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CONGRATULATIONS TO TD CANADA TRUST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ INTENSIVE PARTICIPANT LUAN PHUNG – 2007 CANFOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

For the third consecutive year Coastal Jazz and Blues Society is pleased to have Canfor, Canada's largest forest products company, as presenting sponsor of the TD Canada Trust *High School Jazz Intensive*. This year Canfor is providing a scholarship worth \$3,000 to a grade 10, 11, or 12 student from one of Canfor's operating regions that auditions for the program. We are happy to congratulate the winner of this year's Canfor Scholarship, Luan Phung of Chilliwack, BC.

An adept guitarist, Luan Phung currently attends grade 10 at Sardis Secondary School in Chilliwack, where he has been playing in the school jazz band since grade 8. With 10 years of classical guitar lessons at the Vancouver Academy of Music, Luan has recently developed a keen interest in jazz. "I've been playing jazz seriously for about a year," Luan says. "It feels great to win this scholarship because it is a significant amount of money that will contribute to my savings towards my future music studies." The sixteen year-old aspires to study music in university and become a studio musician or start a solo career in "jazz or fusion, of course," he notes. In addition to attending many summer music programs, Luan plays local gigs around Chilliwack and teaches guitar at his home studio. His creativity and skill as a guitar player has successfully landed him a spot in this year's *High School Jazz Intensive* band, conducted by artist-in-residence Nicole Mitchell. "I am very honoured to learn from these professional musicians," Luan says about the program. "Playing with the other members in the group is humbling and very inspiring."

"Canfor is thrilled to again be the presenting sponsor of the *High School Jazz Intensive*," notes Canfor's President & CEO, Jim Shepard. "And we are especially proud to be providing the support for a talented student from one of our operating regions to participate in this great program this year. Students outside the Lower Mainland often miss out on opportunities like this so to be able to give a young musician the chance to study under someone of the caliber of Nicole Mitchell is truly rewarding for us."

Open to students in the lower mainland by audition, the TD Canada Trust *High School Jazz Intensive*, presented by Canfor is a jazz big band made up of selected high school students in residency at the TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival. Now in its fourth year, the *High School Jazz Intensive* offers aspiring and talented young musicians a chance to rehearse and perform a broad range of jazz repertoire. Students will also participate in workshops at Tom Lee Music Hall as well as attend selected Jazz Festival concerts by such jazz greats as Sonny Rollins, David "Fathead" Newman, and The Bad Plus. The culmination of the TD Canada Trust *High School Jazz Intensive* is, of course, the free public performance conducted by Nicole Mitchell on Sunday July 1 at 12:45 pm at the Roundhouse Community Centre during the TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival. Please note that scholarships will be awarded at 12:30 pm before the performance in Festival Hall.

A cornerstone of Coastal Jazz and Blues Society's education, outreach and community programs, the TD Canada Trust *High School Jazz Intensive*, presented by Canfor provides enormous opportunities for students to prepare for their future in music by advancing their musicianship and expanding their musical horizons. It is one of the many educational programs developed by Coastal Jazz and Blues Society that combines inventiveness, innovation, creative thinking, and musical determination with the sheer pleasures of learning, listening, and playing.

The 22nd annual TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival, produced by Coastal Jazz & Blues Society, runs from June 22 to July 1. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster 604.280.4444 or by calling the Jazz Hotline at 604.872.5200. Further Festival information available at www.coastaljazz.ca

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