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PRESS RELEASE

FIVE YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS GRANTS

OTTAWA, July 5, 2005 - The Hnatyshyn Foundation has chosen five young performing artists who will each receive a grant of \$10,000 to pursue their studies in September. The winners of the 2005 Developing Artists Grants competition were announced in Ottawa today by Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation. The grant winners were chosen by an expert jury from among applicants nominated by educational and training institutions across Canada.

The grant for instrumental classical music will be awarded to 18-year-old Jeffrey Dyrda of Oakbank, Manitoba, who will be starting a Bachelor of Music, Honours, degree in classical violin at McGill University this fall. Jeffrey, a graduate of Springfield Collegiate in Oakbank, near Winnipeg, has been concertmaster of the Winnipeg Youth Orchestra since 2002.

The winner of the Oscar Peterson Grant for Jazz Performance is Jonathan Challoner of Coombs, British Columbia, an 18-year-old graduate of Kwalikum Secondary School on Vancouver Island. He will use his grant to study jazz trumpet at Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts in Toronto.

The classical ballet grant goes to 17-year-old Maude Sabourin of Terrebonne, Quebec, who will be undertaking a post-secondary ballet program offered by the École nationale de ballet contemporain (ENBC) and the Cégep du Vieux Montréal. Ms. Sabourin has just graduated from the ENBC's secondary school academic and dance program.

Greg Gale, 21, of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, is the winner of the Developing Artist Grant for acting (non-musical theatre). A graduate of Herdman Collegiate in Corner Brook, he will be starting his second year of drama studies at the National Theatre School of Canada.

The graduate grant for classical vocal performance will be awarded to 23-year-old soprano Lisa DiMaria of Gormley, Ontario, to help her to pursue a Master of Music degree in Operatic Performance at the University of Toronto. Ms. DiMaria, a winner of numerous Ontario music festival awards, graduated this year from University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance.

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 matches donations received by the Foundation up to a maximum of \$2.5 million.

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