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Local Winners Announced at Music Express 7th Annual Talent Showcase!

Canada's Premier Show Band, Music Express held their 7th annual talent showcase competition on the evening of Tuesday June 17, 2008 at the Villanova Festival Theatre in LaSalle, Ontario. The event realized a fantastic turn out of participants who performed to a very energetic audience. This talent show was targeted at local grade school and secondary school students and provided a great opportunity for them to share their musical and/or dance talents and compete for fantastic cash prizes.

"Our mission remains clear – to bring the art of music and entertainment to our community" says Group CEO & Director Nino Palazzolo. He adds, "not only will we do this through our energetic performances, but we will also accomplish this through our community outreach program targeted at young children". "The annual *Music Express Talent Showcase* program has been a huge success and the response for 2008 was incredible!"

The competition was tough but the judges were able to narrow their selection down to the following winners:

First Place (Elementary): A violin solo by Yuchen Dai from Glenwood Public

Second Place (Elementary): A vocal solo by Elise Leblanc from Sacred Heart

First Place (Secondary): A piano solo by Danni Feng from Massey Secondary

Second Place (Secondary): A vocal solo by Joshua Yeryk from Holy Names Secondary

We would like to extend a special thanks to the event sponsors, judges, volunteers and all of the participants for making this program a tremendous success. We would also like to congratulate all contestants and the winners for their achievements.

Music Express is a non-profit organization serving the Windsor and Essex County community. Versatile in many styles of music, Music Express offers captivating renditions of Broadway tunes, popular music, jazz, rhythm and blues, rock and roll and Motown. Most notable is its highly inspirational gospel shows, which have raised significant funds for churches throughout our community. In addition to performances at the Cleary's Chrysler Theatre and the Villanova Festival Theatre, this dynamic show band has entertained audiences in the United States, the People's Republic of China, Scotland, Austria, Slovakia, England, Mexico and will be touring central Europe this summer.

For information about our organization, our upcoming events or for an interview with our Director, Nino Palazzolo, please contact our Public Relations Department. You may also visit us at www.musicexpress.ca.

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