



## ***Words to Music: The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame* wins Gemini Award**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Toronto – October 29, 2007** – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame/ Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (CSHF/PACC) is proud to announce a prestigious Gemini Award win for Measha Brueggergosman's moving rendition of Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides Now*, with Musical Director Lou Pomanti and soloist Kevin Breit.

This is the second year in a row that CSHF has won in the category of 'Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series'. The one-hour special aired on CBC television and features highlights from the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala. The show was co-executive produced by Peter Steinmetz and Jody Scotchmer and produced by David Kitching.

Michael Bubl  and Musical Director Lou Pomanti, who opened the show with their swinging rendition of Ralph Freed and Burton Lane's *How About You?*, were also nominated in the same category.

*Words to Music: The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame* received three other Gemini Award nominations. Peter Faragher was nominated for 'Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Non-Dramatic Programme or Series', Shelagh O'Brien for 'Best Direction in a Variety Programme or Series' and Ian Dunbar, Peter Campbell, Doug Doctor, Ric Jurgens and Jeff Wolpert for 'Best Sound in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series'.

CSHF Executive Director Dominic Denny comments, "This Gemini Award acknowledges the timelessness of Canadian music and the power of a great performance. It is an incredible accomplishment for Measha Brueggergosman, Lou Pomanti and Kevin Breit to reinterpret a well-known classic such as Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides Now* while maintaining the raw energy and emotional impact of the original song. This performance along with the other amazing tributes contributed to another highly successful show. Winning this award also salutes the tireless efforts of our dedicated artists, creative teams and staff at the CSHF who work tirelessly to ensure that our amazing songwriters are not forgotten."

Tickets for the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala go on sale November 15 following an announcement of the 2008 inductees. The show, which hits the stage on March 1, 2008 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, promises to be just as enthralling and entertaining as the last.

**About the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame**

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) /Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens is a collaboration of the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA) and the Songwriters Association of Canada (S.A.C.) with the assistance of the Société professionnelle des auteurs et des compositeurs du Québec (SPACQ). The CSHF's generous founding contributors are: the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA), EMI Music Canada, the Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent on Recordings (FACTOR), SOCAN, Sony BMG Music Canada, Universal Music Canada, and Warner Music Canada. The CSHF acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Music Fund for this project.  
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