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**STARS SHINE BRIGHT AT  
3RD ANNUAL SCARBOROUGH WALK OF FAME**

***Six inductees awarded highest honours  
for outstanding community achievements***

Toronto, ON: Six prominent members of Scarborough's community will be honoured today with a permanent star on the Walk of Fame for outstanding contributions in the categories of sports, community, education, environment, arts and entertainment. The 3rd annual Scarborough Walk of Fame will be unveiled at 2 p.m. at Scarborough Town Centre and festivities will continue into the evening with a gala dinner and awards ceremony at the Delta Toronto East Hotel at 6 p.m.

Celebrating the accomplishments of Scarborough locals who have contributed to the success of their community and beyond, the six inductees will join the ranks of Scarborough's finest alumni. Their names will be forever inscribed in the parade of stars on Scarborough Town Centre's food court floor, on display to more than 400,000 shoppers a week. Inductees include:

**BEN HEPPNER**, world-renowned dramatic tenor whose performances on the opera stage and in concert with orchestra have set new standards

**DEBORAH COX**, multiple Juno-winning R&B vocalist, writer and actress;

**DR. SHEELA BASRUR** (posthumous award), first medical officer of health who became the face of public health during the SARS outbreak of 2003;

**EARL CAMPBELL**, leader in education responsible for creating innovative school policies for multiculturalism and race relations;

**JOHN WIMBS** (posthumous award) founder of the Robbie International Soccer Tournament which has raised over \$1 million for Cystic Fibrosis research;

**RICK MIDDLETON**, veteran NHL player and retired Boston Bruins captain.

We are thrilled to honour the new inductees into the 3rd annual Walk of Fame," said Betty Carr, chair, Walk of Fame. "These exceptional individuals are an inspiration to the Scarborough community, the City of Toronto, and the nation as a whole."

Canadian television personalities Colin Mochrie (*Whose Line is it Anyway*) and Debra McGrath (*Little Mosque on the Prairie*) will host the celebrations, which include a special musical performance by Jacqueline Johns. A procession through the centre will follow as recipients make their way to the Food Court and unveil their stars.

"As an integral part of this neighbourhood, we always look forward to hosting these festivities," said Jai Lee, Marketing Director, Scarborough Town Centre. "It's an honour to house the Scarborough Walk of Fame in our centre, and celebrate the achievements of members of our community with shoppers every day."

Celebrations continue into the evening at a gala dinner and awards ceremony at the Delta Toronto East Hotel. Video vignettes will be shown throughout the evening highlighting the inductees' contributions in their respective fields.

The Scarborough Walk of Fame was made possible thanks to the generous contributions of the organizing partners: Scarborough Town Centre, the *Scarborough Mirror*, the City of Toronto, Centennial College and Fast Lane Automotive.

**EVENT INFORMATION**

**3RD ANNUAL SCARBOROUGH WALK OF FAME CEREMONY**

October 23 at the Scarborough Town Centre, Centre Court, 2:00 p.m.

The Scarborough Town Centre is located between Brimley and McCowan, South of Highway 401.

**GALA DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

October 23 at the Delta Toronto East Hotel, 6:00 p.m.

Located at Kennedy and Highway 401.

Celebrations continue on October 24th and 25th at Scarborough Town Centre with special performances by Centennial College.

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