

**For Immediate Release**

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## **Kingston Humane Society celebrates 140 years with free concert in Springer Market Square**

The Kingston Humane Society, the oldest of its kind in Canada, is celebrating 140 years on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Springer Market Square at 7pm. Headlining this special event is hometown favourite, Juno nominee and 3X Maple Blues Female Vocalist of the year, Miss Emily.

***Tunes 4 Tails – Celebrating 140 Years of Compassion***, produced by the Downtown Kingston Business Improvement Area (BIA), also features local band The Wilderness and song writing phenom Evan Rotella.

“One hundred and forty years in any field is worth celebrating,” said Gord Hunter, Executive Director of the Kingston Humane Society, “but in animal welfare that equates to tens of thousands of lives saved and that deserves a party.”

Mayor Bryan Patterson will be on hand to welcome attendees and get the festivities underway. The concert is free to attend, and while donations will be accepted, Hunter confirms that’s not the event’s main objective.

“Our goal,” adds Hunter, “is to have everyone who has ever adopted, fostered, volunteered, donated or dropped off a stray animal, join us in Springer Market Square for a giant, community celebration.” Friday night’s free concert kicks off a full weekend of pet-related events and activities, with details coming soon.

For more information contact Gord Hunter, Executive Director [gord@kingstonhumansociety.ca](mailto:gord@kingstonhumansociety.ca) or 613-546-1291 ext. 105

**What** – *Tunes for Tails, a concert to celebrate the Kingston Humane Society’s 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

**Where** – Springer Market Square

**When** – Friday, August 23, 2024 @ 7pm

**Who** – Miss Emily & special guests, The Wilderness, Evan Rotella

*The KHS is committed to advocating for and improving the lives of animals within our community. Founded in 1884, the KHS continues to provide shelter and care for homeless animals in Kingston and surrounding communities. We promote responsible pet ownership, compassion and respect for all animals. In addition, we work in and with our community to provide leadership in the humane treatment of all animals, to address the causes of animal suffering, to encourage people to take responsibility for their animal companions and to provide care for animals who are neglected, abused, exploited, stray or homeless.*

*The Downtown Kingston Business Improvement Area (BIA) is an association comprised of, and funded by, 700+ downtown businesses. The association is dedicated to the maintenance and promotion of a vibrant and healthy downtown.*

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