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Classic Albums Live Recreates Madonna's First Greatest Hits Collection Live on Stage at Werklund Centre

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The stand-out musicians of Classic Albums Live are back with an immaculate performance celebrating everyone's favourite material girl, Madonna, performing her milestone album note for note, cut for cut. Werklund Centre proudly welcomes Classic Albums Live back to Calgary for their 8th season of celebrating the definitive albums of pop and rock history.

Classic Albums Live performs Madonna: The Immaculate Collection on Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall at Werklund Centre**. Don't miss the dance party featuring DJ Goodword and Decidedly Jazz Danceworks starting at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby. For more information visit werklundcentre.ca/madonna.



Released only six years after her breakout single, "Borderline," Madonna's The Immaculate Collection raised a few eyebrows upon release, only for any doubts to be crushed when it quickly became one of the hit albums of the decade. To date it has sold 32 million copies worldwide, making it the best-selling compilation album by a solo artist in music history. With tracks like "Holiday," "Like a Virgin," and "Vogue," it's not hard to see how this album skyrocketed to global popularity, influencing not only the music conversation but also fashion and social issues. Upon its release, Entertainment Weekly noted, "a common assumption is that her main talent is pushing the limits of our collective libido, Madonna has pushed musical boundaries as well," while Rolling Stone said, "it sums up the first stage of Madonna's career flawlessly."



"This isn't just a show for all the girlies who grew up loving Madonna (like me!). It's an electrifying celebration of some of the biggest pop and dance hits EVER made. Period," says Katey Morley. "It's something new for Classic Albums Live and their audience, and it's honestly unlike any CAL show I've ever seen. It's still a "note-for-note, cut-for-cut" performance, but by about the fourth song, the audience is usually on their feet! We can't wait to get Calgary singing, dancing, and partying along with us!"

Madonna: The Immaculate Collection is a special presentation in Werklund Centre's 2026-27 season line-up, featuring Katey Morley and Joan Smith on vocals, backed by Tom Juhas, Brendan McMillan, Troy Feener, Antonio Exposito, Wade Brown, and Topher Stott of Classic Albums Live. Launched by musician and producer Craig Martin, Classic Albums Live was established on the philosophy of bringing music time capsules live to the stage, reproducing every sound from the original album to perfection. The 2026-27 season marks Werklund Centre's 8th season of presenting Classic Albums Live.

"Madonna's The Immaculate Collection is beyond iconic, it changed pop music forever," says VP of Programming Jonathan Love. "For those of you who have fond memories of popping that cassette in the car stereo, this will be the trip down memory lane you're looking for."

Madonna: The Immaculate Collection

Friday, October 23, 2026

Doors open: 6:30 p.m.

Performance 7:30 p.m.

Jack Singer Concert Hall at Werklund Centre

Come early when the doors open and join the dance party in the lobby featuring DJ Goodword and dancers from Decidedly Jazz Danceworks. Tickets are available by calling 403-294-9494 or by visiting werklundcentre.ca/madonna.

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