

Canadian Songwriters
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Panthéon des Auteurs et
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**CBC TELEVISION DEBUT 'WORDS TO MUSIC:
THE CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME' WINS GEMINI AWARD**

TORONTO, October 19, 2006 –The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame/ Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (CSHF/PACC) is proud to announce that k.d.lang has won a prestigious Gemini Award for 'Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series' for her appearance in the CBC Television special *Words to Music: The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame*. The program was co-executive produced by Peter Steinmetz and Jody Scotchmer, and produced by David Kitching of the CSHF's Cansong Productions.

The win is for k.d. lang's heart-wrenching delivery of 2006 CSHF Inductee Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*, a song which also appears on her recent album *Hymns of the 49th Parallel*.

Words to Music: The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame was also nominated for two other 2006 Gemini Awards in the categories of 'Best Music Variety Program or Series' and 'Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series' for July Black and the Faith Chorale's rendition of the late Gene MacLellan's gospel classic *Put Your Hand in the Hand*. Winners were announced last night at the exclusive Gemini Awards' Drama, Comedy and Variety Gala at Toronto's Liberty Grand Hotel.

Jody Scotchmer, CSHF Executive Director and Co-executive Producer comments, "This Gemini Award is a testament to the power of a good song and thoughtful A&R. k.d. lang's tribute performance to Leonard Cohen was one of the most heart-felt and reverential that we've ever witnessed and, together with sensational salutes to our other inductees, culminated in a top-rated variety program for CBC TV."

CBC Television's Creative Head of Variety, Fred Nicolaidis, says "CBC is proud to be part of this historic and inspiring tribute to Canadian poets and songwriters. k.d. lang's sensitive and beautiful rendition of inductee, Leonard Cohen's well-loved song, 'Hallelujah' captured the night and made the 2006 Gala a truly magical and memorable Canadian moment."

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame 3rd Annual Gala, celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of Canada's popular music songwriters and those who have contributed significantly to their legacy, took place in early February at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's John Bassett Theatre. . To date, the CSHF has inducted 17 songwriters, 59 songs and eight industry legends.

Tickets for next year's CSHF 4th Annual Gala go on sale November 9, 2006 following a press 'concert' announcing the 2007 Songwriter, Song and Legacy Award recipients.

Please visit www.cansong.ca for more information.

About the CSHF

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame/ le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (CSHF) is a national, bilingual, apolitical, non-profit organization co-owned by the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA) and the Songwriters Association of

Canada, in participation with the Société professionnelle des auteurs et des compositeurs du Québec. The CSHF's generous founding patrons are: the CMPA, EMI Music Canada, the Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Recordings (FACTOR), SOCAN, Sony BMG Music Canada, Universal Music Canada, and Warner Music Canada.

About CBC

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