



## Media Release

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### **HPO Pops Season Opener Brings Legendary James Keelaghan to Hamilton Place**

Hamilton, Ontario – The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** presents legendary folk/roots artist **James Keelaghan** for one night only on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Place in **Songs That Tell A Story**. This is the opening night of the Pops series and will also feature the Hamilton Philharmonic led by Music Director **James Sommerville** with special guest 12 year old **Liam McGlashon** on fiddle.

Up and coming Hamilton alt/folk band **Harlan Pepper** will play an acoustic set pre-concert in the lobby followed by an after party at the **Augusta House** (17 Augusta Street) starting at 10pm. The after party is included in ticket price or \$5 for non-HPO ticket holders.

James Keelaghan has been called Canada's finest singer/songwriter and his insatiable appetite for finding the next unique story line has made him one of the most distinctive and identifiable voices on both the Canadian and international scenes. A masterful story teller, many of his songs are inspired by events and figures in Canadian history such as "Kiri's Piano" about the internment of Japanese Canadians, and "October 70" about the FLQ crisis. His latest CD, **House of Cards** (2009) is a collection of 10 new original songs and brings his catalogue to 11 recordings.

**Special dinner and a concert deal:** A three-course dinner at **Incognito Restaurant and Wine Bar** (winner, Restaurant of the Year 2010) and a ticket to Songs That Tell A Story for just \$49.99. This offer is only available through the HPO box office at 905.526.7756 or at Incognito Restaurant located at 93 John St. South in Hamilton.

#### Performance Information for **Songs That Tell A Story**:

**Date + Time:** Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 7:30pm  
After party at 10pm at the Augusta House

**Ticket Prices:** \$19 - \$64 (HST included in price)  
14-30? Join the *hpo go* program for \$10 tickets  
\$5 after party only

**Venue:** Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

**Tickets:** In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East  
Phone: 905-526-7756  
Online: [hpo.org](http://hpo.org); [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca)

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