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Rory Allen Nominated for Western Canadian Music Award

SaskMusic and the 2007 Western Canadian Music Awards are proud to announce that Saskatchewan's own Rory Allen has earned an **Outstanding Christian Recording** nomination for his sixth CD *In My Father's House*. This CD features a selection of traditional and contemporary gospel songs recorded live in concert at the 2000-seat Conexus Arts Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan in October 2006.

The concerts entitled *Food for the Soul* were successful fundraisers for the Regina and District Food Bank. Accompanying Rory for these two evenings of inspirational music were none other than Grammy Award winning vocal group, the legendary Jordanaires, from Nashville, Tennessee, as well as emerging Regina vocalist, Jeffrey Allan Sawatzky.

Rory's own fabulous eleven-piece band, plus six members of the Regina Symphony Orchestra string section under the direction of concert master Ed Minevich, and a 38-member gospel choir under the direction of Tom Magnuson joined talents to provide a superb musical canvas for these exciting and moving concerts.

Celebrated Canadian composer and arranger Craig Salkeld played keyboard for these concerts, as well as filled the role of music director, adding phenomenal instrumental and vocal arrangements to every song. The capacity audiences were thrilled with the presentation and this subsequent live album from these concerts has already been very well-received since its release in December 2006.

Rory and his wife Lorie have a strong commitment and history of making a positive difference in their home community and province. Upon hearing the news of the award nomination, Ray Walker, bass singer for the Jordanaires, commented, "What else could one expect. We are so proud of you and to be associated with you."

The WCMA nomination adds to the anticipation of the upcoming live concert DVD *In My Father's House*. The expected release date for this must-have DVD for Rory's fans and friends is November 2007.

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