

# Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame

## Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens

### **THE CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT, ACCLAIMED SONGWRITER EDDIE SCHWARTZ**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – APRIL 4 – TORONTO** - The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF)/Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (PACC) is pleased to announce the appointment of internationally renowned songwriter and artist Eddie Schwartz as President of the organization, effective immediately.

Mr. Schwartz, a prolific songwriter from Toronto now residing in Nashville, TN, succeeds legendary songwriter, Sylvia Tyson, who held the position for the past three years.

Schwartz is best known for penning over 200 hit songs including *Hit Me with Your Best Shot* (Pat Benetar), *Don't Shed a Tear* (Paul Carrack), *The Doctor* (the Doobie Brothers) and *When There's Time For Love* (Lawrence Gowen). His songs have been covered widely by artists such as Joe Cocker, Carly Simon, Peter Frampton, Robert Palmer, Jeffrey Osborne, Donna Summer, Rita Coolidge, Rascal Flatts, Amy Sky, April Wine, Matt Minglewood and Mountain.

"I'm so pleased, as we look forward to our fourth annual gala and continue to grow as an important Canadian institution, that we welcome Eddie Schwartz to the helm of the CSHF alongside our Chairman Peter Steinmetz. Eddie brings a wealth of cultural and organizational knowledge to the Board, and his solid relationships within the international music community will no doubt prove invaluable," said CSHF Executive Director Jody Scotchmer.

Schwartz has won numerous music industry awards including multiple Juno, BMI, and SOCAN awards including SOCAN's prestigious William Harold Moon award. He also is an artist in his own right and has released four albums that have garnered international acclaim.

"The CSHF is illuminating our magnificent musical heritage," said CSHF President Eddie Schwartz. "It is an inspired cause that is deepening our appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a Canadian, both Francophone and Anglophone, and I am very proud to be associated with this worthy endeavour."

In addition to serving on the CSHF Board of Directors, Mr. Schwartz has actively served as a Board Member for many years with the Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC), SOCAN and CARAS.

#### **About the CSHF**

The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF) /Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens 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 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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