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LAURENTIAN BANK IS PROUD TO PRESENT LA SEMAINE DE LA MUSIQUE

Montreal, March 1st, **2007** – Laurentian Bank of Canada is proud to present La semaine de la musique (Music Week), which will run from March 3 through March 11 across the Island of Montreal. As part of this event organized by Jeunesses Musicales of Canada, more than thirty free concerts and theatre performances for children and their parents will be presented throughout the spring break week. Again this year, workshops in music-making and in crafting instruments will be offered at the JMC building. Schoolchildren will be eligible for a drawing sponsored by the Laurentian Bank. Two children will have the chance to win a young people's concert for his or her school (or kindergarten) or a family subscription to the series "La musique c'est de famille".

This partnership with *Jeunesses Musicales of Canada* is part of Laurentian Bank's mission of proximity. The Bank finds it important to offer free educational, creativity-building and artistic activities to the population. Making the magic of music and theatre accessible to children is in line with the Bank's values. Laurentian Bank believes that family time is essential for children and parents alike, and promotes partnerships that offer activities where parents and children can have fun, learn and grow together. *Jeunesses Musicales of Canada* does remarkable work among young families.

For further details regarding the schedule by venue, please visit www.jeunessesmusicales.com.

About Laurentian Bank of Canada

Laurentian Bank of Canada 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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