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DANIEL LANOIS, WINTERSLEEP TO PERFORM AND PAY TRIBUTE TO 2011 INDUCTEES AT 7TH ANNUAL CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME GALA ON APRIL 2 AT THE TORONTO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TORONTO – MARCH 17, 2011 – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame/Le Panthéon des auteurs et compositeurs canadiens (CSHF/PACC) announced today that **Daniel Lanois, and Wintersleep** are among the artists who will perform and pay tribute to the 2011 inductees at the 7th annual Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame Gala, taking place on Saturday, April 2 at The Toronto Centre for the Arts. This year's gala performers, along with hosts **Jian Ghomeshi** and **Geneviève Borne**, will pay tribute to this year's CSHF inductees that include **Robbie Robertson** and **Luc Plamondon**. Tickets for the CSHF Gala, starting at \$55.00, are on sale and available through Ticketmaster at 1-855-985-ARTS, on-line at www.ticketmaster.ca, or in person at the TCA box office.

This year's CSHF gala will feature an eclectic line-up of artists who will pay homage to the 2011 inductees. In honour of this year's Anglophone inductees, **Daniel Lanois** will perform 'The Moon Struck One' (Robbie Robertson); **Wintersleep** delivers their rendition of 'Broken Arrow' (Robbie Robertson); **Figgy Duff Alumni** will salute Newfoundlanders with 'Squid Jiggin' Ground' (Arthur Scammell); **Russell deCarle** performs 'What In the World's Come Over You' (Jack Scott); **Divine Brown** and **Francine Raymond** join **Crowbar** for a medley of 'Wildflower', 'When I Die' and 'Oh What a Feeling'.

This year's Francophone inductees will be celebrated by **Pierre Lapointe**, who will perform 'La chanson des pissenlits' (Pierre Létourneau); **Antoine Gratton** will perform 'Je Suis Cool' (Gilles Valiquette); and **Wilfred Le Bouthillier** will sing 'Pas besoin de frapper pour entrer' (Jacques Michel). A musical tribute to inductee Luc Plamondon will feature **Brigitte Boisjoli** performing 'Oxygène', and **Eric Lapointe** singing 'L'amour existe encore', as well as 'Le Blues du Businessman' in a Starmania medley. In this medley, **Sébastien Plante** will perform 'Le monde est stone' and **Coral Egan** will sing 'Les uns contre les autres'.

In addition to this year's songwriter inductees, the CSHF will present the Frank Davies Legacy Award, named after the founder of the CSHF/PACC, to prominent folklorists Edith Fowke and Helen Creighton. The CMPA (Canadian Music Publishers Association) Legacy Award will be given to influential Quebec producer and music impresario Yvan Dufresne.

The 7th annual CSHF gala will once again be aired by broadcast partner CBC Radio as a special presentation of Canada Live on CBC Radio 2 on Thursday, April 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and highlights can be heard on Espace Musique at 4:00 p.m. The gala will also be broadcast on CBC Radio One on Friday, April 8 at 2:05 p.m. (part 1) and Friday, April 15 at 2:05 p.m. (part 2).

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) /Le panthéon des auteurs et compositeurs canadiens (PACC) is a bilingual, a-political, non-profit organization, which is a partnership of the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA) and the Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC) with the assistance of the Société professionnelle des auteurs et des compositeurs du Québec (SPACQ). The CSHF's generous core-funding partners are: the CMPA, the SAC, the Toronto Centre for the Arts, the Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings (FACTOR), SOCAN, SOCAN Foundation, Astral Media, and SPACQ. The CSHF acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada Music Fund) and of Canada's private radio broadcasters.

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