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HOCKEY HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2015 INDUCTEES

TORONTO (June 29, 2015) - Lanny McDonald, incoming Chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame and John Davidson, Chairman of the Selection Committee, announced today that five individuals have been elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in the Player Category. In addition two individuals were elected in the Builder Category. The vote took place today at the annual meeting of the Selection Committee in Toronto.

“The Hockey Hall of Fame is proud to welcome these seven hockey legends as Honoured Members,” said John Davidson. “Their contributions to the game of hockey are well documented and their election to the Hockey Hall of Fame is richly deserved.”

In the Builder Category, Bill Hay and Peter Karmanos Jr. were elected.

The first NCAA graduate to play in the National Hockey League, Bill Hay’s contributions to hockey span from grassroots to the professional level. His distinguished hockey resume includes contributions made while serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hockey Canada, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary Flames, and most recently as Chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

“Being recognized by my hockey peers is truly a great honour,” said Hay. “Seeing the game - and the Hockey Hall of Fame - become truly international has been a tremendously rewarding experience.”

One of hockey’s great benefactors, Peter Karmanos Jr. has helped enable the success of dozens of American hockey teams and thousands of players. The Detroit native captured a Stanley Cup as Chief Executive Officer, Owner and Governor of the Carolina Hurricanes in 2006.

“Being included in the Hockey Hall of Fame class of 2015 ranks right up there with winning the Stanley Cup,” said Karmanos. “Hockey has a special place in my heart. It is the greatest team sport, and I believe the greatest game a boy or girl could play. Giving more kids the chance to play at the highest levels has truly been a labour of love.”

In the Player category, Sergei Fedorov, Phil Housley, Nicklas Lidstrom, Chris Pronger and Angela Ruggiero were elected.

The first Russian to reach the 1,000 point milestone in the NHL, Sergei Fedorov played in six All Star Games, captured three Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings, and was awarded the Hart Memorial Trophy as the league's most valuable player in 1994.

"I have always played hockey because I loved it, not because I wanted to win awards," said Fedorov. "But now that my career is over I realize how special it is to be recognized by the Hockey Hall of Fame. I am deeply honoured to be an inductee."

The second-leading scorer all-time amongst U.S.-born players, defenseman Phil Housley played in seven All Star Games over a remarkable twenty three season NHL career. He also ranks third all-time among all NHL defensemen in scoring.

"I am absolutely elated to be entering the Hockey Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2015," said Housley. "One glance at the Legends who have already been enshrined proves that this really is the ultimate honour for a hockey player."

A seven-time recipient of the James Norris trophy as the NHL's top defenseman, Nicklas Lidstrom also captured four Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings and an Olympic Gold Medal for Sweden.

"During my hockey career I was always focused on the next game or the next season, so I never allowed myself to imagine I'd be hearing from the Hockey Hall of Fame" said Lidstrom. "I took a lot of pride in being dedicated to the game, so it means a great deal to me to be recognized by those who know the game the best."

One of the toughest competitors to ever patrol the blue line, Chris Pronger captured both the Hart Memorial Trophy and James Norris Trophy in 2000. The native of Dryden, Ontario also captured two Olympic Gold Medals for Canada and a Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007.

"It's very humbling to be included alongside the esteemed group of players and builders in the Hockey Hall of Fame's class of 2015," said Pronger. "It's very exciting to think about becoming an Honoured Member. It's certainly something I didn't expect while playing."

The youngest member of the team that captured the first-ever Olympic Gold Medal in women's ice hockey, Angela Ruggiero went on to help the United States capture four more Gold and six Silver World Championship medals. The defenceman from Panorama City, California, was also named Harvard's player of the year three times.

“I’ve visited the Hockey Hall of Fame many times, and never get tired of learning about the rich tradition of the inductees,” said Ruggiero, who is the fourth female ever elected for induction. “The fact that I’m now joining them is very special, and the greatest accomplishment I can think of as a hockey player.”

The 2015 Induction Celebration will be held on Monday, November 9th at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. For more information regarding the 2015 Induction Weekend/Celebration, visit <http://www.hhof.com>.

Established in 1943, the Hockey Hall of Fame’s (“HHOF”) mandate is to recognize and honour the achievements of players, builders and officials who bring special distinction to the game of hockey, and to collect, preserve, research and exhibit objects, images and resource materials connected with the game as it is played in Canada and throughout the world. As a non-profit corporation and a registered charity under the *Income Tax Act*, HHOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada.

