

CANADIAN SCHOOLS JUBILANT AS MUSICOUNTS INVESTS

HALF OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

60 MusiCounts Band Aid grants confirmed for 2009-2010

Toronto, October 1, 2009 - MusiCounts, Canada's music education charity associated with CARAS, announced today that 60 Band Aid grants will be given out in 2009/2010.

MusiCounts provides opportunity and access for Canadian students of all ages and backgrounds to comprehensive music programs through their schools. Research proves that children's music education aids their cognitive development, creativity, as well as their overall attitude toward their studies. The demand for support of music programs is ever more apparent and this year is no exception.

Grants from MusiCounts have a huge impact on thousands of Canadian students in urban, rural, remote and First Nations communities coast to coast. They support various types of music programs, from keyboarding to orchestras as well as any possible wind, string, or brass ensemble in between. The grants can also benefit students by introducing them to new instruments and programs such as djembes, Indonesian gamelans and ukuleles.

Music education is becoming an increasingly contentious issue in Canada as many schools do not have sufficient funds or equipment to operate their programs properly. With the assistance of MusiCounts, it is hoped that music education will both encourage and strengthen student participation. Schools selected for grants are those in need of instruments, with dedicated school staff who are convinced the funds will not only impact the school but the community as a whole.

2009-2010 MusiCounts Band Aid Grant Recipients

Alberta

Cremona School, *Cremona, AB*
Heritage Christian Academy, *Calgary, AB*
Hillside Community School, *Grande Prairie, AB*
Percy Baxter Middle School, *Whitecourt, AB*
Pioneer Middle School, *Rocky Mountain House, AB*
Sir John Franklin School, *Calgary, AB*

British Columbia

Agassiz Elementary Secondary School, *Agassiz, BC*
Cumberland Elementary School, *Cumberland, BC*
Davie Jones Elementary School, *Pitt Meadows, BC*
Harwood Elementary School, *Vernon, BC*
James Ardiel Elementary School, *Surrey, BC*
Muheim Memorial Elementary School, *Smithers, BC*
Prince Rupert Elementary Schools, *Prince Rupert, BC*
Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School, *Vancouver, BC*
Suwilaawks Community School, *Terrace, BC*
Vancouver Technical Secondary School, *Vancouver, BC*

Manitoba

École Pointe-des-Chênes, *Ste-Anne, MB*
 Lt. Colonel Barker V.C. School, *Dauphin, MB*
 W.C. Miller Collegiate & Parkside Junior High, *Altona, MB*

New Brunswick

Fredericton High School, *Fredericton, NB*
 Harbour View High School, *Saint John, NB*

Newfoundland

Amalgamated Academy, *Bay Roberts, NL*
 Belanger Memorial School, *Doyles, NL*
 Dunne Memorial Academy, *St. Mary's, NL*
 Larkhall Academy, *St. John's, NL*

Nova Scotia

Aldershot Elementary School, *Kentville, NS*
 Bridgewater Junior Senior High School, *Bridgewater, NS*
 Central Kings Rural High School, *Cambridge, NS*

Northwest Territories

Diamond Jenness Secondary School, *Hay River, NT*

Nunavut

Netsilik School, *Taloyoak, NU*

Ontario

Alexander Muir / Gladstone Avenue Jr. & Sr. Public School, *Toronto, ON*
 Blessed Margherita of Citta di Castello School, *Toronto, ON*
 Bramalea Secondary School, *Brampton, ON*
 College Hill Public School, *Oshawa, ON*
 École Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Marie, *New Liskeard, ON*
 Elizabeth Simcoe Public School, *Toronto, ON*
 Glengrove Public School, *Pickering, ON*
 H.B. Beal Secondary School, *London, ON*
 Hammarskjold High School, *Thunder Bay, ON*
 Holland Chatsworth Central School, *Holland Centre, ON*
 King George Public School, *Guelph, ON*
 Lancaster Public School, *Mississauga, ON*
 Morning Star Middle School, *Mississauga, ON*
 Poplar Bank Public School, *Newmarket, ON*
 Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School, *Kingston, ON*
 Silver Birches Senior School, *North Bay, ON*
 Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute, *Toronto, ON*
 Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, *Hamilton, ON*
 South Huron District High School, *Exeter, ON*
 Valley Park Middle School, *Toronto, ON*
 West Park Secondary School, *St. Catharines, ON*

Prince Edward Island

École François Buote, *Charlottetown, PEI*

Quebec

Centennial Regional High School, *Greenfield Park, QC*

École Euclide-Lanthier, *Gatineau, QC*

École Providence/J.M Robert, *Saint-André-Avellin, QC*

École Sainte-Gertrude, *Montréal-Nord, QC*

Laurentian Regional High School, *Lachute, QC*

Polyvalente de l'Ancienne-Lorette, *L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC*

Saskatchewan

Grenfell High Community School & Grenfell Elementary Community School, *Grenfell, SK*

Yukon Territories

Porter Creek Secondary School, *Whitehorse, YT*

About MusiCounts

MusiCounts, Canada's music education charity associated with The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, is helping to keep music alive in schools across Canada. MusiCounts' mission is to ensure that children in Canada have access to a comprehensive music program through their school. MusiCounts includes Band Aid musical instrument grants, the MusiCounts Teacher of the Year Award, Scholarships and other music education initiatives. MusiCounts is supported by various initiatives such as the platinum-selling Juno Award nominee compilation CD; annual contributions by CTVglobemedia; EMI Music Canada Inc.; Sony Music Entertainment Canada Inc.; Universal Music Canada and Warner Music Canada Ltd.; as well as Songwriters' Circle sponsored by CMPA and SOCAN; Juno Cup sponsored by The Keg Steakhouse and Bar; and individual and corporate contributions, including Astral Media, The Keg Spirit Foundation, Rogers Broadcasting Ltd., and SIRIUS Canada Inc. Since the Program's establishment in 1997, over \$3 and a half million will have been donated impacting 214 post secondary music program graduates and over 250,000 individual students, their schools and communities, from coast to coast. MusiCounts will have also honoured 5 extraordinary music teachers through the MusiCounts Teacher of the Year Award. For more information, please visit:

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