



Art of Jazz Presents...

Maynooth Global Music Festival August 20-22, 2010 – Maynooth, Ontario

Art of Jazz welcomes the legendary Sheila Jordan, the incomparable Jane Bunnett, Bluesmen Madagascar Slim and Jimmy Bowskill, Bill King and more to help celebrate the Grand Opening of the Hastings County Cultural Centre

(For Immediate Release – August 4, 2010) Toronto, ON – The Global Music Festival, taking place from August 20 – 22nd in Maynooth, Ontario features artists from Cuba to Africa, New York to Madagascar. The line-up for the first annual festival will include: **Jane Bunnett, Sheila Jordan, Jimmy Bowskill, Bill King, Madagascar Slim, Telmary and Bonnie Lester**. Other highlights of this year's event will include programs designed for children of all ages including workshops, drumming sessions, storytelling time. This inaugural festival celebrates the grand opening of the new Hastings Highlands Cultural Centre at 33911 Highway 62 North in Maynooth Ontario and is supported by the Ontario Arts Council.

Blues, jazz and world music will be performed throughout the weekend with venues at the new Cultural Centre, the Arlington Hotel and outdoors.

“We are honoured to be part of the grand opening of this wonderful new facility that includes a beautiful new library, auditorium, municipal office and outdoor courtyard to the Town of Maynooth,” says Jane Bunnett, a founder and Artistic Director of the Art of Jazz. We are thrilled with the participation of this year's line-up of gifted musicians,— all joining us to celebrate the grand opening through art of music that embraces tradition and change simultaneously and that speaks to the freedom to innovate.”

On Friday, AUGUST 20th, the Art of Jazz presents the Arlington Blues with Canada's very own **Jimmy Bowskill** and special guests, **Madagascar Slim, Bill King** and **Bonnie Lester**. Tickets are \$15. This year's festival shines a spotlight on the brilliance of Afro Cuban music. Canada's multiple Juno award winner, Grammy nominee and recipient of the Order of Canada for the extraordinary work she has produced, **Jane Bunnett**, will be presenting her newest project, Jane Bunnett's Afro Cuban Blues Project on AUGUST 21st at 8 pm in the Cultural Centre auditorium. Tickets are \$15. Throughout the weekend, Cuban and African rhythms will be echoing through the town including performances by internationally recognized African bluesman Madagascar Slim, Cuban vocalist **Telmary**, African percussionist Altaf and more.

On Sunday, AUGUST 22nd, the Art of Jazz welcomes the **Sheila Jordan**. With a career that spans six decades, Art of Jazz is thrilled to welcome the legendary jazz vocalist, close friend and supporter, Sheila Jordan to Ontario's north. This legendary jazz vocalist and close friend and supporter of the Art of Jazz will be joined by other jazz and blues vocalists for an afternoon of extraordinary song Sunday August 22nd, at 2 pm .

**THE 1st Annual Maynooth Global Music Festival– FRIDAY AUGUST 20 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010
HAYSTINGS HIGHLANDS CULTURAL CENTRE, MAYNOOTH ONTARIO**

About Art of Jazz: *Art of Jazz is an artist-founded, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the cultivation of jazz education and performance. Founded in 2005, the organization's mission is three-fold: to provide jazz education and mentorship programs to a new generation of artists and audiences in Canada; to present innovative-year-round programming; and to build a permanent home for jazz in Toronto. For more information on Art of Jazz visit: www.artofjazz.org*