

# TORONTO Legacy Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

## **Glenn Gould Place**

Toronto Culture and the Toronto Legacy Project Committee is proposing the dedication of the square behind Metro Hall and King and John Streets, currently named Metro Square, in honour of the legendary Canadian musician Glenn Gould.

As you are a local resident or spend your working day in the area, we thought it important to inform you of this initiative to honour such a leading cultural figure in this prominent public space.

The Toronto Legacy Project was initiated by the city's first Poet Laureate, Dennis Lee, and approved by City Council on October 29, 2002. The mandate of the Toronto Legacy Project is to commemorate outstanding creative individuals in Toronto's history by naming a variety of facilities and places in their honour. The intent is to weave these achievements into the fabric of the cityscape. The Poet Laureate program and the Toronto Legacy Project are coordinated by Toronto Culture.

Born in Toronto in September 1932, Glenn Gould became a legendary concert pianist on the international stage before the age of thirty. Gould stopped giving concerts at the age of 32 in order to explore innovative ways to share his music through mass media. In doing so, he influenced a generation of musicians and audiences through his extraordinary interpretations of the works of classical composers, most notably Bach. His unique, insightful and intensely personal performances of his extensive repertoire have become milestones in the history of classical music.

As a site for honouring Glenn Gould, the location currently named Metro Square has been selected by the Legacy Project Committee due to its high profile downtown location in the heart of the entertainment district and its proximity to CBC's Glenn Gould Studios and Roy Thomson Hall. Glenn Gould had a long standing relationship with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and also with the CBC, which played a role in his use of media technologies to communicate his music and ideas.

This proposal from members of the Legacy Project Committee attests to Glenn Gould's status as a leading cultural figure in Toronto and has the support of both the Glenn Gould Estate and the



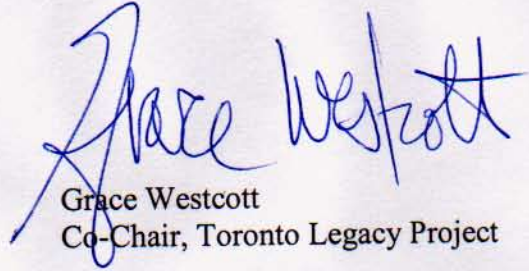
Glenn Gould Foundation. We hope you will find this exciting news. If you have questions or comments about this initiative or other work by the Toronto Legacy Project, please call 416-392-4182.

This initiative will go to Economic Development and Parks Committee and Toronto City Council for approval in early 2007.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, written in a cursive style that reads "Grace Westcott".

Grace Westcott  
Co-Chair, Toronto Legacy Project