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LAURENTIAN BANK, SPONSOR OF THE *MAISON THÉÂTRE* SEASON

Montreal, June 1, 2005 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that it will sponsor the 2005-2006 season of *Maison Théâtre*. A partner of *Maison Théâtre* for many years now, Laurentian Bank decided to expand its involvement in order to make a more active contribution to the efforts of *Maison Théâtre* to help young audiences discover, understand and enjoy theatre.

Maison Théâtre creates and hosts theatre productions for young audiences between 2 and 17 years old. Founded in 1982, the company, which is loved by children and appreciated by their parents and teachers, has been in continuous growth ever since. Located in the heart of Montreal, *Maison Théâtre* is known for being a true artistic forum dedicated to the promotion and development of theatre for children and youth.

Maison Théâtre plays a key role in the rise and success of children's theatre. This dynamic, constantly evolving company "Dares" to be different and unique through its original concept at every level: from its show selection, to the hall design with chairs adapted for the youngest theatre lovers, to the foyer with a reading place where kids love to stay before the show. This approach is similar to the guidelines that Laurentian Bank has set for itself, always striving to be open and approachable as well as reaching out to families.

Laurentian Bank and its employees are happy to join forces with *Maison Théâtre*. Each year, through its sponsorship and donation program, Laurentian Bank supports hundreds of organizations renowned for the excellence of their work. This sponsorship is part of the Bank's numerous initiatives with the goal to contribute to community development.

About Laurentian Bank

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small- and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.ca.

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