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**LAURENTIAN BANK PRESENTS *MUSIC WEEK* IN COLLABORATION
WITH *JEUNESSES MUSICALES***

Montreal, March 1, 2006 – Laurentian Bank is very pleased to present *Music Week*, a series of concerts organized by *Jeunesses Musicales of Canada* during this year's Spring Break in Montreal. From Saturday, March 4th through Sunday, March 12th, 29 scheduled performances of several classical music concerts for children will be presented in culture centres and other concert halls across the Island of Montreal.

Laurentian Bank and its employees are happy to be part of this series of theatrical and animated concerts. These quality cultural events designed to please and amuse youngsters and their parents during this week of fun and entertainment. By presenting *Music Week*, the Bank wants to state its support to *Jeunesses Musicales of Canada*, an organization known for the excellence of its classical music programs for young audiences. This sponsorship is in line with the family orientation of Laurentian Bank, and is part of the Bank's various initiatives with the goal to contribute to community development.

For further details and concert dates, please visit www.jeunessesmusicales.com.

About Laurentian Bank of Canada

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.ca.

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