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ONE MORE TIME Dal Richards Releases New CD

Legendary Vancouver bandleader Dal Richards releases a new big band CD, **Dal Richards & Friends *One More Time***. Joined by his regular big band vocalists Jamie Croil, Jennifer Hayes, Diane Lines, Bria Skonberg and by special guest artist bluesman Jim Byrnes, the CD, **Dal Richards & Friends *One More Time***, features more than a dozen songs of big band music at its finest.

"I have produced nine albums and CD's over the years and I think this one is absolutely the best," says Dal. "It was a special treat recording in the new CBC Studio 1 in Vancouver. I was at 'home' again after broadcasting on CBC Radio from The Roof at the Hotel Vancouver for 25 years."

Featuring favourites such as ***The Nearness of You, St. Louis Blues, For Once in My Life, Just One of Those Things, Dancing in the Dark, and Sway, Theme from Mr. Lucky***; the CD will be officially launched at West Vancouver's Harmony Arts Festival and will also be available at the PNE this summer and in September at select music stores.

Still going stronger than ever, in addition to the release of the new CD, Dal at 91, will tap out the tempo, give the downbeat and lead his orchestra at the Harmony Arts Festival on Sunday, August 9th at 2pm and at the PNE (Pacific National Exhibition) from August 22nd to September 7th. Playing his 70th consecutive PNE, the 14-piece **Dal Richards Orchestra** will be playing two shows a day for all seventeen days of the Pacific National Exhibition – appearing daily at 11:30am and 1 pm on the Global Amphitheatre Stage at the Fair.

Once the PNE ends, Dal will be playing theatre concerts, fall season fundraisers and Christmas parties. Dal's much awaited memoir, ***One More Time***, will be released in October describing his 75 years in the music business. He'll play his 75th consecutive New Year's Eve gig on December 31st at the River Rock Resort and Casino.

After seventy-five years in the business Dal is still one of the busiest musicians in Canada...a must-have entertainer for weddings, birthdays, festivals, fund-raising concerts and corporate events. Whether it's a six-piece band at a wedding, a nine or eleven piece swing band for a convention, a quartet at a senior's centre, or his fourteen piece big band at the PNE, Dal's music is always enthusiastically received. From classic big band numbers of the thirties and forties to rock and roll, dance numbers and pop tunes, the Dal Richards Orchestra plays music to please all ages, and any occasion.

'I'm still having fun leading the band and entertaining British Columbians', Dal states. 'Why quit now?'

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CD Play List

1. Sway
2. Opus One
3. Glenn Miller Medley
4. The Nearness Of You
5. Theme from Mr. Lucky
6. Why Don't You Do Right
7. St. Louis Blues
8. For Once in My Life
9. A Tisket A Tasket
10. Walkin' My Baby Back Home
11. Just One Of Those Things
12. Dancing in the Dark
13. You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To
14. Swingin' with Dal
15. Remembering The Roof –
 - I'll See You in My Dreams
 - Dream
 - Does your Heart Beat for Me
 - Dancing in the Dark
16. The Hour of Parting

About Dal Richards

A BC treasure and beloved Vancouver bandleader, Dal Richards spent much of the first quarter century of his musical career leading his big band nightly at the Panorama Roof of the Hotel Vancouver during the hey-days of the big band era, when the Roof was *the* spot to go for special occasions from 1940 -1965...and listeners from across Canada would hear his familiar theme on Saturday night broadcasts on CBC Radio. Richards admits he is the only active musician from that band, he's also the only member still alive.

The second quarter century of Dal's career came when rock and roll and the Beatles captured the air-waves, the big band business faded, and Dal barely kept his big band going with the occasional weekend gig, second generation Vancouver society weddings, and some pretty spotty corporate appearances.

Things picked up in the 1990's as a whole new generation of youngsters learned to appreciate big band swing music; and now, toward the end of his third quarter-century Dal is one of the busiest musicians in Vancouver, playing third and fourth generation weddings, corporate gigs, private special occasions and big band concerts at the PNE and the River Rock Casino Resort.

In May of 2009, Dal took his 16-piece Dal Richards Orchestra into the new CBC Studio 1 to 'ring out the new desk' at the rebuilt Vancouver studio to produce **Dal Richards & Friends *One More Time***. How appropriate for Canada's king of swing to use the professionalism of today's new Grammy quality CBC facilities and staff, it showcases the days when CBC radio was king of Canadian broadcasting and Dal was the CBC's most listened-to Vancouver talent.