

Press Release For immediate distribution

Jeunesses Musicales New Brunswick is offering Scholarship Opportunity to New Brunswick music students

Caraquet, N.B., March 9, 2015 – Jeunesses Musicales New Brunswick (JMNB), with the support of the Laetitian Cyr Fund, is pleased to offer seven scholarships, valued at \$500 each, to students from New Brunswick who wish to take master classes, enroll in a recognized music camp, or compete in a national or international music competition.

To be eligible, applicants must reside in New Brunswick and have been accepted at a recognized music camp or competition, or be taking courses from a renowned professional musician. **The deadline for applications is May 15, 2015**.

The Laetitia Cyr Fund, established in 2000, seeks to assist young instrumentalists and vocalists who seek to perfect their training in order to pursue a professional career in music. The Laetitia Cyr Fund distributed its first scholarships in 2008. In creating the fund, JMNB wished to honour the memory of Madame Laetitia Cyr and her exceptional contribution to the musical life of New Brunswick. Madame Cyr successively held the positions of director of programming and director of French radio with Radio-Canada Atlantic. During her thirty years with the public broadcaster, she diligently promoted the young musicians and singers of the region, regularly broadcasting their concerts, not only on the regional network but nationally as well. It was she, along with Claudette Thériault and Lyne Raymond, who founded Jeunesses Musicales New Brunswick in 1996.

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship will find an application form on the JMNB Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/JeunessesMusicalesNB</u> or on the web site at <u>www.jmcanada.ca</u>.

- 30 -

Further information: Réjean Poirier, Agent Jeunesses Musicales Canada, Atlantic Region Téléphone: 506-888-3341 E-mail: Jeunesses.musicales@laposte.net