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Registrations until April 24, 2008

**Register now for auditions leading up to the
3rd annual free Blues Camp
presented by TD Canada Trust!
Open to all 13-17-year-old musicians!**

Montreal, Tuesday, February 19, 2008 — Registration begins today for the **3rd edition** of the already renowned **Blues Camp**, presented once again this year by **TD Canada Trust!** We're calling on all **13 to 17-year old aspiring Quebec musicians** to register **before April 24, 2008** for auditions and the chance to join the lucky crew who will participate in the **free day camp** presented as part of the **Montreal Musical Instrument Show (SIMM)** and the **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal**. It's a unique opportunity to hone their musical understanding, perfect their technical skills, and finally, to star on one of the Festival's outdoor stages! Just visit the website at campdeblues.com and register before **Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 5 p.m.** Auditions will follow on April 26 and 27 at Marguerite-De Lajemmerais school in Montreal.

A musical day camp—100% free!

Since its first edition, the Blues Camp presented by TD Canada Trust and created by the SIMM in accordance with its mission to empower teenage musicians through practical and public instruction, was an immediate and immense success! Once again this year, 55 young musicians bursting with knowledge, talent and passion will be chosen to attend the seven-day musical day camp, where they can improve their technique, learn the blues basics and the artistic process, compose, learn to be a part of a group and benefit from exclusive courses and workshops offered by professors, professionals and celebrated artists. Once formed into a band, they will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to climb onto the Festival's TD Canada Trust stage and show the whole world what they've learned!

How to sign up:

Simply log on to the Blues Camp website, campdeblues.com, and register before April 24 by 5 p.m. Young candidates must specify their chosen instrument from the list of those eligible for inclusion at the camp (guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, wind instruments, harmonica, voice) and bring their talent and passion to this free program. 55 young musicians who dream in blue will be selected during an audition to be held in Montreal on April 26 or 27. The Blues Camp, scheduled from June 29 to July 6, will once again be held at cégep du Vieux Montréal, close to the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal site.

Keep this calendar handy:

Registration period: from **February 19 to April 24, 2008, by 5 p.m.**
Auditions: **April 26 and 27**, at Marguerite-De Lajemmerais school in Montreal
Blues Camp: from **June 29 to July 6, 2008**
Performance at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal: **July 6**
The SIMM: Complexe Desjardins, from **Thursday, July 3 to Sunday, July 6**
The Montreal Guitar Show: Grand Salon, Hyatt Regency Montréal, from **Friday, June 27, to Sunday, June 29, 2008**

The Blues Camp offers its warmest thanks to **TD Canada Trust**, whose continued proud sponsorship and presentation hit just the right note, making this musical dream camp possible. Our sincere thanks also go out to partners **Steve's Music Store, Mel Bay, Vox, Pearl, Marshall, Korg, Phonic and Markbass**, and **cégep du Vieux Montréal, CIBL Radio-Montréal 101.5 and Couleur Jazz 91.9.**

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