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Marky Weinstock, Bill Harley chosen for family music showcases at Ontario Council of Folk Festivals Conference

OTTAWA, July 22, 2010 – A musician and educator from Toronto and a two-time Grammy winner will showcase their talents for family music presenters at the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals (OCFF) conference this October.

“Our family showcases give presenters who work with children's and family music a chance to show their talents to dozens of presenters at the conference. It's a great opportunity for them,” said Peter MacDonald, Executive Director of the OCFF.

The 2010 Family Showcase artists are:

Marky Weinstock (Ontario): Marky Weinstock has been running family music programming at schools, festivals & community centres across the country for over a decade. He is an award winning songwriter and respected educator who draws on his experiences as an international performer, healthcare worker, & music teacher to create a program filled with singing, group participation, and smiles.

Bill Harley (Massachusetts): A two-time Grammy award-winning artist and recipient of the Magic Penny Award from the Children's Music Network, Bill Harley uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. His work spans the generation gap, reminds us of our common humanity and challenges us to be our very best selves. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill is also a regular commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered" and featured on PBS.

The Ontario Council of Folk Festivals serves festivals, organizations and individuals involved in Ontario's traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music industry with programs that meet the diverse needs of each of its members. Performers, presenters, producers and supports are all eligible to join OCFF.

The OCFF's 24th annual Conference take place from October 14-17 in Ottawa. Canada's largest folk and roots music-focused conference, it brings the community together to take in professional development sessions, enjoy a gala dinner, network and make and listen to music late into the evening.

The conference has become an indispensable meeting place for organizations, musicians, artistic directors, promoters, managers, agents, media representatives and the others who contribute to the health and vitality of Canada's multicultural folk and roots music community.

The complete conference schedule will be available soon at www.ocff.ca; conference registration is now available on-line or via phone at 613-560-5997 or toll free at 1-866-292-6233.

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