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EIGHT YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS AWARDED \$10,000 GRANTS

July 17, 2013 – Eight young performing artists will receive grants of \$10,000 each this year from The Hnatyshyn Foundation to pursue their studies in September 2013. This brings to \$700,000 the amount awarded in university-level scholarships over the past five years by the Ottawa-based foundation.

In announcing the winners of the 2013 Developing Artists Grants adjudication in Ottawa today, Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation, said: “The nominees for 2013 represent the depth of talent and perseverance that can be found in Canada’s young performing artists. The Hnatyshyn Foundation is privileged to celebrate their accomplishments by awarding these grants, investing in and supporting, at the most fundamental level, the development of world-class artists of tomorrow.” The grant winners were adjudicated anonymously by expert juries from among applicants nominated by educational and training institutions across Canada.

Marlène Ngalissamy, of Montréal, QC receives the classical music grant for orchestral instrument (wind). A 20-year-old bassonist, she will be studying at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal where she begins the final year of Bachelor of Music degree this autumn.

The classical piano grant is awarded to 20-year-old Christopher Kusahara of Burnaby, BC. He begins the third year of a Bachelor of Music degree at Schulich School of Music of McGill University this September.

The winner of the Oscar Peterson Grant for Jazz Performance is James Hill, a 22-year-old piano player from Toronto, who will enter his fourth year in the Bachelor of Music Jazz Studies degree program at Humber College this autumn.

The classical ballet grant goes to 18-year-old Martin ten Kortenaar of Guelph, ON, who will be undertaking a full-time apprenticeship with the National Ballet of Canada in Toronto.

The graduate grant for classical vocal performance is awarded to Charles Sy, a 21-year-old Tenor from Mississauga, ON, who will begin studies for his Masters at the University of Toronto.

The French theatre acting grant goes to Rose-Anne Déry-Tremblay, a 21-year-old student at Conservatoire d’art dramatique de Montréal, originally from Trois-Rivières, who will

enter her final year of studies this autumn. The French theatre acting grant is funded by CIBC.

Sarah Marchand, age 21, of Gatineau, QC is the winner of the Developing Artist Grant for English theatre acting. She will commence her final year of a specialization in Theatre Performance at the Concordia University this fall. The English theatre acting grant is funded by CIBC.

The winner for contemporary dance is 21-year-old Melissa Watt of Edmonton, AB. She will complete her final year of the Professional Training Program at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre.

The Hnatyshyn Foundation is a private charity established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals. The Department of Canadian Heritage has provided nearly \$5 million in grants to assist the Foundation.

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