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TD CANADA TRUST MUSIC, CBC TELEVISION, CBC RADIO, LE ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL AND XM SATELLITE RADIO AMONG THOSE TO MAKE CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME 3RD ANNUAL GALA ON FEBRUARY 5 A GREAT CANADIAN SUCCESS STORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --TORONTO – January 18, 2006 -- The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame / Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (CSHF/PACC) is delighted to confirm the unparalleled support and involvement of their Third Annual Gala sponsors, including presenting sponsor **TD CANADA TRUST MUSIC**, broadcast partners **CBC TELEVISION, CBC RADIO** and **RADIO-CANADA**, and gold sponsors **SOCAN, XM SATELLITE RADIO, LE ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD HOTEL, THE FOUNDATION TO ASSIST CANADIAN TALENT ON RECORDS (FACTOR)** and **THE CANADIAN MUSIC PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION**. The CSHF is a national, bilingual, apolitical, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Canada's rich songwriting heritage.

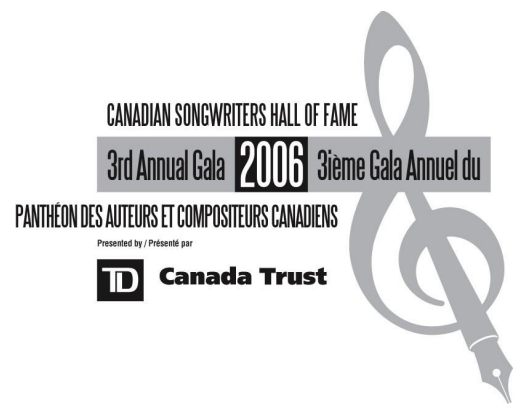
For the first time, the CSHF welcomes TD CANADA TRUST MUSIC as the presenting sponsor of the CSHF gala on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. **WILLIE NELSON, MARTIN LÉON and JESSICA VIGNEAULT, k.d. lang, MARIE-MAI and FRED ST-GELAIS, BEDOUIN SOUNDCLASH, and RUFUS WAINWRIGHT** are some of the celebrated performers who will pay musical tribute to this year's inducted songwriters and songs, including Modern Era Award recipients Gilles Vigneault and Leonard Cohen.

"The CSHF is indebted to our loyal and very generous sponsors. We offer each supporter a unique and perfectly tailored opportunity to become involved with this high-profile Canadian property that offers up-close-and-personal interaction with Canada's biggest musicians and instils a deep sense of pride in supporting and celebrating Canada's singer/songwriters," says CSHF Executive Director Jody Scotchmer

The CSHF gala host hotel for the second consecutive year is Toronto's **LE ROYAL MERIDIEN KING EDWARD**, which is generously providing all inductees and gala performers with luxury accommodations. The hotel will also host an elaborate private welcome dinner for 300 distinguished performers and guests in its recently renovated Sovereign Ballroom on Saturday, February 4.

On February 5, TD CANADA TRUST MUSIC will host the exclusive **pre-gala reception** with XM SATELLITE RADIO hosting the **post-gala reception**. Both on-site receptions will be attended by 1300 VIP members of the Canadian Music Industry including record label and publishing executives, inductees and estates, artists and songwriters and government officials. In addition, a strong media contingent will cover the events, representing all major national print, television and radio networks.

CSHF broadcasting partner CBC Television will broadcast a one-hour special of the 2006 Gala, presented by TD Canada Trust Music, on **Monday, March 6 at 9:00 p.m. (9:30 p.m. NT)**, which will include performance highlights, interviews with the inductees as well as some special behind-the-scenes moments. The Gala, hosted by Andrew Craig from CBC Radio Two's *In Performance* and Sophie Durocher of Radio-Canada's *Espace musique*, will be broadcast nationally on Monday, February 6, 2006 on *CBC Radio One* from 11 a.m. – noon and on *CBC Radio Two* from 8 - 10 p.m. As well, *Espace musique* will air highlights during their morning show from 10 a.m. - noon.



Silver sponsors of the Gala include the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency (CMRRA), Universal Music Canada, Warner Music Canada, EMI Music Canada, Sony BMG Music Canada and the Radio Starmaker Fund. Bronze level sponsors are Musicaction, Ole, National Post, Rosemount Estate, the SOCAN Foundation, Vespa, La Société professionnelle des auteurs et compositeurs du Québec (SPACQ), Éditions Bloc-Notes Publishing Inc., Société du droit de reproduction des auteurs, compositeurs et éditeurs au Canada (SODRAC), Yamaha, Association des professionnels de l'édition musicale (APEM), Official Community, XXI Productions Inc., Musique Plus and Musicmax. Award level sponsors include the Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC) and Executive Chairman of Standard Broadcasting Corporation Ltd., Allan Slaight. Partners of the CSHF 3rd Annual Gala are Sony/ATV Music Publishing, FOD Records Inc., Steam Whistle Brewing, Autograph Trim and Queensway Audi.

Five songwriters, twenty-six songs and three Legacy Award recipients will be inducted at the CSHF3rd annual Gala. Taking their place alongside Canada's most revered musical craftsmen, the five 2006 CSHF songwriter inductees are: ragtime composer William Eckstein, big band giant Carmen Lombardo, classical composer and lyricist Lionel Daunais and world-renowned songwriter/poets Gilles Vigneault and Leonard Cohen. The CSHF will present Quebecois chanteuse Lucille Dumont, Canada's songbird Anne Murray and Canadian recording industry pioneer Herbert Berliner with Legacy Awards, honouring their extraordinary contributions to, and in support of, the Canadian songwriting industry.

Among the 26 songs being inducted this year are Canadian classics *Farewell to Nova Scotia* (Traditional), *La Parenté* (Jean-Paul Filion), *A Guy is a Guy* (Oscar Brand), *Moi, Mes Souliers* (Félix Leclerc), *Sweet City Woman* (Rich Dodson), *La Manic* (Georges Dor), *Sugar Sugar* (Andy Kim), *À Québec au Clair de Lune* (Marius Delisle), and *Put Your Hand in the Hand* (Gene MacLellan).

A limited number of tickets to the Gala are currently available at www.cansong.ca or by calling 416.469.9619.

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