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**Canadian Icon GORDON LIGHTFOOT to perform in Atlantic Canada in May...  
TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY JANUARY 26**

Canada's most beloved cultural icon GORDON LIGHTFOOT will perform five exclusive performances this spring starting in Saint John, NB and concluding in St John's Newfoundland. Dates include:

Thursday May 10 – Saint John Harbour Station

Friday May 11 – Moncton Coliseum

Saturday May 12 – Halifax Metro Centre

Sunday May 13 - Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Sydney

Tuesday May 15 – St John's, NL Mile One Centre

The country's most famous troubadour has been performing across the country since February 2006 to packed houses and enthusiastic fans. Feeling healthy and upbeat, the 67-year old folk music legend says “ The pure pleasure of playing live never wears off, even after 40 years in the business. I am overjoyed to once again tour Atlantic Canada sharing my music in person with the people on the east coast.”

Born November 17, 1938 in Orillia, Ontario Gordon Lightfoot studied at Los Angeles' Westlake College of Music. He returned to Canada in the early 1960's and began performing at the Riverboat during Toronto's fabled folk scene. In 1966, his debut album *Lightfoot!* was released. Tracks such as *For Lovin Me*, *Early Mornin' Rain*, *Steel Rail Blues* and *Ribbon of Darkness* brought him international recognition as a songwriter. Cover versions of his songs were recorded by artists such as Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley until 1971 when his own version of *If You Could Read My Mind* became a Top Ten hit. In 1974, his classic single, *Sundown*, went to No. 1 on the American charts, followed two years later by *Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, inspired by a *Newsweek* article, it reached No. 2 on the U.S. *Billboard* charts. By the 1990's he continued to tour North America and released two more albums. In 2004, he released his 20<sup>th</sup> album *Harmony* and was a special guest on *Canadian Idol*.

Gordon Lightfoot has won 15 Juno Awards, and been nominated for 5 Grammys. He was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001. In May 2003, he was made a Companion of the Order of Canada and is also a member of the Order of Ontario. In 2004, he was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Tickets for Gordon Lightfoot go on sale at all venues on **Friday January 26** except Membertou where tickets will go on sale on Saturday morning. The tour is a Brookes Diamond/B.C. Fieder Production.

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