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**VANCOUVER OPERA RECEIVES LARGEST SPECIAL-EVENT
SPONSORSHIP IN ITS HISTORY**

Vancouver, BC ~ Vancouver Opera is proud to recognize the support of **Scotiabank Group** for the **Scotiabank Group Golden Anniversary Concert & Gala** on November 6, 2009, celebrating 50 years of touching lives with music, drama and spectacle.

Scotiabank Group is the title sponsor for this very special celebration with a generous Diamond Level contribution of \$100,000. This is the largest special-event sponsorship in the history of Vancouver Opera.

"We are extremely grateful to Scotiabank Group for its generosity on this very special occasion," said VO's General Director **James W. Wright**. "We are thrilled to have them on board as we toast VO's illustrious past and shining future. Through its support of this special fundraising celebration, Scotiabank Group shows that it recognizes the value of all that Vancouver Opera has brought to the community over five decades: exciting mainstage productions, popular education and touring programs that have reached more than 1.6 million children, and innovative community-engagement events that directly connect this marvelous art form to people's lives. This sponsorship also showcases Scotiabank Group's commitment to our community and province, for which we are all very grateful."

Scotiabank Group Golden Anniversary Concert & Gala information

Vancouver Opera invites all to celebrate this milestone season with a sublime evening of sumptuous dining, gracious company and magnificent performances.

The Scotiabank Group Golden Anniversary Concert & Gala celebration takes place on Friday, November 6, 2009.

The Concert begins at 7:00pm at the Orpheum Theatre; the Gala begins at 8:30pm at the historic Commodore Ballroom.

Tickets to the Scotiabank Group Golden Anniversary Concert are \$19 - \$75 and are available at www.vancouveropera.ca or through the VO Ticket Centre at 604-683-0222.

Gala Package tickets include both the Concert and Gala portions of the evening as well as a private pre-Concert Reception. The Gala Package is \$650 (includes \$300 tax receipt) and is available exclusively through the VO Ticket Centre at 604-683-0222.

Artists and program are subject to change