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**Acclaimed Singer Songwriters DALA Give Back to the School  
That Brought them Together**

**Toronto, Ontario: November 22, 2007:** Universal Music Canada's recording artists *Dala* returned today to their high school to celebrate a \$10,000 MusiCan Band Aid grant to Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School, where they began their musical collaboration. Sheila Carabine and Amanda Walther met in band rehearsal at Mary Ward in Scarborough and they've been making music together ever since. Today's presentation is a terrific example of how *Dala*, thanks to a contribution from Universal Music Canada, are giving back to the school where it all began. A highlight of today's celebration was a performance by the school's 80 member Senior Concert Band as well as *Dala* collaborating with the Stage Band at Mary Ward to perform 'I've Got You Under My Skin'.

"Music has always been a large part of Canada's society and CARAS' commitment to preserving this culture through MusiCan is wonderful, commented Randy Lennox, President & CEO, Universal Music Canada. I'm thrilled for Sheila and Amanda to return to their stomping grounds to share *Dala*'s musical experiences with students and friends alike."

"Music class at Mary Ward is where it all started for us as professional musicians, and we are so proud to be able to be celebrating this Band Aid grant on behalf of MusiCan," says Sheila of *Dala*. "Music programs in schools across Canada need our help, so that every student will have a chance to unlock their creativity and experience the true joy of making music."

Mary Ward is delighted to have been chosen as one of this year's MusiCan Band Aid grant recipients. "Our music program has expanded steadily and that's put increasing stress on our inventory of instruments, some of which have been in use for 30 years," says Richard Jatiouk, the Head of Performing Arts at Mary Ward. "These new instruments will let us continue our ever increasing musical pursuits. We thank MusiCan, Universal Music Canada and especially our graduates, Sheila Carabine and Amanda Walther of *Dala*, for making this grant a reality."

"Canadian artists continue to provide inspiration and invaluable support for our programs," says MusiCan Executive Director, Srinka Wallia. "Together we are keeping music alive in our schools."

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Many Artists have lent tremendous support to MusiCan, inspiring young Canadians and recognizing extraordinary music teachers. They include **54•40, Alanis Morissette, Audrey de Montigny, Billy Talent, Céline Dion, Doc Walker, Eva Avila, Great Big Sea, Gregory Charles, Hawksley Workman, Jane Bunnett, Jann Arden, Jelleestone, Jim Cuddy, Jimmy Rankin, Jully Black, Kalan Porter, Kathleen Edwards, Keshia Chanté, Matt Mays, Melissa O'Neil, Michael Bubl , Murray Lightburn (The Dears), Nickelback, Remy Shand, Rex Goudie, Ryan Malcolm, Sam Roberts, Sarah Harmer, Shania Twain, Shaye, Susan Aglukark, The Ennis Sisters, The Rolling Stones, The Tragically Hip,** and others.

### **About Dala:**

Sheila Carabine and Amanda Walther formed the singer songwriter duo DALA in 2002, shortly after meeting in band class. In the summer of 2005 they signed a major label deal with Universal Music Canada and their debut album "Angels and Thieves" was released in November of that same year. With vocal harmonies guaranteed to give you chills, the girls also make use of their talents on guitar and piano to create their unique brand of acoustic pop. Ever hinting at a wicked sense of humour while revealing an intensity of spirit, DALA's music has won over audiences across Canada. Their second full-length album with Universal Music, entitled 'Who Do You Think You Are', was released in August, 2007.

### **About MusiCan:**

Through MusiCan, the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) is helping keep music alive in schools across Canada. MusiCan's mission is to ensure that every child in Canada has access to a comprehensive music program through their schools. MusiCan includes Band Aid musical instrument grants, the MusiCan Teacher of the Year Award, Scholarships and other music education initiatives. MusiCan is supported by various initiatives such as the platinum selling Juno nominee compilation CD, annual contributions by CTVglobemedia, EMI Music Canada Inc., SONY BMG Music Canada Inc., Universal Music Canada and Warner Music Canada Ltd., as well as Songwriters' Circle sponsored by CMPA and SOCAN, Juno Cup and individual and corporate contributions. Including this year's contributions and since the Program's establishment in 1997, over 2.3 million will be donated impacting 164 post secondary music program graduates and 120,732 individual students, their schools and communities, from coast to coast. MusiCan has also honoured three extraordinary music teachers through the *MusiCan Teacher of the Year Award*. For more information on MusiCan and to find out how you can lend your support, please visit **[www.musican.ca](http://www.musican.ca)**

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