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CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2006 INDUCTEES INCLUDING THE LEGENDARY LEONARD COHEN, GILLES VIGNEAULT, ANNE MURRAY AND LUCILLE DUMONT 5 Songwriters, 26 Songs, 3 Legacy Award Winners to Enter Hall of Fame February 5, 2006

"To honour, celebrate, and educate Canadians about the outstanding accomplishments of Canadian popular music songwriters and those who have contributed significantly to their legacy."

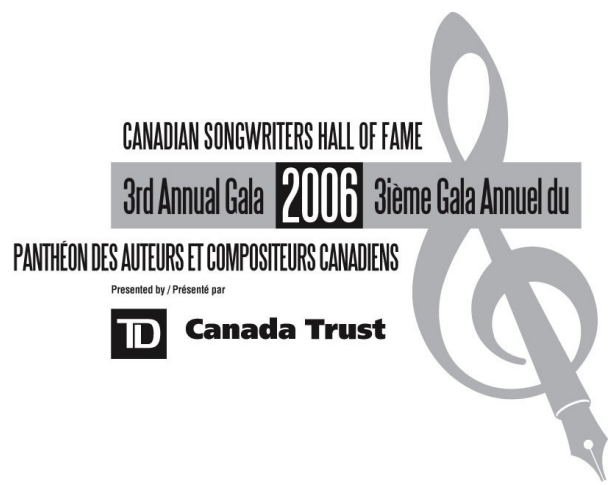
TORONTO - Wednesday, November 16, 2005 - The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF)/ Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens today announced its 2006 inductees, which include five legendary songwriters, 26 timeless songs, as well as three Legacy Award recipients. The 2006 inductees, including the legendary **Leonard Cohen** and **Gilles Vigneault**, will be honoured at the CSHF's 3rd Annual Gala, presented by TD Canada Trust, on February 5, 2006 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's John Bassett Theatre. Hosted by Andrew Craig from CBC Radio Two's In Performance and CBC Radio-Canada's Sophie Durocher, the Gala, featuring performances by Canada's hottest recording artists, will be broadcast nationally on Mon., February 6, 2006 on CBC Radio One from 11 am - noon and on CBC Radio Two will from 8 - 10 pm. As well, Espace musique will air highlights during their morning show from 10 am - noon.

Taking their place alongside Canada's most revered musical craftsmen, the five 2006 CSHF songwriter inductees are: ragtime composer William Eckstein (The Pioneers Era), big band giant Carmen Lombardo and classical composer and lyricist Lionel Daunais (Radio Era), and world-renowned songwriter/poets Gilles Vigneault and Leonard Cohen (Modern Era). 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 support of, the Canadian songwriting industry.

"The 2006 CSHF inductees exemplify the profound wealth of talent that exists in Canada. Our songwriters have helped define our cultural and musical landscape and it is with great excitement and respect that we recognize their invaluable contribution," said CSHF Chairman Peter Steinmetz.

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).

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Said CSHF Board Member Diane Pinet, "The Canadian Songwriters Hall Of Fame Gala is an amazing journey through time where we celebrate our songs and songwriters, songs which soared to such unexpected heights and surprised many because of their roots. What a wonderful and rich legacy to pass on to the next generation."

Added CSHF Executive Director Jody Scotchmer, "We're delighted to welcome TD Canada Trust as our presenting sponsor of the CSHF 3rd Annual Gala. TD Canada Trust is proud to play a role in fostering an appreciation of our Canadian artists who help define our national identity on the world scene. It is through their fantastic support, along with our founding patrons and partners, that we are able to share the story of our songwriters with all Canadians, as we've done with our inductees like Gordon Lightfoot, Félix Leclerc, Randy Bachman, Raymond Lévesque, Burton Cummings, Claude Léveillé, and Hank Snow. These gifted musical poets have written the hits for themselves and the world's biggest stars, from Ella Fitzgerald to Elvis Presley. It's their music that will resonate on February 5."

A stellar line-up of featured performers for the 3rd Annual CSHF Gala will be announced in the coming weeks. Limited tickets start at \$175 and will be on sale as of November 17, 2005. Visit www.cansong.ca or call 416.469.9619 for more information.

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) /Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens is a bilingual, apolitical, 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 founding partners are: EMI Music Canada, the Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Records (FACTOR), the SOCAN Foundation, 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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