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## **Music Legend Elvis Costello to Headline *Rockin' at the Knox 2007***

### **Tickets for September 7 Concert Go on Sale July 13**

BUFFALO – Albright-Knox Art Gallery officials today announced that the world-famous singer/composer Elvis Costello will be the headline performer at this year's *Rockin' at the Knox*. Tickets will go on sale Friday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

*Rockin' at the Knox*, one of the region's most anticipated fundraising events, will feature outdoor stages with musical performances on Friday, September 7 from 5 to 11 p.m. Elvis Costello, Grammy and BAFTA (British Association of Film and Television Arts) award winning singer/songwriter and recent Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, will present an overview of his outstanding career comprised of many of the songs for which he is best known. Pianist Steve Nieve will accompany Costello.

Presentation of *Rockin' at the Knox* is made possible, in part, through the generous support of Independent Health, which provides health benefits and services to nearly 375,000 individuals in Western New York and across the country. "Independent Health believes that supporting cultural institutions like the Albright-Knox Art Gallery helps to maintain the quality of life for our community and its residents," said Michael Cropp, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Independent Health. "We are very excited to be a part of this exceptional evening of music and art."

107.7 THE LAKE AND STAR 102.5 are the Gallery's media partners. According to Larry Robb, vice president and general manager of Entercom Buffalo, LLC, "The entire Entercom Buffalo family of stations is thrilled to serve as partners with *Rockin' at the Knox 2007*. This annual event has featured nationally recognized artists and Elvis Costello continues that great tradition."

*Rockin' at the Knox* will also feature Toronto-based singer/guitarist Feist whose latest album, *The Reminder* is expected to "...transform her from the darling of the indie-rock circuit to a full-fledged star," said The New York Times. Paolo Nutini a singer/songwriter with a soulful, passionate voice and the ability to tell a story in song will further enhance the line-up.

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"*Rockin' at the Knox* is building a great tradition of outstanding entertainment and this year's concert promises to be the best yet," said Gallery Director Louis Grachos. "It's a wonderful opportunity for Western New Yorkers to enjoy three exceptional bands, Elvis Costello, one of the most internationally acclaimed singers of our time and two rising stars, Feist and Paolo Nutini, whose careers are attracting outstanding critical attention."

Throughout his 30-year career, Costello has pursued projects encompassing a wide stylistic range to great critical acclaim. Costello's early work includes such well-known classics as *Oliver's Army*, *Watching the Detectives* and *Alison*. From the Motown influenced *Get Happy!!* to the straight country and western of *Almost Blue*, the mid-1960s Beatles and Beach Boys influenced soundscapes of *Imperial Bedroom* to the chamber music recital of *The Juliet Letters*, the classic pop of his album with Burt Bacharach and *My Flame Burns Blue* to the classical ballet score of *Il Sogno*, eclectic only begins to describe Costello's work.

Feist's latest album *The Reminder* came out in May to rave reviews and her recent concerts in Boston, New York, and San Francisco were sold out. According to The New York Times, "*The Reminder* is a modestly scaled but quietly profound pop gem: sometimes intimate, sometimes exuberant, filled with love songs and hints of mystery." In 2005 Feist won two Juno Awards--the Grammys of Canada--for "Best New Artist" and "Best Alternative Album" for her breakthrough album *Let It Die*.

Paolo Nutini is a 20 year-old singer with the soul and passion of musicians as venerated as The Drifters and Van Morrison. His heartfelt songs and musical sophistication are demonstrated in his debut album, *These Streets*, which has attracted widespread critical praise. Nutini performed in the 7/7/07 *Live Earth* concert in London.

Throughout the evening, *Rockin'* will present a variety of music experiences including jazz in the Sculpture Garden from 5 to 8 p.m. It offers those in attendance a unique experience by marrying music and art in and around the distinctive setting of the Gallery. Cash bars and food will be available outdoors and in the Gallery's restaurant, muse.

All proceeds from *Rockin' at the Knox* benefit the Gallery. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, standing room only. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Gallery's Admissions Desk, and at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Macy's Department Stores. To charge tickets by phone call 716.852.5000. For more information please see [www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org).

Two Gallery volunteer groups, the Members' Council and the Junior Group, are organizing *Rockin' at the Knox*. Mary Wachter and Rebecca Collins are chairpersons.

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The Albright-Knox Art Gallery ([www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org)) is an outstanding center of modern and contemporary art. Its permanent collection, which includes works by the great artists of the late 19th and the 20th centuries and many emerging artists, has been cited as one of the world's top international surveys of modern and contemporary painting and sculpture. Hours: Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; free, children 13 and under. "Gusto at the Gallery," which features a variety of free programs for visitors of all ages on Fridays from 3 to 10 p.m. will be cancelled on September 7.