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**CHRIS CORNELL  
SONGBOOK SOLO ACOUSTIC SHOW**



**VICTORIA, BC  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011  
ROYAL THEATRE  
8:00pm**

**TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 9:30AM**

January 24, 2011 (Vancouver, BC) ~ Chris Cornell's "Songbook" tour will make a stop in Victoria, BC on Friday, April 29, 2011.

Back in December 2009, Cornell played his first acoustic "Songbook" show in Los Angeles at the Hotel Café to an overwhelming response – the show sold out instantly. A second performance soon followed at the city's famous Troubadour.

Now, Victoria, BC will also have the chance to see Chris perform unplugged, up close and personal – an event many fans have been eagerly anticipating for years. Within this alternative setting, Cornell can easily interact with the audience and share insights about his music. Familiar songs emerge in new context, showing that great songwriting translates to any idiom.

Chris Cornell has maintained his own unique identity over more than two decades as a singer, songwriter and lyricist. He has been heralded as one of the pioneers of the grunge era for writing a string of hits for Soundgarden, including Grammy award-winning "Black Hole Sun" and "Spoonman".

In 1991, Chris formed **Temple of the Dog**, writing the classic song "Hunger Strike" featuring a duet with Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder. In 2000, Cornell joined former Rage Against the Machine members (Tom Morello, Tim Commerford, and Brad Wilk) in **Audioslave** and wrote a series of the band's hits including "Like a Stone," "Be Yourself" and "Doesn't Remind Me". Cornell continued to shine as a solo artist writing songs such as "Can't Change Me," and "Mission", which was included on the soundtrack to the film *Mission Impossible II*.

His songs have been recorded by diverse artists from Johnny Cash to Alice Cooper, and his movie soundtrack credits include hit theme song "You Know My Name" for James Bond thriller *Casino Royale*, one of the most successful installments of the spy franchise to date. It was just announced that Cornell will be co-producing and writing music for the upcoming directorial debut for James Franco, *Beyond Good and Evil*.

**Chris Cornell will be appearing at the Royal Theatre in Victoria, BC on April 29 at 8:00pm. Tickets available by phone at 250.386.6121 or 1.888.717.6121, online at [www.rmts.bc.ca](http://www.rmts.bc.ca), or in person at the McPherson Box Office.**

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