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ALFRED A. KNOPF CANADA ANNOUNCES A MEMOIR FROM BELOVED CANADIAN ENTERTAINER ANNE MURRAY

January 15, 2009 (Toronto) Alfred A. Knopf Canada is proud to announce that it is the acquiring Canadian publisher for a memoir from music icon Anne Murray. The book, tentatively titled *All of Me*, is scheduled for publication in the Fall of 2009.

"We are thrilled to be publishing what is sure to be one of the most sought after memoirs of 2009. We all grew up with Anne Murray. She is one of Canada's most enduring music legends – and a beloved, admired figure well beyond the music field," says Michael Schellenberg, Knopf Canada's Associate Publisher and acquiring editor of the book. "She has legions of fans who are going to want to find out what the somewhat private performer has to say about her career and the challenges she has met being in the public eye for over four decades. As a great entertainer, she has taken on the writing of her memoirs with the same vitality and professionalism that she brings to her work. This will be a major book for fall 2009."

"After being on tour for most of my adult life, the time was right to stop and reflect. The years pass so quickly when you're on the road, trying to raise a family, going into the studio and dealing with all the other pressures that come with the business. Besides", Murray said with a chuckle, "I thought it was important to do this memoir, while I can still remember things!"

From her humble beginnings in Springhill, Nova Scotia, Anne Murray has sold more than 50 million albums in a distinguished career that spans four decades and includes four Grammy awards, three American Music Awards, three Canadian Country Music Association Awards and twenty-four Juno Awards. She has been making music since the late 1960s, and the story of her rise to international success mirrors the story of the Canadian music industry. As one of the few Canadian megastars of that era, she prides herself for having remained in Canada.

Quite simply, Anne Murray is a Canadian icon, a Companion of the Order of Canada, and is synonymous with our country.

The book will be written alongside Michael Posner (the author of 4 non-fiction books including *The Last Honest Man*, a biography on Mordecai Richler). Arnold Gosewich, Murray's literary agent and Anne Murray's manager Bruce Allen completed the deal.

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