

Rockabilly queen coming to Locke Street



## **MOLLY JOHNSON**

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*Molly Johnson: Juno-winning jazz singer*

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American rockabilly queen Wanda Jackson will be part of this fall's [Live on Locke](#) concert series, which will also feature concerts by Nova Scotia rocker Joel Plaskett, Toronto folk-rockers the Skydiggers and Juno-winning jazz singer Molly Johnson.

The series of four concerts, held at Melrose United Church at Locke and Homewood, will kick off with Johnson performing Sept. 18. Johnson, an officer of the Order of Canada, has performed for Prince Charles and Princess Diana, Nelson Mandela and Quincy Jones. From 2008 to 2013 she was also the weekend host of CBC Radio 2's Morning show.

Jackson, who toured with Elvis Presley in the '50s and Adele in 2011, will perform Oct. 2. The 77-year-old rockabilly singer is best known for hits such as "Fujiyama Mama," "Let's Have a Party," and "Mean, Mean Man."

Jackson's career was revived in 2009 when she teamed up with producer Jack White for the critically acclaimed album "The Party Ain't Over." A member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, she released her 31st studio album, "Unfinished Business," in 2012.

Plaskett, a Juno award winner who has opened for Paul McCartney and toured with The Tragically Hip, will perform Nov. 20.

The Skydiggers, best known for the single "Monday Morning," will close the concert series on Dec. 4.

Advance tickets for the series (all four shows for \$150) can be purchased Tuesday, June 23, on line at [liveonlocke.com](http://liveonlocke.com) or in person at Epic Books and Picks & Sticks on Locke Street South.

Proceeds from the concert series go to the charity An Instrument for Every Child.

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