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Last call to auditions for the 3rd edition of the Blues Camp presented by TD Canada Trust!
Only three days left to earn the chance to participate in a musical dream week!

Deadline: April 24, 2008. Open to all 13- to 17-year-old musicians

Montreal, Tuesday, April 22, 2008 — There's not a minute to lose: the **registration** period for the **3rd edition** of the now-renowned **Blues Camp** presented by **TD Canada Trust** ends on **Thursday, April 24!** Only three days left for all aspiring **young Quebec musicians ages 13 to 17** to see if they qualify to join the lucky crew of 60 for a free, musical dream week in the heart of the **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal!** Presented by the **SIMM** and the Festival, this **totally free day camp** gives young blues fans an opportunity not only to hone their musical knowledge and technical skills, but also to perform in a show before a live audience on one of the Festival's outdoor stages. Two simple steps are all it takes to bring that dream closer to reality: first, log on to the website campdeblues.com and register **before 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008**, then show up for the auditions. They too offer you an unforgettable musical experience before an audience and a judges' panel. The auditions are scheduled for Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, at École Marguerite-De Lajemmerais in Montreal.

A musical day camp—100% free! Created for teens in keeping with the mission of the **Montreal Musical Instrument Show (SIMM)** to promote music making among all age groups, the Blues Camp is a huge hit every year with young people! Admittedly, it would be pretty hard to find something more likely to thrill young music fans than a seven-day intense musical experience with professional musicians and educators, with theory and practice on their favourite instruments, workshops and talks with big-name performers, visits to the Festival, both backstage and on stage, all topped off by a show performed before a live audience, just like the pros, on the Festival's **TD Canada Trust** stage!

How to participate?—Simply register before 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at campdeblues.com. Registrants must indicate the instrument of their choice from among those accepted at the camp (e.g. guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, wind instruments, harmonica, voice) and explain why they want to take part in the summer camp, offered free to all. Some 60 lucky youngsters will be selected at the April 26 and 27 auditions. The Blues Camp, which will run from June 29 to July 6, will be held at the CÉGEP du Vieux-Montréal again this year, right near the site of the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal.

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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**, **Aebersold**, **Vox**, **Pearl**, **Marshall**, **Korg**, **Phonic and Markbass**, **cégep du Vieux Montréal**, **CIBL Radio-Montréal 101.5**, **Couleur Jazz 91.9**, **VRAK.TV** and the **Canada Council for the Arts**.

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