

## FOLK ICON JONI MITCHELL, QUEBEC CHANTEUR JEAN-PIERRE FERLAND AND COUNTRY CROONER WILF CARTER AMONG 2007 CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

*Honoured Songwriters to be Inducted at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on January 28, 2007*

**TORONTO – Thursday, November 9, 2006** – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame / Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (CSHF/PACC) today announced its 2007 inductees, which include four influential songwriters, 25 timeless songs and two Legacy Award recipients. The 2007 inductees, including celebrated folk icon Joni Mitchell and the illustrious Quebec performer Jean-Pierre Ferland, will be honoured at the CSHF's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, presented by TD Canada Trust on January 28, 2007 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's John Bassett Theatre. Hosted by CBC's Andrew Craig and Radio-Canada's Sophie duRocher, the CSHF Gala will feature musical tributes by a stellar line up of performers.

The gala performance will be broadcast nationally on CBC Radio One on January 29, 2007 at 11am and on CBC Radio Two at 8pm that evening. It will also feature the same week on Espace Musique. A one-hour television special will be broadcast nationally on CBC Television on March 5, 2007 at 8pm.

Joining legendary inductees Leonard Cohen and Gilles Vigneault, the 2007 CSHF songwriter inductees are: Broadway and film score creator Raymond Egan (The Pioneers), the father of Canadian country music Wilf Carter aka "Montana Slim" (Radio Era) confessional songstress Joni Mitchell and passionate Quebec artist Jean-Pierre Ferland (Modern Era).

The CSHF will bestow the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA) Legacy Award to one of Canada's most prolific vocal artists, Canadian tenor, Henry Burr. The Francophone legacy award, now called The Prix du Patrimoine Frank Davies after the founder of the CSHF/PACC will be awarded to Canadian folk music impresario, Sam Gesser.

"Like previous honourees, the 2007 inductees have made an invaluable contribution to Canada's cultural legacy through the timeless art of song," said CSHF Chairman Peter Steinmetz. "The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame is proud to honour and acknowledge them and their enduring efforts."

Among the 25 songs being inducted this year are Canadian classics *Spinning Wheel* (David Clayton-Thomas), *Comme j'ai toujours envie d'aimer* (Marc Hamilton), *You Were On My Mind* (Sylvia Fricker (Tyson)), *Un Canadien errant* (Antoine Gérin-Lajoie), *How About You* (Ralph Freed, Burton Lane), *Dans nos vieilles maisons* (Muriel Millard) and *Le Frigidaire* (Georges Langford).

"The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame Gala is now a major highlight on Canada's musical calendar," said CSHF Board Member Martin Duchesne. "It is an emotionally-charged, unforgettable evening of music during which members of the industry and music lovers alike can revel in our rich musical heritage."

Jody Scotchmer, CSHF Executive Director added, "We are pleased to once again welcome TD Canada Trust as our presenting sponsor for the CSHF 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala. TD Canada Trust's commitment and support of Canadian songwriting is key to advancing Canadian musical artists and their work. Thanks to their ongoing involvement, we can continue to share the story and legacy of our songwriters with all Canadians, as we've done with other gifted poets and musicians, including Gordon Lightfoot, Félix Leclerc, and Anne Murray, among many others."

The full line-up for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala will be announced in the coming weeks. A limited number of tickets, starting at \$50.00 go on sale November 9, 2006 at noon on [www.cansong.ca](http://www.cansong.ca) or 416-469-9619.

For further information, bios and photos, please visit [www.cansong.ca](http://www.cansong.ca).

### **The 2007 CSHF Songwriter and Song Inductees:**

#### **THE PIONEERS: *Pre-1921***

Songwriter: Raymond Egan

Songs: Ain't We Got Fun – Raymond Egan (co-wrote with Gus Kahn & Richard Whiting)  
Sleepy Time Gal – Raymond Egan (co-wrote with Richard Whiting, Joseph R. Alden, Ange Lorenzo)  
Un Canadien errant – Antoine Gérin-Lajoie

#### **RADIO ERA: *1921 to 1955 Anglophone, Francophone 1921 to 1960***

Songwriter: Wilf Carter

Songs: Dans nos vieilles maisons – Muriel Millard  
How About You – Ralph Freed, Burton Lane  
My Old Canadian Home – Wilf Carter (co-wrote with John Klenner, Bob Miller)  
My Swiss Moonlight Lullaby – Wilf Carter  
There's a Love Knot in my Lariat – Wilf Carter (co-wrote with Clark Harrington)

#### **MODERN ERA: *Anglophone 1956 to 1981, Francophone 1961 to 1981***

Songwriters: Joni Mitchell, Jean-Pierre Ferland

Songs: Big Yellow Taxi – Joni Mitchell  
Both Sides Now (aka Clouds) – Joni Mitchell  
Comme j'ai toujours envie d'aimer – Marc Hamilton  
Des croissants de soleil – Jean Robitaille, Lee Gagnon  
Help Me – Joni Mitchell  
Je ne suis qu'une chanson – Diane Juster  
Je reviens chez nous – Jean-Pierre Ferland  
Le Frigidaire – Georges Langford  
Le petit roi - Jean-Pierre Ferland (co-wrote with Michel Robidoux)  
Paquetville – Lise Aubut (co-wrote with Édith Butler)  
Spinning Wheel – David Clayton-Thomas  
T'es mon amour, t'es ma maitresse - Jean-Pierre Ferland (co-wrote with Jean-Pierre Lauzon)  
Ton visage - Jean-Pierre Ferland (co-wrote with Paul de Margerie)  
Un peu plus haut un peu plus loin - Jean-Pierre Ferland  
Woodstock – Joni Mitchell  
You Turn Me On, I'm A Radio – Joni Mitchell  
You Were On My Mind – Sylvia Fricker (Tyson)

**2007 CMPA LEGACY AWARD:** Henry Burr

**PRIX DU PATRIMOINE FRANK DAVIES 2007:** Sam Gesser

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