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**Toronto, ONT** – Duncan Fremlin and Karen Laing from RE/MAX Hallmark Realty Ltd, in conjunction with Treasure Island Toys, RE/MAX Hallmark Realty Ltd. and the New Classical 96.3 FM radio announce a concert in support of the Toy Drive for WoodGreen Community Services.

Each year, WoodGreen Community Services provides hundreds of toys to needy families throughout the area.

This concert will feature the third collaboration between the Gala String Quartet and Whiskey Jack in what is billed as BACH IN THE SADDLE AGAIN.

This fusion of acoustic country and classical music is a blend of styles like no other heard before!

On Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.** at the **Eastminster United Church, 301 Danforth Avenue**, the eleven musicians will treat the audience to a very special night indeed!

And the MC for the event is none other than **Alexa Petrenko from the New Classical 96.3 FM, the nation's classical station.**

The recipe is simple – you take all seven members of Canada's most venerable country vocal band, **WHISKEY JACK** ([www.whiskeyjackmusic.com](http://www.whiskeyjackmusic.com)), you add 4 members of the **GALA STRING QUARTET** and you have BACH IN THE SADDLE AGAIN ([www.bachinthesaddleagain.com](http://www.bachinthesaddleagain.com))!

Members of the Gala String Quartet have played individually and collectively with: Quartetto Gelato; the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company, the National Ballet; Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra; Canadian Opera Company and on and on. They've been around the longhaired block a few times.

Whiskey Jack on the other hand have been around the country music block a few times, starring on the CBC's Tommy Hunter Show and touring and recording frequently with Canada's own Stompin' Tom Connors.

Says Duncan Fremlin, from Whiskey Jack, "Daniel Kushner from Gala approached me with this crazy idea of mixing the Gala String Quartet with Whiskey Jack. After many fun rehearsals, as they say, the rest is history! The sound is large, and playing with the acoustics of a church is the perfect place to highlight that magical sound!"

As an added treat, cellist **George Meanwell** (formerly of *Quartetto Gelato*) will pick up his guitar to perform a couple of tunes from his latest CD release **Late**.

Admission is:

Buy a \$20.00 Gift Card from **Treasure Island Toys**, 581 Danforth Avenue (416-778-4913) and present it at the door. **Treasure Island will match this amount dollar for dollar.**

**Or**, buy a ticket for \$25.00 at the door and the proceeds will also go to the Toy Drive for WoodGreen Community Services.

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