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LAURENTIAN BANK PRESENTS THE JEUNESSES MUSICALES CANADA CONCERT SERIES "CONCERTS FOR FAMILIES"

Montreal, October 4, 2006 – This year, Laurentian Bank of Canada is once again very pleased to be associated with Jeunesses Musicales Canada's concert series for everyone, "Concerts for families!" The Bank has been a partner in the event for the last five years.

"Concerts for families" features a series of eight hosted concerts, presented on Sundays between October 2006 and May 2007. The program this year includes: Annabelle Canto, Hansel and Gretel, Le grand bal de Noël, Le musicien des glaces, All Aboard to Planet Alloy, Rhythm and Stomp and Skarazula; and presents opportunities for children and their parents to explore the magic of music. New this year, each concert will be performed three times, with shows at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Laurentian Bank and its employees are pleased to be partnering the event once again. The event is in line with the Bank's family orientation, which promotes activities in which parents and children can share emotions and discoveries. The Bank strives to be increasingly accessible to families through an approach that values the client experience and by aiming for excellence in service that is tailored to the needs of each individual.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank is a Quebec banking institution operating across Canada, dedicated to meeting the financial needs of its clients through the excellence of its service, its simplicity and its proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses as well as, through B2B Trust, independent financial advisors. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through the Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network and is a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$17 billion in balance sheet assets and close to \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,200 people. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LB). For more information, please visit www.laurentianbank.ca

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