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Bill Hay

- Born in Lumsden, Sask. December 8, 1935
- Born into a hockey family, his father is Charles Hay, Inducted in 1974
- Played minor hockey in his home town
- Played junior for the Regina Pats between the year 1952 - 1955
- Also starred for the Saskatchewan Huskies in the Canadian University League
- In 1955 he went to play for the Colorado College Tigers in the NCAA
- Was a member of the NCAA Champions in 1957
- During his time in Colorado he has an All Star and All American
- Turned pro in 1958 with the Calgary Tigers of the WHL
- Attended Montreal Canadiens camp in 1958
- Joined the Chicago Black Hawks in 1958 where he played 8 seasons.
- Won the Calder Memorial Trophy as Rookie of the year in 1959-60
- Became the first NCAA graduate to play in the National Hockey League
- Was a member of the Stanley Cup Champions in 1961
- Was a two time All Star during his career.
- Retired after the 1967 season, however received an offer from the St Louis Blues to become the leagues' highest paid player...but turned it down.
- Turned his talents and ambitions to his family and the business world.
- Became CEO and President of the Calgary Flames in 1981.
- From President and COO of Hockey Canada for 5 years

- Joined the Canadian Hockey Association for planning of the Centres of Excellence
- Was instrumental in combining Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey Association into one organization
- Was on the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee from 1980 – 1997
- In 1992 he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame
- In 1995 he was inducted into the Colorado College Hall of Fame
- A board member of the Hockey Hall of Fame 1995 -2013
- From Became CEO and Chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame in July 1998
- In 1998 he was inducted into the Colorado Springs Hall of Fame
- 1999 Inducted into the Saskatchewan Petroleum Industry Hall of Fame
- Member of the Canadian Special Olympics Advisory Board
- An active member of the International Ice Hockey Federations “Ad-hock committee” from 2008-2012

Peter Karmanos Jr.

- Born in Detroit, Michigan on March 11, 1943
- Born into a Greek Immigrant family
- He grew up in the Detroit area
- He attended Wayne State University
- In the late 1970’s cofounded the Detroit Compuware Hockey Organization
- Compuware covered all levels of hockey from recreational to AAA to Junior A hockey
- His association has produced NHL stars such as Pat LaFontaine, Al Iafrate, Mike Modano, Eric Lindros and Kevin Hatcher to name a few
- Each year countless of hockey associations benefit through his support and sponsorship
- In 1989, he was awarded an Ontario Hockey League franchise, now known as the Plymouth Whalers
- In 1994 he purchased the Hartford Whalers, now Carolina Hurricanes
- In 1998 he won the Lester Patrick trophy as outstanding service to hockey in the USA
- He purchased the ECHL Florida Everblades and their arena in 1998
- The Hurricanes have won 3 division championships in 1999, 2002 and 2006
- In 2002 and 2006 the Carolina Hurricanes won the Prince of Wales Trophy, as Eastern Conference Champions
- In 2006 the Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup
- In 2009 ESPN ranked the Hurricanes as the top hockey club and the 2nd in pro sports in the “Ultimate Standings” ratings

- He won the Bill Long award in 2010 from the Ontario Hockey League as outstanding service to the OHL
- In 2011, the National Hockey League held their annual All Star game in Carolina
- The Hockey News ranked him as one of the top “100 people with Power and Influence” in 2011

SERGEI FEDOROV

- Born on December 13, 1969 in Pskov, USSR
- Played four seasons for CSKA Moscow (Red Army) from 1986-90
- Played on famed line with teammates Pavel Bure & Alexander Mogilny
- Captured three Soviet National League championships in 1987, 1988, 1989
- Selected by Detroit Red Wings in 4th round, 74th overall, of 1989 NHL Entry Draft
- Defected to U.S. in August, 1990 while at Goodwill Games with Soviet National Team
- Played 13 seasons with Detroit Red Wings from 1990-2003
- Named to NHL All-Rookie Team in 1990-91
- Member of Team USSR at 1991 Canada Cup – Runner-up
- Finalist for Calder Trophy (1991), Selke Trophy (1992) & Art Ross Trophy (1994)
- Played in six NHL All-Star Games (1992, 1994, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003)
- Inaugural recipient of the Kharlamov Trophy in 2003 by *Sovetsky Sport* as Most Valuable Russian NHL player
- Recorded 100+ points twice (1994, 1996) & 56 goals in 1993-94
- Named 1st Team All-Star in 1993-94
- Awarded the Hart Memorial Trophy & Lester B. Pearson Award in 1993-94
- 1994 NHL Player of the Year by *The Sporting News*
- Awarded the Frank J. Selke Trophy in 1994 & 1996
- Played in 1995 Stanley Cup Final, finishing as runner-up to New Jersey Devils
- Led 1995 playoffs in scoring with 24 points
- Became first non-North American spokesman for Nike during 1995-96 season
- Won three Stanley Cup titles with Detroit Red Wings in 1997, 1998, 2002
- During decade of 1990's led NHL in plus/minus (+221) & third in playoff points (134)

