

5 things you might not know about the Tragically Hip

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Often touted as Canada's band, the Tragically Hip will take the stage one last time.

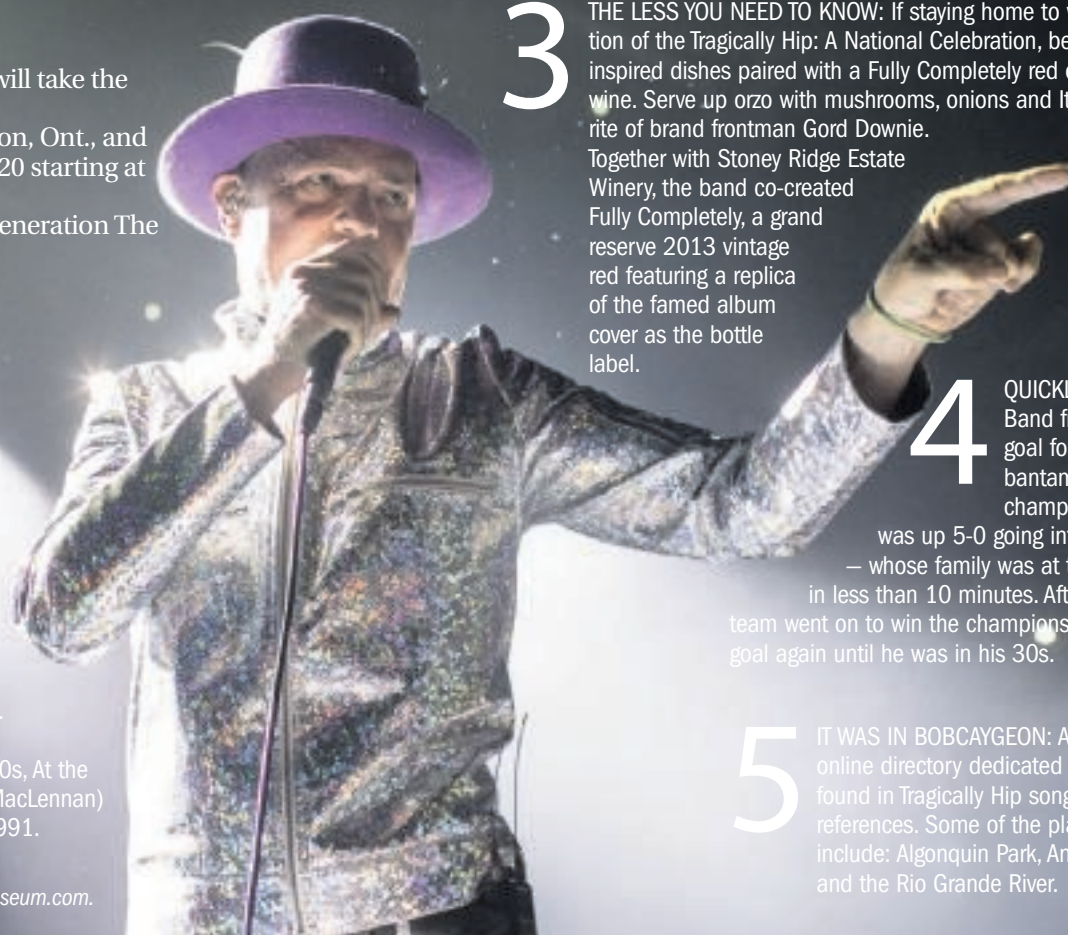
The last stop on their farewell tour will be in Kingston, Ont., and the CBC will broadcast the last live performance Aug. 20 starting at 8:30 p.m.

With 14 albums and Junos to match, for an entire generation The Hip was part of the soundtrack of life:

1 THE LAST GOAL HE EVER SCORED: Here are some places where you can watch the Tragically Hip: A National Celebration in York Region: The ROC and GEM Theatre in Georgina, Town Park in Aurora, Riverwalk Commons Newmarket, The Duchess of Markham in Markham, Cosmo Music and Rainbow Cinemas in Richmond Hill, The Lion of Stouffville and the Civic Centre Resource Library in Vaughan.

2 THIS IS OUR LIFE: In 2007, The Tragically Hip played 104 shows while on tour, the most in any one year. That year, the band played 60 shows in the U.S., 36 in Canada and shows in Belgium and the Cayman Islands. The band has played New Orleans is Sinking more than 760 times live since the song came out in the late 1980s, At the Hundredth Meridian 718 times since 1991, Courage (for Hugh MacLennan) 605 times since 1992 and Fifty Mission Cap 195 times since 1991.

—Sources: Setlist.fm, CBC.ca, TSN.ca, mcleans.ca, thehip.com, hipmuseum.com.



3 THE LESS YOU NEED TO KNOW: If staying home to watch the CBC's presentation of the Tragically Hip: A National Celebration, be sure to serve up some Hip inspired dishes paired with a Fully Completely red or Ahead By a Century white wine. Serve up orzo with mushrooms, onions and Italian sausage – a favourite of brand frontman Gord Downie. Together with Stoney Ridge Estate Winery, the band co-created Fully Completely, a grand reserve 2013 vintage red featuring a replica of the famed album cover as the bottle label.

4 QUICKLY, SOMETHING FAMILIAR: Band frontman Gord Downie played goal for the Amherstview major bantam team. In the provincial championship game, Amherstview was up 5-0 going into the third period. Downie – whose family was at the game – let in six goals in less than 10 minutes. After being pulled from net, the team went on to win the championship 7-6. Downie didn't play goal again until he was in his 30s.

5 IT WAS IN BOBCAYGEON: A Museum After Dark is an online directory dedicated to people, places and things found in Tragically Hip songs, with close to 350 lyric references. Some of the places mentioned in Hip lyrics include: Algonquin Park, Antarctica, Berlin, Copenhagen and the Rio Grande River.

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