

# *The Maureen Leeson Band*

Featuring Toronto's Premier Rock Vocalist

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### **“INTIMATE” ROCK CONCERT AT THE CHAMBER TO BENEFIT OTTAWA FOOD BANK**

Rarely do rock fans have an opportunity to view a concert within 40 feet of the main stage without being jostled throughout the show. This is about to change for some area music lovers. Not only will they be up close to the performers, but they will also enjoy the comfort of upholstered theatre seating when they attend this unique concert in the 245-seat “Chamber” at Nepean’s Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, on Saturday night, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Headlining the event for their only Ottawa appearance this year, are Maureen Leeson and her Toronto-based classic rock band. Variousy described by her peers as “the GTA’s Rock Diva”, the “Real Deal”, and “The Voice”, Moe relies on a three-plus octave range to inspire audiences wherever she performs.

Perfectly at home crooning quieter tunes like Fleetwood Mac’s “Dreams” she is more than impressive belting out such blistering anthems as Alannah Myles’ “Black Velvet”, Aretha Franklin’s “R.E.S.P.E.C.T.” and Janis Joplin’s “Piece Of My Heart”.

A typical ML concert not only covers the above favourites but also includes major hits from artists such as Sheryl Crow, Bonnie Raitt, Sass Jordan, Melissa Etheridge, Stevie Wonder, Santana, The Beatles, Black Crows, Heart, and U2, along with originals from her debut CD, aptly titled “aka Moe”.

Maureen's early background ranges from guest stints at Toronto's Lee's Palace to backing up Oshawa's "The Life" and Klaatu's Terry Draper. Her progress as a professional lead singer began with the GTA bands "Spare Parts", "Sharon's Sister", and "The Sugar Daddies". Appearances with her own band on programs featuring international hit-makers, such as "The Kings" and Chantal Kreviazuk, have cemented her reputation as a world class rock vocalist.

In recent years, Maureen has headlined shows at Toronto's most popular nightspots, including P.J.'s, The Chicken Deli, Jeff Healy's, Magnum's, Smilin' Jack's, Hard Rock Café, and Oscar's. She has also performed as a Bullseye Records Of Canada feature artist at the "IPO" Festivals in Toronto, New York City, and Chicago.

Born in Ottawa, Moe attended elementary schools in the eastern Ontario villages of Merrickville and Delta, and high school in Elgin prior to graduation from Oshawa's Durham College. She currently teaches vocal and band classes at Scarborough's BPM (Beats Per Minute) School of Music.

A huge bonus for audience members on this occasion is the special guest appearance of two of Ottawa's most talented and accomplished young musicians, vocalist Elyssa Mahoney and guitarist Lucas Haneman, whose live and recorded renditions of cover and original material have not only wowed audiences, but have won them the prestigious "Best Blues" title at the Ontario Independent Music Awards.

Already starring in local blues/rock circles, Elyssa and Lucas will open the concert at 7.30 p.m. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and seating is not reserved. Admission at the door is \$20.00. with net proceeds going to The Ottawa Food Bank. Parking is free.