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MASSEY HALL AND ROY THOMSON HALL PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CHARLES S. CUTTS, TO RETIRE UPON CONCLUSION OF 2014|15 SEASON

January 7, 2015 // Toronto, ON – The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall President and Chief Executive Officer **Charles S. Cutts** announced this morning that he will retire on August 31, 2015 at the conclusion of the 2014|15 concert season. Mr. Cutts has served as President and CEO to The Corporation of Massey Hall & Roy Thomson Hall since 1992 presenting thousands of memorable concerts and events.

“Under his leadership,” says **Richard Hamm**, Chair of the Corporation’s Board of Governors, “the Corporation has enjoyed a significant operational turnaround, a successful \$24 million acoustic renovation of Roy Thomson Hall, and most recently, announced efforts to revitalize and expand the historic Massey Hall. He has enjoyed a remarkable career and we are indebted to Charlie for his commitment and dedication to the organization’s success.”

Of the announcement, past Board Chair **Patsy Anderson** commented, “Charlie has been the ultimate arts leader. He led a very successful refurbishment of Roy Thomson Hall and was relentless in filling the stages of both halls – with one eye on the bottom line. The Massey Hall Revitalization is the exclamation mark to a tremendous career.”

Past Massey Hall & Roy Thomson Hall Board Chair **John Lawson** remarked “Charlie has taken the Corporation to new heights, never contemplated in our wildest dreams when we were building Roy Thomson Hall and wondering what to do with Massey Hall” stated Lawson. “Thank you for twenty two years of incredible achievement. The Corporation now enjoys a worldwide reputation in the performing arts and has become a major force in the cultural community of Canada.”

“The privilege of being a part of such a vibrant creative community is most rewarding. It has been a true honour to work alongside so many great friends and talents over the past 23 years,” says **Charles Cutts**. “I am proud to be leaving the Corporation with a solid foundation to build on the exciting plans we are currently developing with the artists, music, and the patron experience as our first priority, and a bright future for a revitalized Massey Hall.”

Mr. Cutts began his career in 1969 as a Chartered Accountant with Clarkson Gordon Management Consultants (currently known as Ernst & Young); a succession of opportunities led him to the role of General Manager in 1980 of The O’Keefe Centre (currently SONY Centre for the Performing Arts) before taking helm of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall.

A recipient of the Association of Cultural Executives (ACE) Award for Cultural Leadership, Mr. Cutts has also received the Alumni Award from the University of Toronto as part of the ‘Great Minds’ program, The Niagara University’s Cultural Management Leadership Award, the International Society of the Performing Arts Patrick Hayes Award honouring a long standing member whose career achievements in arts management are deserving of special praise and recognition, and a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal.

The Board of Governors will form a search committee to appoint his successor in a timely fashion to ensure a smooth transition.

The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall is a not-for-profit charitable organization operating two of Canada’s premier concert halls. Showcasing the world’s greatest performers in all disciplines, the two halls are also prominent venues for diverse activities in the business and entertainment district of downtown Toronto. Managed by a professional management team with a volunteer Board of Governors, the Corporation’s mission is to provide a world-renowned environment to showcase international artists and entertainment; to provide public space for the cultural and corporate communities of the Greater Toronto Area; to support the development of Canadian talent; to increase and enhance its worldwide profile as a leader in the arts community through its professionalism and programming.

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