

MEDIA ADVISORY

TORONTO GRACE HOSPITAL TO HOLD FIRST GALA EVENING TO SUPPORT PATIENTS IN THEIR LAST DAYS

- WHO:** Toronto Grace Hospital and Toronto Grace Foundation
- WHAT:** Tuesday, March 21st, Toronto Grace Hospital will host its first gala evening. The benefit will feature a preview performance of The Lord of the Rings at the Princess of Wales Theatre.
- WHERE:** Original Motorcycle Café - 355 King Street West - Reception & Dinner - 4:30 p.m.-6:20 p.m.
Princess of Wales Theatre - 300 King Street West - Performance & Reception - 7:00 p.m.- 11:30p.m.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 21st, 2006
Reception and dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
The Lord of the Rings performance from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Gala reception and art sale 10:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- WHY:** This gala benefit evening will support Toronto Grace Hospital, a 119 bed facility providing palliative and complex continuing care to patients in their last days. This Toronto landmark at the corner of Church and Bloor has been ministering its special blend of care continuously for the last 100 years.
- Guests expected include gala co-chairs Jeannie Butler and John Welch; the Rt. Honourable Joe Clark and Maureen McTeer; the Hon Barbara McDougall and representatives from the Canadian Auto Workers, Towers Perrin, Scotiabank, Dominion Insurance; EllisDon, Rogers Cable, Signature Vacations and Swiss Re.
- Proceeds from the evening will go to work advancing the provision of palliative care at Toronto Grace. Funds will help recruit and train palliative care health professionals, pay for special programs and services for those with terminal illnesses, and to help ease the challenges of dying with dignity.
- For further information, contact Carrie Schmidt at 416-925-2251 at ext. 283 and also see the attached release.

TORONTO GRACE HOSPITAL – March 21st GALA EVENING

TORONTO – On Tuesday, March 21, 2006, Toronto Grace Hospital hosts its first gala, a performance of The Lord of the Rings at the Princess of Wales Theatre. Proceeds from the evening will benefit palliative and complex continuing care patients at Toronto Grace.

The Lord of the Rings book trilogy has sold more than 200 million copies around the world. Now, J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings is coming to the stage. An acclaimed international creative team has combined all three books into one unmissable theatre event. With a thrilling score, a spectacular design and an ensemble cast of over 65 actors, singers and musicians, The Lord of the Rings is the biggest and most ambitious theatrical production ever staged.

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A Gala Committee has been formed to help promote the event. The committee is co-chaired by John Welch of Toron Investment Management and Jeannie Butler. Canadian luminaries on the committee include: Bluma Appel; Bruno Antidormi an Executive Vice President with EllisDon; George Cooke the CEO of Dominion of Canada Insurance; Charlie Coffey an executive with Royal Bank; sports and entertainment lawyer Gord Kirke; lawyer and advocate Marie Rounding; The Hon. Margaret Norrie McCain; Maureen McTeer; and Bernard Ostry amongst a group of prominent Canadians.

Gord Martineau will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening's festivities which will begin with dinner at the Original Motorcycle Café on King Street and move on to The Lord of the Rings at the Princess of Wales Theatre, followed by a gala reception and art sale of donated works from some of Canada's top visual artists.

To find out how you can support Toronto Grace Hospital and for more information please call Carrie Schmidt at 416-925-2251, ext. 283.