- Signed as an unrestricted free agent with Mighty Ducks of Anaheim on July 19, 2003
- Played parts of two seasons with Mighty Ducks of Anaheim from 2003-05
- Became first Russian to reach 1,000 career NHL point milestone on February 14, 2004
- Traded with 5th round pick to Columbus Blue Jackets on November 15, 2005
- Played parts of three seasons with Columbus Blue Jackets from 2005-08
- Became first Russian to reach 1,000 career NHL games played on November 30, 2005
- Member of Team Russia at 1996 World Cup of Hockey
- Traded to Washington Capitals on February 26, 2008
- Played parts of two seasons with Washington Capitals from 2008-09
- Finished as all-time NHL Russian goal scoring leader with 483 goals
- Signed as unrestricted free agent with Metallurg Magnitogorsk on June 25, 2009
- Played three seasons with Metallurg Magnitogorsk from 2009-12
- Played in three KHL All-Star Games (2010, 2011, 2012)
- Career NHL regular season totals of 1,248 games played, 483 goals, 696 assists, 1,179 points
- Career NHL playoff totals of 183 games played, 52 goals, 124 assists, 176 points
- Member of Team USSR at 3 World Junior Championships - won Gold Medal in 1989
- Member of Team USSR/Russia at 4 World Championships - won 3 Gold Medals in 1989, 1990, 1998
- Member of Team Russia at 3 Olympic Games - won Silver (1998) & Bronze (2002)
- Runs the Sergei Fedorov Foundation that benefits children in need
- Awarded the Honoured Master of Sports of Russia in 1998
- Retired following the 2011-12 season
- Played two games for CSKA Moscow at 2013 Spengler Cup tournament
- Currently General Manager of CSKA Moscow in KHL

PHIL HOUSLEY

- Born in South St. Paul, Minnesota, USA on March 9, 1964.
- Played with the St. Paul Vulcans of the USHL in 1980-81
- Played with the South St. Paul High School in 1980-81 and 1981-82
- Drafted in the sixth overall in the 1982 NHL Entry Draft
- NHL All-Rookie Team (1983)
- Housley played parts of 23 NHL season with the Buffalo Sabres, Winnipeg Jets, St. Louis Blues, Calgary Flames, New Jersey Devils, Washington Capitals, Chicago Blackhawks, and Toronto Maple Leafs.
- Set franchise records for teams played for as a defenseman in both goals and assists throughout his career.
- NHL Second All-Star Team (1992)
- Played in NHL All-Star Game (1984, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2000)
- Runner-up for the Calder Trophy (1984)
- Runner-up for the Norris Trophy (1992)

- Member of Team USA at the 1982 IIHF Men's U20 World Championship
- Member of Team USA at the 1984 and 1987 Canada Cup
- Member of Team USA at the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, champions
- Member of Team USA at the IIHF Men's World Championship (1982, 1986, 1989, 2000, 2001, 2003)
- Head Coach of Team USA at the IIHF Men's U20 World Championship in 2013 that won a Gold Medal

- Housley is the second leading scorer amongst U.S.-born players in the NHL with 338 goals, 894 assists and 1,232 points. He was the leader until Mike Modano surpassed him in 2007.
- Member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame (2004)
- Head Coach of the High School level Stillwater Ponies of Stillwater, Minnesota, USA.
- Assistant Coach, Nashville Predators

NICKLAS LIDSTROM

- Born on April 28, 1970 in Krylbo, Sweden
- Played three seasons for Vasteras IK of Swedish Elite League from 1988-91
- Also played part of 1994-95 NHL Lockout shortened season with Vasteras IK
- Selected by Detroit Red Wings in 3rd round, 53rd overall, of 1989 NHL Entry Draft
- Played 20 seasons with Detroit Red Wings from 1991-2012
- Captain of the Detroit Red Wings from 2006-2012
- Won four Stanley Cup titles with Detroit Red Wings in 1997, 1998, 2002, 2008
- First European-born & trained captain of Stanley Cup champion in 2008
- Played in Stanley Cup Final, finishing as runner-up in 1995, 2009
- Named to NHL All-Rookie Team in 1991-92
- Named 1st Team All-Star 10 times (1998-2003, 2006-2008, 2011)
- Named 2nd Team All-Star twice (2009, 2010)
- Awarded the James Norris Memorial Trophy 7 times (2001-2003, 2006-2008, 2011)
- 1st European to win Norris Trophy & only third player to win 7 times (Orr, Harvey)
- 1st European to win Conn Smythe Trophy in 2002
- Runner-up for Calder Trophy (1992) & Lady Byng Trophy (1999-2001, 2003, 2011)
- Awarded Viking Award twice as best Swedish player in North America (2000, 2006)
- Run for Calder Trophy (1991), Selke Trophy (1992) & Art Ross Trophy (1994)
- NHL Record for most games played by a European (1,564)
- First European defenceman & eighth NHL defenceman to reach 1,000 career NHL points
- Played in 11 NHL All-Star Games (1996, 1998-2004, 2007-2008, 2011)
- Second most career NHL playoff games (263) to Chris Chelios

