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You Are A Star – An OCRCC Fundraiser

Jay Gordon Wright Releases New Digital Concert Series in Support of the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres

(TORONTO, ON: January – September 2021). Canadian singer/songwriter **Jay Gordon Wright** has launched a new online concert series in support of the **Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC)**. *You Are A Star* is a **series of seven monthly episodes**, each featuring his own original songs performed entirely by Wright. Across the episodes, 25 songs will be featured and performed “live” by Wright using his home-based production studio. An album is also in the works as part of the project, drawing on the featured songs. The free online concerts are being presented as a way to draw attention to the cause and to encourage sponsors to help support the OCRCC. The first of the installments was released on January 10, with part two slated for **Sunday February 14, 2021**. The videos can be viewed at www.youareastar.ca, or on Jay Gordon Wright’s **Facebook** or **YouTube** pages.

The OCRCC is a network of **30 English-language sexual assault centres across Ontario** which offer counselling, information and support services to survivors of sexual violence. The OCRCC offers **free counselling** and advocates locally, provincially and nationally for the rights and interests of sexual assault survivors. The odds are that we all know someone who has been a victim of sexual violence, or we have been one ourselves, and while open discussion is slowly increasing awareness, media portrayal often frames assault as either a criminal matter (that centres around the discussion of the perpetrator and frames the survivor as a victim), or a civil matter (often putting a price tag on sexual assault and allowing for the perpetuation of the “cash-in” myth). Neither paradigm addresses the needs of the survivor, and it is that awareness that is needed: **that the consequences of sexual assault live long in the survivor. *You Are A Star* has been created to bring that fact to light.**

Classically trained on violin, Wright has expanded his musical repertoire to include just about every instrument he can get his hands on: the concert series has so far seen him sing, play keys, drums, guitar, bass, violin and cello. Wright is best known for his two albums, *Solar-Powered Love* released December 2019 and *Fall For Anyone* released September 2020. Wright has had the thrill of performing alongside Canadian luminaries such as **Ian Thomas, Bill Dillon** (Robbie Robertson, Sarah McLachlan, Joni Mitchell), **Mike Boguski** (Blue Rodeo) and **Steve Strongman**. He has appeared with the **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** (*From The Beatles, With Love*) and is well-known as a student and practitioner of the Beatles’ craft. Blending his influences with a strong musical instinct, Jay Gordon Wright has developed a sound that is at once vintage and modern.

Donations to the You Are A Star campaign can be made via www.youareastar.ca/donate. For more details on Jay Gordon Wright and his concert series visit www.jaygordonwright.com, or email media manager Emily Dix (listed above). To learn more about the OCRCC, or to find support for yourself or someone you know, visit www.sexualassaultsupport.ca.

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