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CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME BIDS FOND FAREWELL TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JODY SCOTCHMER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TORONTO – APRIL 27, 2007 – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) /Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (PACC) announced today that Jody Scotchmer, the organization's first Executive Director and Gala Co-Executive Producer, will be leaving on the 15th May following four and a half years in the position. During her tenure, Scotchmer has been instrumental in helping significantly grow the organisation whose mandate is to honour, celebrate and educate Canadians about the outstanding accomplishments of Canadian popular music songwriters. When first televised on CBC as a one hour special in 2006, the show received three Gemini nominations, winning one for k.d. lang's breathtaking performance of Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*.

"Fostering and promoting Canadian music and songwriting will always be a passion; however, the time has come for another Executive Director to add their DNA to the CSHF. Over the last four and a half years, the CSHF has blossomed. We've developed strong partnerships with a dedicated group of sponsors, as well as CBC Radio and CBC Television, and produced four memorable galas honouring the cream of Canadian songwriting. I am so very proud of the organization and know that it will continue to grow as an important Canadian cultural institution in the hands of its capable Board of Directors and staff," said Scotchmer, who is planning on spending some time at home with her family.

CSHF President Eddie Schwartz said, "Jody's contribution to the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame has been enormous. Her dedication and real passion for Canadian music has been a driving force in helping to bring this important organization to the attention of all Canadians. We will miss her enormously and, as a Board, agree that she is leaving the organization in great shape and perfectly positioned to build on its already significant successes for the future."

Peter Steinmetz, Chairman of the CSHF Board and Co-Executive Producer said, "It was with great regret that the CSHF received and reluctantly accepted Jody's resignation as Executive Director and Co-Executive Producer of its annual Gala and television show. Jody quickly became the driving force of our wonderful organization and infected us all with her enthusiasm, passion and dedication for the very best in Canadian music. Jody will be sorely missed by the CSHF Members and boards who relied on her strong creative and organizational abilities, by the capable staff and volunteers she trained and inspired and by the CSHF's wider community of stakeholders, partner and sponsors whose relationships with the CSHF have been enhanced and strengthened by virtue of Jody's efforts and personal goodwill. The CSHF thanks Jody for her contributions and years of productive service."

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The CSHF's Board of Directors is now reviewing its succession plan and will be making an announcement in the next few weeks as to Scotchmer's successor.

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