

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **GWEN SWICK TO ENTERTAIN AT UPCOMING CULINARY-TOURISM SYMPOSIUM THIS MARCH**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005** – Renowned Canadian musician Gwen Swick is planned to perform at the first annual Culinary-Tourism Symposium this March 6 – 8, 2005.

The Canadian Institute of Advanced Culinary Arts (CIACA) and George Brown, The Toronto City College are inviting representatives of the tourism, hospitality, agriculture, government, academia, recreation/leisure and arts and culture sectors to listen to the celebrated artist while participating in the three day ‘learning journey.’

Although known primarily as a songwriter and vocalist, Gwen’s musical background includes guitar and electric bass, viola da gamba and East Indian singing.

In addition to her solo career, Gwen recorded five albums during the early 1990s with the traditional folk trio Tamarack. In 1996, she joined Sylvia Tyson, Cindy Church and Caitlin Hanford in the popular vocal group Quartette. Constant recording and touring as a solo act and with other groups has put Gwen on stage at prestigious festivals and concert halls across Canada and Europe, including Germany’s Women in (E)Motion Festival, Dawson City Folk Festival, Edmonton Folk Festival, Vancouver Folk Festival and many others.

Her music has been choreographed for dance and she has composed music for stage and film, including original music for the National Film Board.

She has been a guest on many CBC Radio shows including Morningside with Peter Gzowski, Swinging on a Star with Murray McLachlan, Stuart McLean’s Vinyl Cafe, Heartland and Performance. Her music is heard on radio across Canada, the U.S., and throughout Europe. Gwen works as a writer, vocal arranger and singer for other recording artists and vocal groups. She has written and arranged music for children in dramatic performances, and conducted songwriting workshops for children.

The Opening Night Showcase will take place on March the 6<sup>th</sup> and will showcase culinary tourism activities throughout the regions of Ontario. This event, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, guarantees to “Stir up Your Senses”. Monday, March the 7<sup>th</sup> will consist of a full day of programs, networking and panel discussions. Participants will enjoy the

“Ontario Grown” dinner which will be prepared by Chef John Higgins who will lead a team of chefs and student chefs.

The Symposium has been designed to include panel discussions and hands-on, interaction learning sessions and will be held at the George Brown Chef School.

For a list of speakers, exciting program highlights and registration forms, please visit [www.culinarytourism.ca](http://www.culinarytourism.ca) or contact Cynthia D’Alo to register at Tel: 416-593-7744. Registration is now available and an early bird rate is offered until February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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