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BRIAN WILSON TO BE HONOURED WITH CALGARY WHITE HAT ON JUNE 25, 2011

Vancouver, BC ~ Brian Wilson, one of the great composers of the last century, will be presented with an honorary Calgary White Hat on Saturday, June 25 at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

The Calgary White Hat has been presented to visiting musicians, actors, dignitaries, heads of state, prime ministers, presidents and royalty since 1948. It is a symbol of friendship and western hospitality on behalf of the City of Calgary and The Calgary Stampede. The Calgary White Hat is an honour bestowed upon visiting guests and dignitaries as a token of their experience in Calgary. Recent notable recipients include The Dalai Lama, former U.S. President Bill Clinton and The Rolling Stones. The presentation will celebrate Brian Wilson as an honorary citizen of Calgary and is akin to receiving keys to the city.

Brian Wilson is currently on his first-ever cross-Canada tour and his show has been receiving rave reviews...

"Wilson's arrangements of Gershwin, as well as his own Beach Boys' catalogue clearly made this one of the more significant pop concerts of the year. For the first time ever, I understood why they call Brian Wilson an American genius." – Ottawa Sun

"Other than to say these renditions were delivered note-perfect and received by the mostly middle-aged crowd with a deeply warm and fuzzy sense of nostalgia, a set of the Beach Boys' greatest hits as performed by their gifted creator requires no further critique. It was absolutely amazing." – The Grid, Toronto

"Brian Wilson sends out good vibrations in Montreal.....so given the personal demons that still visibly stalk him, how is it that Wilson can still deliver a near-perfect show, with too many high points to count? It's what he did Friday night at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier of Place des Arts - and for those who debated going and decided against it, prepare to kick yourselves for days". – Montreal Gazette

"I...I love the colourful clothes she wears," crooned Wilson on his '66 "pocket symphony," Good Vibrations, and you could feel the audience hold its collective breath as the music - vital, imposing, bubbling with intensity - oozed over them like a crashing wave. In that moment, it was like watching Da Vinci paint the Mona Lisa or Olivier play Hamlet." – The Record, Kitchener

Brian Wilson and his extraordinary 16-piece band – one that Sir Paul McCartney calls “one of the best touring bands in the world” – will complete the remainder of the Canadian tour with performances in the following cities:

June 23: Regina, SK at Conexus Arts Centre

June 25: Calgary, AB at Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

June 26: Edmonton, AB at Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

June 28: Vancouver, BC at Queen Elizabeth Theatre

For more information, please visit <http://www.brianwilson.com>.

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