

## World-Renowned Violinist Jenny Bae, in her Canadian Debut Performance at the May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 ARThritis Soirée

**VANCOUVER, BC**—(Sept. 19, 2016) Arthritis Research Canada will host its fifth annual *ARThritis Soirée* at The Roof at Hotel Vancouver, Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 pm. The *ARThritis Soirée* brings together business and community leaders, philanthropists, doctors, scientists, health care professionals, donors, and others who share a passion and appreciation of art and a desire to support arthritis research.

At this very special event guests will be treated to a performance by world-renowned violinist, Jenny Bae. [Jenny Bae's](#) dazzling performances have wowed international crowds for over a decade, performing solo and with artists such as Luciano Pavarotti, Eric Clapton, Elton John and Andrea Bocelli. The Julliard trained Bae has captivated audiences around the world, most notably the British Royal Family, Crown Princess of Saudi Arabia, George Clooney and Mikhail Gorbachev.

The ARThritis Soirée will be presented as an elegant, evening cocktail affair, including all the necessary components – fabulous hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and wine coupled with an amazing raffle, tempting live and silent auctions, and of course the first ever Canadian performance of Jenny Bae accompanied by members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. The *ARThritis Soirée* promises something for everyone.

*Why ARThritis Soirée?* Research has shown that art is therapeutic and adds to one's wellbeing, and is therefore a great element in managing chronic disease on a holistic level. Affecting one in six of us and with more than 100 different forms, arthritis is now Canada's most costly, chronic disease. The need to support arthritis research has never been greater! Each year, the *ARThritis Soirée* features a different art form and this year's music performance will be most unique!

*ARThritis Soirée* Chair, Naz Panahi says: "We are excited for the 2017 event and the much anticipated performance by violinist, Jenny Bae. With the number of Canadians affected by arthritis projected to reach 5.2 million this year, shining the spotlight on this disease and the critical need for arthritis research has never been more important. Arthritis is life threatening. We know the tremendous impact and positive change that happens through research. Supporting Arthritis Research Canada allows leading research, to find answers and ultimately save lives."

For more information please visit: [www.arthritisresearch.ca/savethedate](http://www.arthritisresearch.ca/savethedate)

### Arthritis Research Canada

Arthritis Research Canada is the largest clinical arthritis research centre in North America. Our mission is to transform the lives of people living with arthritis through research and engagement. Led by world-renowned rheumatologist, Dr. John Esdaile, ARC's scientific team of 70 are creating a future where people living with arthritis are empowered to triumph over pain and disability. Each of the three centres in BC, Alberta and Quebec are leading research in arthritis prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and quality of life issues.

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