



Zoe Bentley's *Very Merry Christmas*, featuring Canadian Brass, Warms Up A/C Charts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Toronto, ON, December 16, 2004 -- Zoë Bentley's new holiday single *Very Merry Christmas*, featuring the world-renowned Canadian Brass, distributed by Opening Day Entertainment Group, is quickly rising up the top 30 A/C radio across Canada. The second holiday single from the talented 19-year-old singer-songwriter entered the chart last week at number #40 BDS on the national A/C spins chart and #39 on A/C national audience chart. It is currently #32 on the A/C spins and #29 on the A/C audience.

Zoë released her first holiday offering; *Silent Night*, in 2002 featuring Canadian Brass, which was named a top "Pick" by Canadian Music Network. Zoë was also featured on fellow Opening Day artist GQ's chart-topping *Christmas Drummer Boy* (#29 BDS/A/C).

Zoë Bentley sings with the grace of Mariah Carey and the soul of Patsy Cline. At the tender age of 15, Zoë left her hometown of Belleville, ON to find her way in the world. Living on the streets in nearby Cambridge, with nothing but an old knap-sack and acoustic guitar, she met a high-school guidance councilor who found her a place to stay, bought her new guitar strings and encouraged her to follow her passion for writing and performing music. After being spotted in a local nightclub singing Karaoke, Zoë auditioned for OP3/ODEG and immediately began recording songs in the studio. Zoë is currently hard at work finishing her debut album, due for release in 2005. Zoë is also furthering her education and plans to attend college in the fall, tour/business schedule permitting.

Canadian Brass began in Toronto in 1970 with a distinctive sound, dynamic character and an extraordinary connection with audiences. Three original members—Gene Watts, trombone; Chuck Daellenbach, tuba; and Stuart Laughton, trumpet—are still with the group, and have been joined by Joe Burgstaller, trumpet, and Jeff Nelsen, horn. The five virtuosi of the world's most famous brass quintet are currently touring Europe and North America in support of *Magic Horn*, Canadian Brass' debut CD release for Canada's Opening Day Recordings label. With over 50 recordings to date, Canadian Brass' repertoire of over 600 works testifies to the group's unprecedented recording, arranging and commissioning activities. (www.canbrass.com)

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