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## **Juno Award Winning Jazz Sensation Sophie Milman**

*April 2008, Mississauga, Ontario...* With more experience than some people twice her age, recent Juno Award winner and jazz sensation **Sophie Milman** redefines the phrase 'hard-working'. She has become a household name in Canada and a chart-topper across the globe in less than four years, all while continuing her university studies. Not bad for someone not yet 25 years old. This vocally gifted star graces the stage of the **Living Arts Centre's Hammerson Hall** on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, sharing a variety of jazz standards and new compositions.

Moving to Canada nearly a decade ago after living in Russia and Israel, Milman achieved success quickly in the music industry, signing a record deal after performing only a handful of professional singing gigs. Shortly thereafter she was the cover story for *The Globe and Mail*, *Klublife*, and *Wholenote*; she was also featured in *Hello!*, *Q*, *Jazz Times*, *Elle Magazine*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Milman was a hit with the television media as well, appearing on *Entertainment Tonight*, CBC, CTV, the BBC, and several NBC and Fox affiliates.

With a Juno nomination in 2006 for Best Vocal Jazz Album for her debut, the talented Ms. Milman was soon appearing on stage with world-renowned stars like Aaron Neville, Chick Corea, and Jesse Cook. That year brought even more success for the young jazz singer with the recording and digital release of *Live at the Winter Garden Theatre*, debuting at #1 in Canada and dominating the jazz charts for several weeks.

The critically acclaimed "Hot Young Chanteuse" – who names Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Oscar Peterson as a few of the legends who have inspired her – toured for two-and-a-half years in support of her self-titled debut. That time gave her ample opportunity to develop a good rapport and solid

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working relationship with her bandmates, allowing the creativity to flow that much more easily when they were working on her sophomore album, *Make Someone Happy*.

Released this past June, Milman's second album reflects her life as she now knows it after an exciting but tumultuous few years. Recruiting Juno winners Steve MacKinnon as producer and John Bailey as engineer, the result is a Juno-winning Album of the Year at this year's ceremony. These 15 polished tracks bring out the best of in Milman and take listeners to a place different and more intimate than her first album.

In a change from the jazz standards of *Sophie Milman*, *Make Someone Happy* features updated versions of pop and rock songs like Stevie Wonder's "Rocket Love" and The Guess Who's "Undun" as well as "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" from *Fiddler on the Roof* and Kermit the Frog's, "(It's Not Easy) Bein' Green". With each song a reflection of her soul, it's easy to see why this young singer has touched so many people around the world and continues to sell out concerts wherever she goes.

Tickets for **Sophie Milman** start at \$25. As part of the eyeGO program, high school students may purchase tickets at the Box Office for \$5 each. Tickets are available: online at [www.livingartscentre.ca](http://www.livingartscentre.ca); by phone at 905.306.6000 or 1.888.805.8888; or in person at the box office from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and 90 minutes before and 30 minutes after the start of all performances.

The Living Arts Centre is located at 4141 Living Arts Drive, Mississauga, on the west side of Square One Shopping Centre. Complimentary underground parking at the Living Arts Centre is available. LIVE Cuisine Restaurant will be open for Pre-Theatre Dinner Buffet and Post-Show Dessert. Please call 905.306.6116 for dinner reservations.

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