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## Hundreds of young musicians rush into the 3rd annual Blues Camp auditions

**Montreal, Tuesday, April 29, 2008** —Marguerite-De Lajemmerais high school flew its flags last weekend — all of them blue! The school hosted the 3rd annual auditions for the upcoming **Blues Camp** presented by **TD Canada Trust**, welcoming over 300 music-mad teenagers who flocked in to display their talents on their chosen instrument or on vocals. All the energetic young participants were eager for the opportunity to earn one of 50 final spots and showcase their technique and musical knowledge at this utterly unique and **entirely free** Blues Camp, presented from **June 29 to July 6, 2008** by the **Montreal Musical Instrument Show (SIMM)** and the **Festival International de Jazz de Montréal**.

### The Kids Are Alright!

Say what you will about the younger generation, but if we can judge by the newcomers who shared their passion for music at last weekend's auditions, then the kids are alright! Hundreds of budding young 13-17-year-old musicians were classified according to age and level of musical knowledge before facing a handful of music professionals and professors. Those selected in the first round— including, for the first time, a girl on bass— were then interviewed and given opportunity to speak about their interests and passions. In every category (guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, wind instruments, harmonica and vocals), Blues Camp organizers and judges were utterly thrilled by what they heard from the talent on display. And if you believe in music, and the undiscovered magic that lies in the power of youth, be advised: the vigour, freshness and talent displayed at this third annual audition won't be kept secret for very long...

The Blues Camp presents 50 young people showcasing their passion and devotion to the blues, on their chosen instrument, for seven inspiring days—all free of charge—from **June 29 to July 6, 2008**, at **Cégep du Vieux Montréal** near the Festival site. All participants will take part in the closing Blues Camp concert for a live audience on **July 6**, from the TD Canada Trust stage, as part of the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal.

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** and the **Canada Council for the Arts**.

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