

Locke Street concert series features Sexsmith, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings

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Blackie and the Rodeo Kings are one of the acts slated to play on Locke Street starting in September. (Mike Tompkins/Canadian Press)

Locke Street will be bursting with Canadian songwriting stars at the Live on Locke Street concert series starting in September.

The series features Canadian greats like Ron Sexsmith, Holly Cole, Steven Page of Barenaked Ladies fame and Blackie & the Rodeo Kings, with Hamilton's own Tom Wilson.

"Locke Street is just this little Neighbourhood in Hamilton," Wilson told CBC Hamilton. "It doesn't occur to people that big acts like this could be playing here — but now you can walk out your door and see Steven Page on a Friday night."

Wilson said the idea for the series came when he talked to some of his neighbours and they all felt like they needed to "step up the pace in the community."

All proceeds from the shows will go towards the "[An Instrument for Every Child](#)" organization, which gets instruments into the hands of kids that usually wouldn't get a chance to play them.

"Locke Street just has this soul that I don't recognize in other parts of the city," Wilson said.

Show dates are as follows:

- Steven Page on September 21

- Ron Sexsmith on October 19
- Holly Cole on November 2
- Blackie & the Rodeo Kings on December 7.

Shows will be held at the Melrose United Church, at the corner of Locke Street South and Homewood Avenue. They start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets run at \$150 for the series. For more information, visit www.liveonlocke.com.