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ALEXIS MARTIN WINS THE “AUTEUR DRAMATIQUE BANQUE LAURENTIENNE” AWARD WITH HIS DRAMATIC TEXT *OREILLE, TIGRE ET BRUIT*

Montreal, September 11, 2008 – At the *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui* gala last night, Ms. Gladys Caron, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Communication and Investor Relations at Laurentian Bank presented the “Auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne” Award to Alexis Martin, whom the *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui* subscription patrons voted their preferred playwright of the season 2007-2008. The goal of this Award that comes with a \$10,000 cash prize is to celebrate the artist’s work for his play *Oreille, tigre et bruit* and to support his artistic projects.

The “Auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne” Award was created three years ago to acknowledge the excellence of our Quebec authors and to encourage the development of a new dramatic art. With this Award, the Bank hopes to further raise the public awareness and appreciation of Quebec’s playwrights, these passionate creators promoting the arts.

“Laurentian Bank is happy to be partners with the Award that recognizes the excellence of Quebec’s artists. The Bank thus wants to support local talents, to help them take their artistic work even further and dare creativity and imagination. Laurentian Bank is also proud to give support to *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui*, a theatre company that plays an essential role in promoting our Quebec playwrights,” said Ms. Caron.

Each year, through its sponsorship and donation programs, 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

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