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Top Canadian Personalities, William Littler and Charles Pachter to Deliver Keynote Addresses at ARTS & Performance

(Banff, Canada, October 14, 2003) Two prominent figures in the Canadian arts community will address delegates at the first-ever World Congress of Arts Producers & Performance, November 5 to 8, 2003 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Canada. Longstanding Canadian music and dance critic for the Toronto Star, **William Littler**; and one of the country's leading contemporary artists, **Charles Pachter**; will present Keynote Speeches as a part of this three-day forum designed to address current issues and trends and explore best practices in arts and performance programming.

On Thursday, November 6, Charles Pachter will present the Opening Keynote Address on the theme of iconography and popular culture. Mr. Pachter is noted for his work as a painter, printmaker, sculptor, designer, historian and lecturer. His images of the Queen, moose and maple leaf flag are popular icons of Canadian art. Mr. Pachter's works hang in public and private collections around the world including London, New York, Berlin, Paris, Shanghai, Los Angeles and Tokyo. He is a member of the Order of Canada, and a Chevalier of France's Order of Arts and Letters.

William Littler will deliver the Closing Keynote Address on Saturday, November 8 presenting "The Arts in the Age of Television." A Vancouver native, Mr. Littler is the longest serving Canadian music critic, having covered the music scene, as well as dance, for over 30 years for the Toronto Star. Mr. Littler is a founding vice president of the Paris-based International Music Critics Association and was founding chairman of the Dance Critics Association (of North America). He has contributed to periodicals and publications in music and dance and written for and appeared regularly on television and radio.

The World Congress of Arts Producers & Performance takes place November 5 to 8, 2003 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Canada. Patron of the event is Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. Major funders are the Canada Council for the Arts, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. Host broadcaster is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Radio-Canada in association with ARTV. ARTS & Performance will address key issues, explore creative and business opportunities, investigate areas of funding and new formats, examine future trends, and celebrate excellence in programming. For more information and to register, go to www.banffmedia.com.

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