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## **Amy Sky Returns to the Living Arts Centre**

*January 2008, Mississauga, Ontario...* What happens when you combine a world-class voice and a talented musical artist? Add numerous awards and nominations, tours around the world, roles in theatre, and decades in the music industry and you have the captivating and touching performances of **Amy Sky**. This multitasking Canadian musician will be performing again this season in the Living Arts Centre's Hammerson Hall on **Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 8 pm**.

Well known to Canadian audiences, **Amy Sky** began her career in music at the University of Toronto, earning her degree in theory and composition before heading to the United States. While there, and since then, she has written songs for the likes of Diana Ross, Anne Murray, Aaron Neville, Heart, Cyndi Lauper, Roch Voisine, and Sheena Easton.

Since releasing her debut album in 1996, **Amy Sky** has come to be known as a songstress whose lyrics "touch the listener's soul with a voice that conveys deep feelings." Her style of writing from experience and from the heart have led to songs like *I Will Take Care of You*; *Ordinary Miracles*; *Love, Pain and the Whole Damn Thing*; and *Til You Love Somebody*.

**Amy Sky** has released five albums; her most recent release, *Life Lessons*, is a compilation of fan favourites and chart toppers from more than a decade of singing to the hearts of individuals worldwide.

It seems her work has paid off, too: Amy has won two SOCAN awards and been nominated for three Junos, including Songwriter of the Year, Best New Solo Artist, and Best Songwriter.

Her life in the arts is not limited to music: this talented lady performed in the Toronto runs of *The Vagina Monologues* and *Blood Brothers*.

Joining **Amy Sky** will be pianist **Stephan Moccio**. While not yet a household name, **Stephan Moccio** has a litany of experience to his name. This thirty-something pianist and producer began his career at the tender age of four, taking piano lessons as so many other children do.

However, he found his passion early and continued to study music through his youth, culminating in an honours degree in composition and piano performance from the University of Western Ontario.

**Stephan Moccio** was offered a scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston but decided to focus on his professional career as a producer with Sony Music. In his eight years with the company he wrote for such stars as Céline Dion, Sarah Brightman, and Josh Groban, honing his writing, producing, arranging, and performing skills in the process. He has also worked with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and performed twice at the Canadian Songwriters' Hall of Fame Gala and for former U.S. president Bill Clinton's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

Taking a break from his work in production, Stephan recently released his debut album, *Exposure*. Canadian culture magazine *Nuvo* called this collection of 22 piano compositions "well-crafted, heart-felt piano pop destined to bring piano and pop lovers together."

In an evening of piano solos and accompaniment on well-known contemporary songs, Amy and Stephan unify their talents in a package that highlights their individual best and the magic of musical fusion.

Tickets for **Amy Sky with Stephan Moccio** start at \$29. As part of the eyeGO program, high school students may purchase tickets at the Box Office for \$5 each. Tickets are available: online at [www.livingartscentre.ca](http://www.livingartscentre.ca); by phone at 905.306.6000 or 1.888.805.8888; or in person at the box office from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and ninety minutes before and thirty minutes after the start of all performances.

The Living Arts Centre is located at 4141 Living Arts Drive, Mississauga, on the west side of Square One Shopping Centre. Complimentary underground parking at the Living Arts Centre is available. LIVE Cuisine Restaurant will be open for Pre-Theatre Dinner Buffet and Post-Show Dessert. Please call 905.306.6116 for dinner reservations.

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