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Creation and Innovation at its Best – Special Fundraiser for the Kinnear Centre, at the Banff Centre

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CALGARY, ALBERTACalling all art lovers and aficionados of classic Canadian and British music, Jim Kinnear of Kinnear Financial, renowned for his hospitality, is hosting a special evening at the Calgary Hyatt Regency this Wednesday, November 28. Start your holiday shopping early with amazing silent auction items or a selection of art pieces from well-known Canadian artists such as John Little, Horace Champagne and George Horvath – or consider a vacation package to Scotland. Dance to live entertainment with treasured tunes by Beverley Mahood, John McDermott, Jens Lindemann and UK-based Rod Stewart tribute artist Gary Pease.

Billed as a “Celebration of Canada’s Creativity and Innovation in a Diamond Jubilee and Olympic year,” net proceeds will be dedicated towards supporting the cornerstone meeting facility at The Banff Centre, the Kinnear Centre for Creativity and Innovation, opened in July 2010 by HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

The Kinnear Centre supports intensive learning opportunities for the thousands of artists and leaders who attend programs and conferences at The Banff Centre every year. Its innovative multi-purpose learning spaces, state-of-the-art audiovisual systems, and generous informal meeting areas draw participants together, sparking new dialogue, collaboration and energy.

Mr. James S. Kinnear, Founder & President of Kinnear Financial and Founder of Pengrowth Energy Trust said, "The Banff Centre holds a special place in my heart. Its unique approach to leadership development programs, helps bring out people’s full potential leading us to find new solutions to the challenges we face. And in typical Canadian fashion, it has quietly become an international centre and destination because of the natural beauty surrounding it, and the quality of its arts, cultural, and leadership programs."

Mary Hofstetter, former President and CEO, The Banff Centre declared “Mr. Kinnear’s personal donation is the largest individual gift ever received by The Banff Centre. This legacy gift will enable the Centre to continue to support Canada’s most exceptional artists, creators, and leaders. Through the Kinnear Centre, we will continue to advance our vision for the future: supporting creative connections, interdisciplinary learning, and inspired leadership.”

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