

Glenbow Museum Announces 2006 Eric L. Harvie – Glenbow Award Winners

Calgary, AB (June 26, 2006) – Glenbow Museum is pleased to announce Mr. D’Arcy Levesque and Imperial Oil Limited as the 2006 winners of the 4th annual Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award, who will be honoured at an exclusive fundraising event at Glenbow Museum on Thursday, October 12, 2006.

Now in its fourth year, Glenbow Museum established the Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award in 2003 to recognize individuals and institutions who exemplify Glenbow founder Eric Lafferty Harvie’s legacy and vision, who in 1966 donated his impressive collection to the people of Alberta. Each year, Glenbow hosts a fundraising gala to present the awards to the recipients.

“The philanthropic spirit of Eric Harvie lives on with cultural advocates like D’Arcy Levesque and organizations such as Imperial Oil,” explains Mike Robinson, Glenbow President and CEO. “Their contributions in the arts, education and culture help foster a vibrant community and we congratulate them for continuing to play this vital role in Calgary and across the country.”

D’Arcy Levesque, Vice President of Public and Government Affairs for Enbridge Inc., has contributed greatly to the visual and performing arts in Alberta and Canada by not only serving on numerous boards but also by encouraging corporate industry to understand and appreciate the role that art plays in our lives. Mr. Levesque currently serves as Chair of the Alberta Ballet Board of Directors, previously served as Chair for Alberta College of Art and Design and he’s currently serving as Director of the National Theatre School of Canada. He has also held Board positions with the Edmonton Art Gallery and Calgary Opera and served as Founding President, Edmonton Business Council for the Visual Arts. Mr. Levesque was also instrumental in facilitating Enbridge’s support of Glenbow Museum’s 2005 spring exhibition, *Our River: Journey of the Bow*.

“As an unapologetic and passionate advocate of arts and culture in our community, I am truly honoured to receive this award,” said D’Arcy Levesque, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs of Enbridge. “My fervent hope is that Calgary continues to build on Eric Harvie's legacy and succeeds in being recognized as an unparalleled creative, cultural community.”

Imperial Oil Limited, the Eric Harvie – Glenbow Award’s institutional recipient, has been contributing to communities across Canada for 126 years since the company’s inception in 1880. Imperial Oil has been involved with Glenbow Museum since 1980 by supporting many programming initiatives including programs for the 2002 Glenbow-produced exhibition, *The Group of Seven in Western Canada* and Glenbow’s junior membership program, *Bo’s Buddies*, in 2004 and 2005. In February 2006, Imperial Oil announced a major donation to Glenbow Museum consisting of Imperial Oil’s extensive corporate archives, an endowment for the ongoing care, maintenance and access of the archival material, and a cash gift towards Glenbow’s new permanent *Mavericks* gallery on the history of southern Alberta scheduled to open in February 2007.

“We are grateful to receive this honour as Imperial Oil has a long and proud history of supporting the development and growth of communities across Canada,” said Tim Hearn, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Imperial Oil Limited. “We are delighted to now be part of the Glenbow tradition – an organization that truly represents Calgary's cultural, educational and historical community.”

Mr. Levesque and Imperial Oil will be honoured at an exclusive fundraising event and evening of celebration on Thursday, October 12, 2006. This year's event invites patrons to 'MUSEION' a Greek word meaning "*House of the Muses*" where according to ancient Greek myth nine goddesses presided over the arts and sciences inspiring artists to create new ideas and works. Set in the ancient Mediterranean with dinner and special presentations of Glenbow's major international exhibition, *Egypt, Greece and Rome: Art of the Ancient Mediterranean World*, the evening's guests will continue the Greek custom of honouring patron deities, as they celebrate the legacy of Glenbow's founder, Eric L. Harvie and his tradition of philanthropic and this continued commitment as demonstrated by Mr. Levesque and Imperial Oil.

The event is expected to raise \$225,000 net in support of Glenbow's international exhibitions program. Glenbow Museum is one of the most entrepreneurial museums in Canada generating over 65% of its revenue from fundraising, sponsorships, memberships, admissions and other business activities.

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**Additional background information on the
2006 Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award Recipients**

Mr. D'Arcy Levesque (individual recipient)

Vice President, Public and Government Affairs, Enbridge Inc.

D'Arcy Levesque joined Enbridge in July 2003 and is responsible for managing an integrated corporate communications, community and government relations program designed to build positive relationships with the company's key publics and stakeholders. In addition, Mr. Levesque is responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership with respect to media relations, aboriginal affairs, community investment and employee communications.

Active in community affairs and a dedicated arts supporter, Mr. Levesque currently serves as Chair, Alberta Board of Ballet Board of Directors and as a Director, National Theatre School of Canada. Previously, he has served as Chair, Alberta College of Art and Design and held Board positions with the Alberta Chamber of Resources, the Mining Association of Canada, Edmonton Business Council for Visual Arts, the Edmonton Art Gallery, Calgary Opera and the Petroleum Communications Foundation.

Imperial Oil Limited (institutional recipient)

Imperial Oil contributed more than \$15 million to enhance the well-being of communities across Canada in 2005, building on a tradition of corporate giving that began with the company's inception in 1880. More than 125 years later, Imperial is supporting organizations from coast-to-coast with an emphasis on education, environment, and the community. Imperial's goal is to contribute to building a life-long learning system in Canada that ranks among the best in the world.

One of the largest producers of crude oil and natural gas liquids and a major producer of natural gas, Imperial Oil is also Canada's largest refiner and marketer of petroleum products, sold primarily under the Esso and Mobil brands, and a major producer of petrochemicals.

For more information about Imperial's community investment activities, please visit www.imperialoil.ca.

Glenbow Museum

Glenbow Museum is one of Canada's most entrepreneurial museums. Through a variety of dynamic and changing exhibitions and programs along with a broad collection of artifacts, art, and historical documents, Glenbow Museum builds on a commitment to preserve western heritage while simultaneously provides visitors with a glimpse of the world beyond.

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**Eric L. Harvie – Glenbow Award
Backgrounder**

The Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award was established to recognize an individual and institution who exemplify Glenbow founder, Eric Lafferty Harvie's selfless philanthropy, vision and commitment to the arts and heritage in our community and beyond.

The winners of the Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award will be honoured at an intimate evening event at Glenbow Museum on Thursday, October 12, 2006 during this year's major international exhibition *Egypt, Greece and Rome: Art of the Ancient Mediterranean World*. The proceeds raised at this event go towards supporting Glenbow's international exhibitions program. Individuals and the corporate community can attend this evening through philanthropic gifts from \$1,000 - \$20,000. Patrons of this major fundraising initiative will travel back to the ancient Mediterranean. Glenbow Museum is aiming to net \$225,000 net in support of Glenbow's international exhibitions program.

Nominations for the 2007 Eric L. Harvie - Glenbow Award can be sent in writing and are reviewed by Glenbow's Board of Governors. Deadline for 2006 nominations is December 1, 2006.

Nominations are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- 1) Recognized as a champion of the arts;
- 2) Promotes the growth and development of arts in Calgary and beyond;
- 3) Plays a leadership role and is a role model;
- 4) Influences and affects change and makes a significant contribution.

2003 recipients: Mrs. Jenny Belzberg (individual) and Chevron Canada Resources (institution)

2004 recipients: The Rozsa Family (individual) and Petro-Canada (institution)

2005 recipients: Mr. Randal L. Oliver (individual) and Aim Trimark Investments (institution)

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