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WILLIE NELSON **Wednesday, June 20, 2007** **Live @ BRANDT CENTRE at IPSCO PLACE in Regina** **Tickets On Sale Friday, March 23 @ 10AM**

REGINA- If ever the words "*living legend*" were more than just public relations bluster; the application would be to **Willie Hugh Nelson**.

The iconic Texan is the creative genius behind historic recordings like "*Crazy*," "*Hello Walls*," "*Red Headed Stranger*" and "*Stardust*." His career has spanned six decades. His catalog boasts more than 200 albums. He's earned every conceivable award and honor to be bestowed a person in his profession. He has also amassed reputable credentials as an author, actor and activist.

As ever, **Nelson** tours tirelessly, climbing aboard Honeysuckle Rose III (he rode his first two buses into the ground) and takes his music and fans on a seemingly endless journey to places that were well worth the ride. Most importantly, **Nelson's** music is as adventurous as ever-mixing sounds and styles, bending genre boundaries and engendering the talents of today's most vibrant artists.

Nelson's first album with Atlantic Records, 1973's *Shotgun Willie* got the attention of music critics if not the masses, and the 1974 follow-up *Phases & Stages* helped him build a loyal following. The breakthrough he'd been seeking for the better part of two decades came in 1975 when he parted ways with Atlantic Records and signed with Columbia Records.

Red Headed Stranger became one of country's most unlikely hits. The acoustic concept album vaulted **Nelson** to country music's top ranks, much to the surprise of Music Row. **Nelson's** convention-busting stardom, combined with the concurrent popularity of maverick Waylon Jennings, prompted journalist Hazel Smith to dub the trend "**Outlaw Music**" and a movement was underway.

WILLIE NELSON WILL BE APPEARING AT BRANDT CENTRE AT IPSCO PLACE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 @ 7:30PM. Tickets go on sale FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD at 10AM and are available (\$49.50/\$59.50 plus applicable fees and service charges) in person at Brandt Centre box office, by phone (306) 543-7800 or online at www.ticketmaster.ca.

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