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Canadian Music Centre Announces Esther Gelber Fund Commission Art of Time Ensemble presents Jonathan Goldsmith

Toronto, ON (May 17, 2011) – The **Canadian Music Centre** is proud to announce the performance of a new commission provided for by the **Esther Gelber Fund**. The Fund is administered by the **Canadian Music Centre (CMC)** and was created by sisters **Nance Gelber, Patty Rubin, Judith Gelber** and **Sara Charney** in 2007 to honour their late mother, Esther Gelber, a well-known Toronto arts supporter and philanthropist. The fund provides performing artists the opportunity to select and commission a composer of their choice whose original composition they will debut. CMC's Executive Director Elisabeth Bihl agrees, "the uniqueness of the **Esther Gelber Fund's** purpose is that it ensures that a commissioned work will become a living work, one that the artists will perform many times over."

The **Art of Time Ensemble** commission, by award-winning composer **Jonathan Goldsmith**, made possible through the **Esther Gelber Fund**, will have its world premiere on Tuesday, May 24 when **Art of Time Ensemble presents The Songbook 5 featuring Sarah Slean** at the EnWave Theatre at the Harbourfront Centre (231 Queens Quay West). There will be an encore performance on Wednesday May 25.

Esther Gelber and her husband Arthur Gelber were both passionate about the visual arts, music, theatre and dance and became very active in the Toronto cultural scene with a number of organizations including COMUS Music Theatre of Canada, the National Ballet, and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

"Our mother was a major supporter of new initiatives, and wanted artists to have the chance to create and perform new work," said Patty Rubin, the second daughter of Esther Gelber. "Torontonians are very generous in their support of the arts, and this has been particularly evident in the many 'bricks and mortar' campaigns that are transforming the face of the city. Through the fund, my sisters and I hope to raise awareness that commissioning work is another great option for people who are interested in supporting the arts."

Tickets to *Art of Time Ensemble presents The Songbook 5 featuring Sarah Slean* on Tuesday May 24 and Wednesday May 25 at 8:00pm, are available through the Harbourfront Centre Box Office by calling 416-973-4000 or online at <http://tickets.harbourfrontcentre.com/>

Jonathan Goldsmith is a much sought-after musician, arranger and composer. His works include Sarah Polley's first feature, *Away From Her*, Sturla Gunnarsson's features, *Such A Long Journey* and *Rare Birds*, and *Tenderness*, starring Russell Crowe. In addition to his thirteen Gemini nominations and three Genie nominations, he has won three Gemini awards and a British Academy of Film and Television Award (BAFTA) for his work on the acclaimed British-Canadian co-production *Sex Traffic*.

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Now celebrating its twelfth season, **Art of Time Ensemble** is one of Canada's most innovative and artistically accomplished music ensembles. Renowned for performing daring new works, **Art of Time's** core ensemble members include such supremely talented musicians as Stephen Sitariski (concertmaster of the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony); violist violinist Steven Dann (soloist and former principal violist of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Toronto Symphony, Vancouver Symphony and the National Arts Centre orchestra; cellist Thomas Wiebe (soloist, member of the Duke Trio and Professor at the University of Western Ontario); Joel Quarrington (principal bassist for the Toronto Symphony and the National Arts Centre Orchestra); Phil Dwyer (renowned composer, arranger and saxophonist); Rob Piltch (the great Canadian guitarist and former member of the band Blood Sweat and Tears); and Jonathan Goldsmith (composer, arranger, producer, pianist, and recipient of the 2011 Esther Gelber Fund Commission).

The **Canadian Music Centre (CMC)** is Canada's largest community of professional composers. It promotes, publishes and distributes the music of Canada's contemporary music composers across the country and around the world. With over 800 established Associate Composers to date, the CMC is Canada's primary resource for scores, parts, recordings and information about Canadian composition. It plays an essential role in documenting, preserving, and facilitating the growth of Canadian musical culture through its *Centrediscs* recording label, libraries, events, and online social network. Learn more about the CMC at www.musiccentre.ca, www.Facebook.com/canadianmusic, www.twitter.com/CMCNational, or visit one of its five regional centres across Canada.

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