



**The Greater Toronto Hockey League  
Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Star Studded Gala**  
*GTHL All Star Team of the Century presented by Scotiabank introduced*

**Toronto (September 19, 2011)** - The Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) kicked off its 100<sup>th</sup> Season with a memorable dinner gala on Saturday at the Toronto Congress Centre.

The event saw nearly 500 people including league administrators, volunteers, sponsors, and fans gather to reminisce about the rich history of the League and celebrate this milestone.

The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the **GTHL All Star Team of the Century presented by Scotiabank**. Thousands of people voted online to determine the top 6 players from an extensive list of GTHL graduates. The team includes **Ken Dryden** (goalie), **Brad Park** (defenseman), **Paul Coffey** (defenseman), **Mike Gartner** (forward), **Eric Lindros** (forward), and **Brendan Shanahan** (forward). 5 of the 6 players named were in attendance to accept this prestigious honour. Eric Lindros was attending his brother's wedding but sent a heartfelt video to express his thanks.

Renowned Canadian sports artist Rob Macdougall crafted a commemorative painting of the All Star Team of the Century presented by Scotiabank. This painting was unveiled at the Gala and later sold in a live auction with all proceeds going toward the newly established **GTHL Legacy Fund**. 100 limited edition signed prints were made and will be sold throughout the remainder of the GTHL season with all proceeds also going to the GTHL Legacy Fund. For more information on how to purchase prints please contact the GTHL office at (416) 636-6845.

Rounding out the star studded line up of speakers and special guests were Maple Leaf President and General Manager **Brian Burke**, CBC's Hockey Night in Canada analyst **Glenn Healy**, former NHL player **Dennis Hull**, and host **Gord Stellick** who was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

#### **About GTHL**

Founded in 1911, the Greater Toronto Hockey League is a non-profit organization and is the largest amateur minor hockey league in the World. There are over 40,000 participants registered annually in the GTHL. GTHL jurisdiction spans Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Vaughan, and Markham and includes players ranging from the ages of 4-20.

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