

THE CSHF ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OPENS A NEW FRANCOPHONE SECTION OFFICE IN MONTREAL.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TORONTO – February 24, 2009 – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (PACC) proudly announced today the appointment of Matt Zimbel as the new president of the board of directors. Matt Zimbel is a musician, producer, composer and broadcast executive who recently held the position of Vice President of Programming for MusiMax, Quebec's leading Music Television station for adults. As a musician, Zimbel co-founded the Juno award-winning New World Jazz band Manteca in 1979, which released 10 albums, the most recent of which was released in October 2008. He has also performed and recorded with artists as diverse as Leonard Cohen, Kevin Parent and Daniel Lanois.

"This is very exciting time to be in this chair", said Zimbel. "The board spent a lot of time this summer reflecting on our bilingual, bicultural mission and emerged re-energized. As artists it falls to us to find the creativity and grace to celebrate each others songwriting culture collectively . . . traditionally that is not commonly done in Canada, as we tend to have organizations separated along linguistic lines, but I believe we are much stronger when we celebrate together".

The CSHF also announced today that Annie Villeneuve has been named Director of the Francophone Section and will be operating out of the new PACC Montreal office.

Madame Villeneuve brings to the organization 21 years of experience in media and communications in both advertising and network television. "I am really delighted that Annie has chosen to join us", said Zimbel. "Her expertise in running large creative media teams and in the financing of numerous network programs, coupled with her profound appreciation of the arts, makes her an ideal leader for the Francophone Section."

As director of the Francophone section, Ms. Villeneuve will also become part of the CSHF executive team, working under the direction of National Executive Director Dominic Denny.

The CSHF was also pleased to announce the nominations of CSHF directors Robert Paquette and Dave Quilico to their new roles as Co-Vice Presidents of the board of directors. Singer-songwriter Robert Paquette possesses a unique sensitivity and familiarity with the Canadian music industry, including longstanding affiliations with the following organizations: SOCAN, l'UDA, AFM, ANIM, Musication, Granby, SOPROQ and SPACQ, and a career that spans over 40 years and 9 albums. Likewise, David Quilico (Vice President, Creative of Sony/ATV Music Publishing in Canada) will continue to share his exceptional wealth of industry expertise with the organization. Mr. Quilico has worked with some of the biggest names in music, has many years of experience in A&R, and is a SOCAN award-winning songwriter. Mr. Paquette and Mr. Quilico will continue to provide invaluable contributions to the CSHF Board of Directors as the new Co-Vice Presidents.

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

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