



Music Director Jeanne Lamon Winner of the 2006 Roy Thomson Hall Award of Exceptional Achievement in Music

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Tafelmusik is pleased to announce that **Music Director Jeanne Lamon** is the 2006 recipient of the **Roy Thomson Hall Award of Exceptional Achievement in Music**. Jeanne was presented with the award earlier today at the inaugural Mayor's Arts Awards Lunch at the Fairmount Royal York, presented by the Toronto Arts Council Foundation.

Established in 1984 by the Roy Thomson Hall's Volunteer Committee and administered through the Toronto Arts Council Foundation since 2002, the Roy Thomson Hall Award of Exceptional Achievement in Music is a \$10,000 cash prize awarded to individuals, ensembles or organizations in recognition of their contribution to Toronto's music life through their creative, performing, administrative, volunteer or philanthropic endeavours. Past recipients of this award include Molly Johnson, singer and songwriter (2004) and Roger D. Moore, one of Toronto's most loved philanthropists (2002).

This award comes during Jeanne Lamon's 25th anniversary season as Tafelmusik's Music Director. "Jeanne Lamon has made an extraordinary cultural contribution to Toronto and to Canada. We are thrilled that her exceptional achievement in music and her contribution to Toronto's musical life have been so warmly honoured with this award," says Kevin Aalto, President, Tafelmusik Board of Directors.

Through Jeanne's leadership, Tafelmusik has garnered 9 Juno Awards, a Grammy Award nomination, and an international reputation as "one of the world's top baroque orchestras" (*Gramophone*). Jeanne was also awarded the first Muriel Sherrin Award in 1996, an honorary Doctor of Letters from York University in 1994, the Canada Council's prestigious Molson Prize in 1999, a 2000 appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada, and 2004 Musician of the Year from the Toronto Musicians Association.

"It is very exciting to receive the Roy Thomson Hall Award, and I thank the Toronto Arts Council Foundation for this great honour. It is an even greater privilege to have participated in the development of the rich and diverse cultural life of this city over the past 25 years. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by the many excellent and talented artists of all disciplines who live and work in our world-class city," says Jeanne Lamon.

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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon and founded in 1979, is one of the world's leading period performance ensembles. All members of the orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice, and their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. This season, Music Director Jeanne Lamon celebrates 25 years of inspired leadership of Tafelmusik. Tafelmusik is the Baroque Orchestra-in-Residence at the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto. The Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, specializing in baroque performance practice and vocal technique, was formed in 1981 to complement the orchestra and celebrates its 25th anniversary this season. Tafelmusik performs over 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, has released over 70 CDs and has received 9 Juno Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination.

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