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HOCKEY HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2026 INDUCTEES

TORONTO (June 22, 2026) – Ron Francis, Chair of the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, announced today that six individuals have been elected to Hockey Hall of Fame Honoured Membership, in both the Player and 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 hockey legends as Honoured Members,” said Francis. “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, one individual was elected.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Brian Burke began his NHL management career in 1987 as Vice President and Director of Hockey Operations for the Vancouver Canucks. In 1992, Brian moved to the Hartford Whalers as General Manager before moving to the NHL Head Office as SVP and Director of Hockey Operations in 1993. In 1998, he was named President and GM of the Vancouver Canucks. In 2005, Brian became EVP of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and led the team to a Stanley Cup win in 2007. Burke later assumed team President roles with the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Calgary Flames and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

“I am grateful to all of the people who helped me throughout my career,” said Burke. “Especially the Big Three – Lou Lamoriello, Pat Quinn and Gary Bettman.”

In the Player Category, five individuals were elected.

Patrice Bergeron played Junior hockey in the QMJHL with the Acadie-Bathurst Titans and was drafted in the second round (45th overall) by the Boston Bruins in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft. He joined the Bruins as an 18-year-old rookie the following season (2003-04), playing 19 NHL seasons with the Bruins. Patrice also scored the Stanley Cup winning goal in 2011. He also played for Team Canada in 2010 and 2014, winning gold medals at both Olympic Games, while also adding a World Championship win, making him a member of the exclusive Triple Gold Club.

"This honour is the pinnacle of my career and represents the coaches and players that I went to battle with," said Bergeron. "It's a surreal honour and I'm thankful that hockey has given so much to me and my family."

A native of Stow, Massachusetts, Cindy Curley starred with the Providence College Friars and helped them two-peat as NCAA champions in both 1983-84 and 1984-85. At the inaugural 1990 IIHF Women's Hockey Championships Cindy was part of the United States team that won a Silver medal and continued as team captain until 1996. During her time with the U.S. Women's team, Curley won two more silver medals – in 1992 and 1994.

"I'm shocked and grateful to receive this award, especially given how many great players have played the game," said Curley. "So many people are responsible for the growth of women's hockey, and I am humbled to benefit from their efforts."

A native of Vancouver, B.C., Carey Price played his Junior hockey with the Tri-City Americans, where he was drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in the first round (5th overall) in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft. Price made his debut with the Canadiens at the beginning of the 2007-08 NHL season and went on to play 15 seasons with the Habs. The Canadiens' all-time goaltending leader with 712 games and 361 victories, Carey also backstopped the team to the Stanley Cup Final in 2020-21.

"Hockey has taught me a lot of life lessons, especially persistence and never giving up," said Price. "The game has given me the opportunity to work with dedicated and talented people, and I'm especially grateful to live a dream playing my entire career in Montreal."

Born in Kempele, Finland on November 3rd, 1982, Pekka Rinne played in the Finnish Elite League before being drafted by the Nashville Predators and moving to North America for the 2005-06 hockey season. Pekka went on to play 15 seasons with the Predators winning 369 games and recording 60 shutouts and won the Vezina Trophy in 2017-18. On the international front, he represented Finland at four IIHF World Championships, winning MVP honours in 2014.

"The honour represents me and all of the members of the Nashville Predators organization," said Rinne. "It's surreal to think I will be joining my teammate Shea Weber in the Hockey Hall of Fame."

Keith Tkachuk played his minor hockey in Massachusetts before joining Boston University for the 1990-91 season. He made his NHL debut during the 1991-92 season with the Winnipeg Jets (where he was a first-round selection in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft) after a stint with the United States National Team. In 1996-97 Keith became the first U.S. born player to lead the NHL in goals with 52.

"I was blessed to play in the greatest sports league in the world," said Tkachuk. "Through good times and bad times, it was always the best experience imaginable."

The **2026 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration** is scheduled on Monday, November 9, in Toronto preceded by the traditional slate of “Induction Weekend” events beginning on Saturday, November 7, including the annual “Hockey Hall of Fame Game” hosted by the Toronto Maple Leafs. **Stay tuned for further announcements in the upcoming weeks which will be posted via HHOOF.com and other HHOOF social media platforms.** <http://www.hhof.com>.

About the Hockey Hall of Fame

The Hockey Hall of Fame (“HHOF”) was established in 1943 to honour and memorialize individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey and those who made outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of hockey anywhere in the world, and to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and promote objects, images and other historical materials connected with the game at all levels. As a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity, HHOOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, theatrical presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada.

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