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**THE CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME ADDS PRESENTERS JANN ARDEN, PIERRE CURZI, MARIE-DENISE PELLETIER AND THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ADRIENNE CLARKSON PLUS PERFORMERS DIVINE BROWN, ESTHERO AND QUEBEC'S HOTTEST RISING STARS, TO ITS STELLAR LINE-UP**  
***New Block of Tickets for February 5 Gala Just Released!***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TORONTO – JANUARY 24** – The Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame (CSHF)/Le Panthéon des Auteurs et Compositeurs Canadiens (PACC) today announced that Canada's former Governor General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, will present 2006 CSHF inductee Leonard Cohen with his Modern Era award at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual gala, on Sunday, February 5 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Jann Arden will present Anne Murray with the 2006 CSHF Legacy Award, and UDA Président Pierre Curzi, star of Denys Arcand's *Le Barbarian Invasions* and *The Decline of the Amercian Empire*, will present Quebec icon Gilles Vigneault with his Modern Era Award. Singing sensation Marie Denise Pelletier will also join Curzi in presenting Lucille Dumont with her Legacy Award. As well, singer/songwriter Esthero will hit the stage with Bedouin Soundclash, Divine Brown will sing Oscar Brand's timeless *A Guy is a Guy* and Andy Kim will deliver the inducted song *Sugar Sugar*.

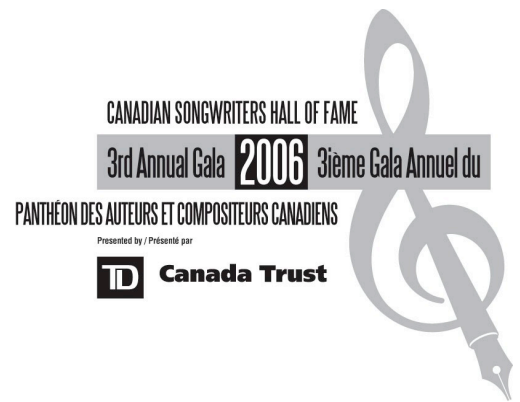
A new, limited block of tickets for the highly anticipated CSHF gala has just been released and can be purchased by calling 416.469.9619 or visiting [www.cansong.ca](http://www.cansong.ca).

Some of Quebec's hottest, emerging talent will join gala performers Willie Nelson, k.d. lang, Claire Pelletier, Rufus Wainwright, Andy Kim, Jully Black, Sarah Slean, The Stampeters, Doc Walker, Bedouin Soundclash, Louise Pitre, and Marie-Mai and Fred St-Gelais.

"This year, the CSHF Gala will showcase some of Quebec's incredible new performers like Marabu and Lynda Thalie. They're going to take traditional songs that Quebecers know and love and through new arrangements, present them to a new generation of music lovers," said CSHF Board Member and President of XXII Productions, Martin Duchesne.

A modern day Simon and Garfunkel, the hot new duo **Marabu** will perform *La Manic* by Georges Dor; **Martin Léon** accompanied by pianist **Jessica Vigneault**, will perform Gilles Vigneault's *Mon pays*; sweet-voiced **Amélie Veille** will sing one of CSHF Legacy Award winner Lucille Dumont's biggest hits, *Tête heureuse*, and **Online** will perform a hip-hop medley that will include *À Québec au clair de lune* by Marius Delisle, *Les nuits de Montréal* by Jean Rafa (co-written with Émile Prud'homme) and *La Parenté* by Jean-Paul Fillion. Algerian-born **Lynda Thalie** will deliver her rendition of Félix Leclerc's *Le tour de l'île*.

The CSHF 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala, hosted by CBC Radios' Andrew Craig and Radio-Canada's Sophie Durocher, will be broadcast nationally on Monday, February 6 on CBC Radio One from 11 a.m. to noon and on CBC Radio Two from 8 to 10 p.m. EST. As well, Radio-Canada's Espace Musique will air highlights from 10 a.m. to noon. CBC Television will broadcast a one-hour special presentation of the 2006 Gala on Monday, March 6 at 9 p.m. (9:30 p.m. NT), including salutes to Leonard Cohen and Anne Murray.



Five songwriters, twenty-six songs and three Legacy Award recipients will be honoured at the Gala, including big band giant Carmen Lombardo, record industry pioneer Herbert Samuel Berliner, composer and lyricist Lionel Daunais, and early jazz master William Eckstein. Past inductees in the hall of fame include Gordon Lightfoot, Claude Léveillée, Burton Cummings and Randy Bachman, and Raymond Lévesque.

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For further information, including a full list of inductees, bios and photos, please visit [www.cansong.ca](http://www.cansong.ca).

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