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MusiCan Invites Schools Across Canada to Apply for \$10,000 Musical Instrument Grants

TORONTO, May 1, 2007 – On **May 1, 2007** public, elementary, secondary and separate schools across Canada will be eligible to apply for **2007/2008 Band Aid Grants** of \$10,000 **each** towards the purchase of new musical instruments. All applications must be received by **August 1, 2007** to be considered.

Band Aid Grants are a component of MusiCan, the music education program of the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

“Through MusiCan, we continue to recognize that music education is vital to the growth and stimulation of young Canadians.” says Srinka Wallia, Director of MusiCan. “The Band Aid Grant program helps to ensure that Canadian schools and children are continuing to receive a valuable music education.”

Since 1997, CARAS has donated close to \$2 million towards school music programs, impacting nearly 100,000 young Canadians from coast to coast.

Many music superstars have lent tremendous support to MusiCan including **54•40, Alanis Morissette, Audrey de Montigny, 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 , 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.**

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Selection criteria and downloadable application forms are available online at MusiCan's website, www.musican.ca.

About MusiCan:

Through MusiCan, the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) is helping keep music alive in schools across Canada. The MusiCan mission is to ensure that every child in Canada has access to a comprehensive music program through his or her school system. Celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2007, 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, the Juno Awards 35th Anniversary box set – Oh What A Feeling 3, annual contributions by 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, MIAC (Music Industries Association of Canada) and individual and corporate contributions.

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