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THE CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME ADDS PRESENTERS HERBIE HANCOCK AND JEAN LAPOINTE WITH A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY MARGARET ATWOOD AND PERFORMERS JIM CUDDY, OH SUSANNA AND VÉRONIC DICAIRE TO ITS ALREADY STELLAR GALA LINEUP

New Block of Tickets for January 28 Gala Just Released!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TORONTO – JANUARY 22, 2007 – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) / Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (PACC) today announced that musical genius Herbie Hancock will present 2007 CSHF Modern Era Inductee Joni Mitchell with her award at the 4th Annual Gala, on Sunday, January 28 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Hancock will also accompany Chaka Khan on piano for her rendition of Mitchell's *Help Me*. Internationally renowned Canadian author Margaret Atwood will join the tribute to Joni Mitchell by reading a selection of her favourite lyrics. Senator and fellow songwriter Jean Lapointe will present Quebec icon Jean-Pierre Ferland with his Modern Era award.

Lead singer of Blue Rodeo Jim Cuddy will take the stage with Oh Susanna to deliver a rendition of the 2007 inducted song *You Were On My Mind*, by Sylvia Fricker (Tyson), while up-and-coming French artist Véronic DiCaire will sing Marc Hamilton's *Comme j'ai toujours envie d'aimer*.

Also confirmed to perform at this year's Gala are: James Taylor, David Clayton-Thomas, Michael Bubl , Isabelle Boulay, Patrick Bruel, Emm Gryner, Corb Lund, George Canyon, Measha Brueggergosman, Karkwa, Marc-Andr  Fortin, Laurence Jalbert, Mario Pelchat, Marie-Eve Janvier, and Florence K.

A new block of tickets for the highly anticipated CSHF Gala have just been released and can be purchased by calling 416-469-9619 or visiting www.cansong.ca.

The 4th Annual CSHF Gala, hosted by Andrew Craig of CBC Radio Two's *In Performance* and Sophie Durocher of Radio-Canada's *Espace Musique*, will be broadcast nationally on Monday, January 29 on *CBC Radio One*, from 11 a.m. to noon and on CBC Radio Two from 8 to 10 p.m. As well, *Espace Musique* will air highlights during their morning show from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CBC Television will broadcast *Words to Music: The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame* on Monday, March 5 at 8:00 p.m. (8:30 p.m. NT), including musical salutes to Modern Era inductee Joni Mitchell and Radio Era inductee Wilf Carter.

Joining last year's legendary inductees Leonard Cohen and Gilles Vigneault, the 2007 CSHF songwriter inductees are: Broadway and film score creator Raymond Egan (The Pioneers), the father of Canadian country music Wilf Carter aka "Montana Slim" (Radio Era), confessional songstress Joni Mitchell and passionate Quebec artist Jean-Pierre Ferland (Modern Era).

The CSHF will bestow the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA) Legacy Award to one of Canada's most prolific vocal artists, Canadian tenor, Henry Burr. A second legacy award, now called The Prix du Patrimoine Frank Davies after the founder of the CSHF, will be awarded to Canadian folk music impresario, Sam Gesser.

Among the 25 songs being inducted this year are Canadian classics: *Spinning Wheel* by David Clayton-Thomas who will perform his own classic at the Gala; *Comme j'ai toujours envie d'aimer* (Marc Hamilton); *You Were On My Mind* (Sylvia Fricker (Tyson)); *Un Canadien errant* (Antoine Gérin-Lajoie); *How About You?* (Ralph Freed, Burton Lane); *Dans nos vieilles maisons* (Muriel Millard); and Georges Langford's *Le Frigidaire* which will be sung by quirky Quebec rockers Karkwa.

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 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 core-funding partners are: the 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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