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## News Release

### CHANTAL KREVIAZUK TO PERFORM AT GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS GALA

**June 2, 2016 – Ottawa** – Canada's National Arts Centre (NAC) is delighted to announce that three-time JUNO Award-winning singer-songwriter **Chantal Kreviazuk** will perform a musical tribute with the NAC Orchestra at the Governor General's Performing Arts Award Gala on June 11, 2016. The Awards are Canada's highest honour in the performing arts. Tickets are still available at the NAC Box Office and through Ticketmaster, 1-888-991-2787 or [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca).

Chantal Kreviazuk's new album *Hard Sail* will be released on June 17 – her sixth studio release of her career, and her first in six years. Ms. Kreviazuk will also return to the NAC on November 12 to perform in the NAC Theatre as part of *NAC Presents*, the NAC's all-Canadian music series in partnership with BMO Financial Group.

On top of her musical passion for crafting songs, she has spent the last few years focused on raising her three sons with her husband Raine Maida, frontman of Our Lady Peace. Most recently, she has written for Drake ("Over My Dead Body"), Pitbull ("Feel This Moment") and Jay Rock ("Pay For It"), which she performed alongside Jay Rock and Kendrick Lamar on Saturday Night Live in November 2015. She has also penned tracks for Britney Spears, Jennifer Lopez, Gwen Stefani, Avril Lavigne, Kelly Clarkson, Josh Groban and Carrie Underwood.

Ms. Kreviazuk and Mr. Maida became members of the Order of Canada, in recognition of their efforts to raise awareness and support for numerous causes, including human and animal rights, mental health, education and the environment. Ms. Kreviazuk has been an ambassador to War Child for 16 years and is one of the organization's founding artists. She is also a proud supporter of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Polar Bears International, First Nations People, Sick Kids Hospital and Children's Hospital Foundation in Winnipeg. Last year, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Winnipeg, her alma mater.

### ABOUT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Created in 1992, the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards are Canada's highest honour in the performing arts. This year's laureates for Lifetime Artistic Achievement are **Susan Aglukark, Marie Chouinard, Ben Heppner, Robert Lantos** and **Suzanne Lebeau**. Two other distinguished national awards are also

conferred each year as complements to the GGPAA for Lifetime Artistic Achievement. This year **John D McKellar** will receive the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, while **Michael Bubl ** is the recipient of the National Arts Centre Award, which recognizes exceptional achievement over the past performance year. (Mr. Bubl  will receive his award in 2017, due to vocal cord surgery.)

The 2016 laureates will be honoured at various events in Ottawa from June 9–11. On June 9, they will attend a lunch hosted by the Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons, and be introduced in the House of Commons, followed by a parliamentary reception. On June 10, the recipients will receive their awards at a ceremony and reception at Rideau Hall. And on June 11, the National Arts Centre will host a star-studded gala featuring superb performances, evocative film portraits by the **National Film Board**, and personal tributes by guest stars.

## **PARTNERS**

The National Arts Centre is proud to produce the 2016 Governor General’s Performing Arts Awards Gala in partnership with the Governor General’s Performing Arts Awards Foundation. The Awards are presented with the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canada Council for the Arts. The GGPAAF gratefully acknowledges **Enbridge** as Presenting Sponsor of the GGPAA Gala. Grateful thanks also go to the GGPAA Gala’s National Committee of volunteers, led by Honorary Chair Suzanne Rogers and Co-Chairs Kate Alexander Daniels and Salah Bachir.

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