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**Colm Feore to host Governor General's Performing Arts Awards
Gala at the National Arts Centre on June 1, 2013**

Ottawa (Canada) — The National Arts Centre is delighted to announce that Canadian film, television and stage actor Colm Feore will host the star-studded Governor General's Performing Arts Awards (GGPAA) Gala on June 1, in celebration of the outstanding body of work and enduring contribution to the performing arts in Canada by eight extraordinary Canadians.

Mr. Feore, who has acted as master of ceremonies for the Gala for the past three years, has a distinguished body of work spanning more than 30 years, and he continues to enjoy an extremely busy career. He is currently shooting *The Amazing Spiderman 2* and just finished season one of *Revolution* for NBC. He appeared recently in the CBS series *The Good Wife* and season three of Neil Jordan's *The Borgias*, and completed his third season of *Museum Secrets*, which he narrates for the History Channel. Among dozens of other film roles, Mr. Feore received a Genie nomination for his starring role in the wildly successful *Bon Cop, Bad Cop* and also starred in the Genie Award-winning film *The Trotsky*.

A fine stage actor, his Stratford Shakespeare Festival roles include Macbeth in *Macbeth* and Cyrano in *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Coriolanus, Fagin in *Oliver*, Hamlet, Romeo, Richard III, Iago, Petruchio, and Henry Higgins (*My Fair Lady*). He also played Cassius opposite Denzel Washington in *Julius Caesar* on Broadway, for which he received the St. Clair Bayfield Award.

Created in 1992, the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards are Canada's highest honour for the performing arts. This year's laureates for Lifetime Artistic Achievement are **Andrew Dawes, Daniel Lanois, Jean Pierre Lefebvre, Viola Léger, Eric Peterson** and **Menaka Thakkar**. Two other distinguished national awards are also conferred each year as complements to the GGPAA for lifetime artistic achievement. This year **Jean Pierre Desrosiers** will receive the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, while **Sarah Polley** is the recipient of the National Arts Centre Award, which recognizes exceptional achievement over the past performance year. This year's Mentorship Program, which serves as an investment in future artistic achievement, pairs playwright and past laureate **John Murrell** with mid-career actress, dancer and playwright **Anita Majumdar** as his protégée.

The National Arts Centre is proud to produce the 2013 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala in partnership with the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation and the National Film Board of Canada. 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.

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Grateful thanks also go to the GGPAA Gala's National Committee of volunteers, led by Honorary Chair The Hon. Hilary M. Weston, CM, OOnt of Toronto; Co-Chairs Susan Glass, CM, and Arni Thorsteinson of Winnipeg; and Vice-Chair Kate Alexander Daniels of Toronto.

Tickets for the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala on Saturday, June 1, 2013 are available at the NAC Box Office and through Ticketmaster, 1-888-991-2787 or at www.ticketmaster.ca.

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