

# Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Pins Awarded to Drayton Entertainment's Artistic Director and Executive Director

*Presented by Bryan May, MP for Cambridge*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – **Alex Mustakas**, founding and current Artistic Director of award-winning Drayton Entertainment, and **Steven Karcher**, Executive Director, have been honoured by Member of Parliament for Cambridge, **Bryan May**, with Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Pins.

The distinction recognizes their contributions to arts and culture in Canada, along with the cultural, social, educational, and economic impact of live theatre in each of the communities in which Drayton Entertainment operates.

“The Platinum Jubilee Pins are gratefully accepted on behalf of everyone who works at our organization to produce live theatre, including staff, technicians, artists, musicians, creative teams, and our legion of volunteers,” says Mustakas. “It takes an entire community working on the front line and behind the scenes to do what we do. With an ambitious 2023 season just ahead, we are all committed to producing the best possible theatre experiences for our loyal audience.”

To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II on the throne, Canada created a series of initiatives to honour the queen's service and dedication to our country. She was Canada's longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a platinum jubilee.

Members of Parliament were provided with limited supplies of commemorative pins, bearing the platinum jubilee emblem. The emblem contains the Royal Cypher of Her Majesty The Queen, EIIR, which appears in the centre. It's framed with a 7-sided shape, along with 7 maple leaves and 7 pearls to mark the 7 decades of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The emblem is framed in red and white to represent Canada's national colours with the Royal Crown appearing at the top of the emblem.

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