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Inaugural Killarney Record Fair Comes to Calgary August 26

Local couple commandeer church basement to share their love of music collecting

Calgary, AB – The inaugural Killarney Record Fair is coming to Calgary **Saturday, August 26, 2017 from**11:00am to 4:00pm, and will take place at **St. Matthew's United Church (2035 26A Street SW)**. Cost of admission is just \$2, and free for children 12 and under. The one-day event features 10 to 12 vendors, including notable local vinylphiles Beatnik Bus, Lockbox Record Club, and The Calgary Music Collectors Show — the largest vinyl and music collectibles sale of its kind in Calgary.

Lonnie Taylor and Shannon McClennan-Taylor, the Calgary couple behind YYC Vinyl, ventured into vinyl collecting in early 2016 and soon after began blogging their growing collection, which eventually came to include cassette tapes. Over the past several years they've been enthusiastic supporters and participants of the local – and online – vinyl community, and have spent the last several months moving forward with plans to host a midyear show that caters to vinyl and cassette collectors.

"Like a lot of other collectors, we appreciate and value owning music on a physical format and have enjoyed connecting with people in the local vinyl community, as well as online. We didn't set out with the goal of organizing a record show," says Lonnie Taylor, one half of YYC Vinyl. "Through our involvement in the community, and our interest in collecting, we gradually reached a point where planning a record show was a logical next step. It's a much smaller event than say, The Calgary Music Collectors Show, so we wanted to offer a low cost of entry – for both vendors and attendees – our first year and see where it goes. Response from the community has been incredible – we quickly sold out of tables and managed to add a few more to ensure everyone could take part. It's exciting that so many fantastic vendors were keen to join us."

The Killarney Record Fair takes place Saturday, August 26, 2017 at St. Matthew's United Church (2035 26A Street SW) from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Off-street parking is available behind the church, with additional street parking where posted. Admission is \$2 and free for those 12 and under. Please note that only cash will be accepted at the door and there is no on-site ATM.

For more information, please visit: <u>tinyurl.com/killarneyrecord17</u>, or see Twitter (<u>@yycvinyl</u>), Instagram (@yycvinyl), and Facebook (facebook.com/CalgaryVinyl).

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