- Second all-time career Swedish NHL scoring leader (1,142) to Mats Sundin
- Oldest player & oldest defenceman to record first career hat trick (40 years, 210 days)
- Holds most statistical defencemen team records with Detroit Red Wings
- Career NHL regular season totals of 1,564 games played, 264 goals, 878 assists, 1,142 points
- Career NHL playoff totals of 263 games played, 54 goals, 129 assists, 183 points
- Member of Team Sweden at 1988 European Junior Championship
- Member of Team Sweden at 1990 World Junior Championship
- Member of Team Sweden at 3 World Championships - won Gold Medal in 1991
- Member of Team Sweden at 4 Olympic Games - won Gold Medal in 2006
- Named to 2006 Olympic All-Star Team
- Member of Team Sweden at 1991 Canada Cup & 1996/2004 World Cups of Hockey
- 17th Member of the IIHF Triple Gold Club (February 26, 2006 Olympic Gold Medal)
- Inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame - March, 2014
- Jersey number '5' retired by Detroit Red Wings on March 6, 2014
- Inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame Honor Roll - May, 2014
- Officially announced his retirement on May 31, 2012

CHRIS PRONGER

- Born in Dryden, Ontario, Canada on October 10, 1974.
- Grew up playing minor hockey in Dryden, Ontario, Canada
- Played with the OHA Jr. B Stratford Cullitons in 1990-91
- Played with the OHL's Peterborough Petes in 1991-92 and 1992-93
- Named to the OHL All-Rookie Team (1992)
- Named to the OHL First All-Star Team (1993)
- Named to the CHL First All-Star Team (1993)
- CHL Defenseman of the Year (1993)
- Drafted in the first round, second overall at the 1993 NHL Entry Draft
- Played parts of 18 NHL seasons with the Hartford Whalers, St. Louis Blues, Edmonton Oilers, Anaheim Ducks and Philadelphia Flyers.
- Thirteen times he scored more than 30 points in a season
- Five times he scored more than 50 points in a season
- Recorded 157 goals, 541 assists and 698 career points in 1167 NHL regular season games
- Recorded 26 goals, 95 assists and 121 career points in 173 NHL playoff games
- Member of the Anaheim Ducks Stanley Cup championship team (2007)
- Joined the Triple Gold Club on June 6, 2007
- NHL All-Rookie Team (1994)
- NHL First All-Star Team (2000)
- NHL Second All-Star Team (1998, 2004, 2007)

- Played in NHL All-Star Game (1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008)
- Led the NHL in Plus/Minus (1998, 2000)
- Recipient of the Hart Memorial Trophy (2000)
- Recipient of the James Norris Memorial Trophy (2000)
- Represented Canada seven times throughout his playing career.
- One IIHF World Junior Championship Gold medal (1993)
- One IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Gold medal (1997)
- Two Olympic Gold medals (2002, 2010)
- Played his last game during 2011-12 season due to career ending injury

ANGELA RUGGIERO

- Born in Panorama City, California on January 3, 1980
- Grew up playing minor hockey in Harper Woods, Michigan
- Played prep hockey in Chaote Rosemary School in Wallingford, CT
- Was the youngest member of the 1998 Gold Medal Olympic USA team in Nagano
- Attended Harvard University while playing for the school team
- Won the National Championships in 1999 in College Hockey with Harvard
- Captured Silver at the 2002 Olympics
- In 2003 was ranked at top female defenceman in the world
- 3 time Harvard Player of the year
- Won the Patty Kazmaier Award in 2004 as top women's college players
- First team Academic All American Athlete in 2004
- Was named one of the top 16 most influential female athletes in 2004
- In 2005, played in the Central Hockey League
- Won the Bronze medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turino
- Player in 10 World Championships, winning 4 gold and 6 silver medals
- Published a book on the game of hockey from a women's point of view
- Played for the Montreal Axion of the NWHL in 2004-05 season
- Won Gold at the 2007 World Inline Hockey Championships
- Played for for the Minnesota Whitecaps from 2007-09 of the WWHL

- Won the WWHL Championships in 2009 with Minnesota
- In 2009, the US Hockey Hall of Fame inducted “1998 Olympic” team featuring Ruggiero
- Twice was named to the top 100 most influential people in hockey
- In 2010 appointed to the IOC Athletes Commission
- Named to 2010 IOC Evaluation Committee for the site of the 2018 Olympics
- Played for the Boston Blades of the CWHL during the 2010-11 season
- 2011 appointed to the World Anti-Doping Agency Board of Directors
- August 6, 2011 she was inducted into the National Italian Sports Hall of Fame
- On December 28, 2011 she announced her retirement as a player