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**LAURENTIAN BANK PRESENTS THE *COURT À QUÉBEC* CONTEST WITH THE
3 AMERICAS FILM FESTIVAL**

Quebec City, November 8, 2007 – Laurentian Bank is proud to present the *Court à Québec* contest, a 3 Americas Film Festival initiative launched in the framework of Quebec City's 400th anniversary festivities. The contest is open to all college and university students across Quebec.

The young directors will be asked to produce a short film of 10 minutes or less on the theme of "Quebec City: A Meeting Place." Winners will share prizes worth \$10,000 in total, and will have their film screened at a 3AFF Gala in 2008.

"In light of our solid partnership with the 3 Americas Film Festival, we are pleased to assist in funding this project, which will stimulate the creativity of amateur filmmakers," said Michel Garneau, Vice-President, Quebec and Eastern Quebec. The Laurentian Bank sees this contest as a challenge to the imagination of young people in developing and producing a cultural product that will enjoy wide distribution. It's a golden opportunity for all students, whether they are in cinema or not.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a Quebec banking institution that operates across Canada and is dedicated to meeting its clients' financial needs through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses, as well as financial advisors through B2B Trust. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through its Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network and is also a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$18 billion in balance sheet assets and over \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs 3,400 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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