimentary coffee or hot chocolate from the Tim Hortons mobile truck.
- **Playmobil Kids Zone:** Fans have the chance to face off against friends and family with the PLAYMOBIL NHL Arena and its lineup of NHL figures. In the zone, fans will also be able to enter to win a new NHL playset.
- **Live Local Entertainment:** Live music featured throughout the weekend starting with Jammer's Waffle House on Saturday followed by David Boyd Janes on Sunday.
- **Ted Rogers Community Grants:** Ted Rogers Community Grants are being awarded to local Canadian organizations to help support educational programs that enable Canadian youth to succeed inside and outside the classroom. In Mississauga, Erin Mills Youth Centre has been awarded a 2018 Ted Rogers Community Grant of \$15,000 to support and empower youth to advocate for themselves and their

community in order to create a brighter future. Erin Mills Youth Centre's programming helps youth learn new skills that will positively aid their growth and development.

- **Giving Together to support hockey in your community:** Every week, Rogers is also Giving Together to support hockey in local communities. Attendees can participate in giving back through 50/50 draws or by purchasing popcorn and food from the on-site BBQ. All proceeds are donated to minor hockey organizations.

Rogers Hometown Hockey Event and Broadcast Details

Location:

- Mississauga Celebration Square, 300 City Centre Dr, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

Time:

- **Saturday, Dec. 22** – Festival open from Noon ET to 7:30 p.m. ET
- **Sunday, Dec. 23** – Festival opens at Noon ET and runs through the end of the **Rogers Hometown Hockey** outdoor viewing party

Broadcast:

- Special Guests: Don Cherry, Geraldine Heaney, Natalie Spooner, Hazel McCallion and a special live musical performance by Jim Cuddy Band
- Game Matchup: Detroit Red Wings vs. Toronto Maple Leafs, 6:30 p.m. ET (Sportsnet, Sportsnet NOW, Rogers NHL LIVE)
- Features:
 - *Connor Brown:* Many youngsters in the Greater Toronto Area grew up hoping to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Connor Brown has lived out that dream and he's been able to share it with lifelong Maple Leaf fans in his family. Brown and his family open up about what this experience has meant to the family.
 - *The 'Sledge Hockey Experience' with Kevin Rempel:* The Heartland Dragons were invited to take part in a sledge hockey camp with elite Mississauga Cruiser sledge players along with a few Mississauga Steelheads. The Dragons organization created a program for their players to become more involved in the community by volunteering their time towards teaching others the game. To pay it forward, Kevin Rempel and his team joined the players on the ice for a different kind of experience – the sledge experience.

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