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**TAFELMUSIK APPOINTED AS BAROQUE ORCHESTRA IN RESIDENCE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, 2004/05 – 2007/08**

TORONTO - The Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra is thrilled to announce its appointment as the new **Baroque Orchestra in Residence** at the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto. The Baroque Orchestra in Residence partnership is for a four-year term (2004/05 – 2007/08) and will provide future generations of musicians with a unique opportunity to receive period performance training of an international calibre. TD Bank Financial Group is the founding sponsor of the Baroque Orchestra in Residence initiative.

Tafelmusik remains committed to expanding its period performance scholarship mandate of establishing first-rate artist training programmes. Through initiatives such as the Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute, now in its third year, and its new partnership with the University of Toronto, Tafelmusik will contribute to the education of future performers and strengthen its reputation as a centre of artistic excellence.

As part of the new partnership between Tafelmusik and the University of Toronto, the annual **Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute** will be held at the fine facilities of the Faculty of Music. University of Toronto students enrolled in the Baroque Summer Institute will receive a \$150 scholarship.

During its tenure as Baroque Orchestra in Residence, Tafelmusik will collaborate with the University of Toronto on educational activities throughout the academic year, including:

- Ongoing **training in period performance for Faculty of Music students** through attendance at Tafelmusik rehearsals, concerts, education concerts and workshops;
- Tafelmusik music director **Jeanne Lamon** guest directing the University of Toronto Orchestra in baroque and classical orchestral or opera repertoire;
- **Baroque Education Events** featuring workshops and masterclasses; special lectures on period performance; a musicians' career panel; and workshops on major baroque and classical orchestral and choral repertoire;
- **Symposia** in partnership with the Faculty of Music's academic and performance faculty and student community, including lectures, demonstrations, and performances by Tafelmusik musicians, Faculty of Music specialists, and guest performers and lecturers.

Tafelmusik music director **Jeanne Lamon** is delighted with the possibilities of this new initiative: "Professional musicians are expected to perform baroque music throughout their careers. The works of Bach, Handel and Vivaldi are standard repertoire. There is therefore a genuine need for undergraduate students to receive training in baroque performance practices before they enter into the professional world," explains Ms. Lamon. "We are very enthusiastic about pre-professional and professional training, and look forward to working with the University of Toronto in this important endeavour."

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The **Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto** is an international centre of excellence for musical creativity, performance, and scholarship, offering high-quality undergraduate and graduate programmes in the areas of music composition, education, performance, and research with an aim to producing educated artists and informed leaders who go on to shape musical life in communities and prominent arts organizations across Canada and abroad.

"I am pleased that the Faculty of Music, already known for its fine undergraduate and graduate programmes, has established a partnership with the world-renowned Tafelmusik orchestra, thus providing our students with a further dimension to their educational experience," says **David Beach**, Dean of the Faculty of Music.

Associate Dean **Cameron Walter** adds, "The new partnership with Tafelmusik in residence at the Faculty of Music greatly complements the unique comprehensive musical education students receive at the University of Toronto. Our students will reap tremendous benefits from studying period performance with the members of Tafelmusik. Having Tafelmusik in residence as period performance experts is a natural extension of the roster of outstanding musical artists, scholars and composers that make up our teaching faculty."

TD Bank Financial Group is pleased to be the founding sponsor of the Baroque Orchestra in Residence initiative: "Tafelmusik's Baroque Orchestra in Residence programme is a great fit within TD Bank Financial Group's overall support of music. We are proud to be a part of this groundbreaking initiative," says **Scott Mullin**, Vice President of Government and Community Relations.

A number of activities are already in motion: On February 25, 2004, Jeanne Lamon appeared as guest director of the University of Toronto Orchestra, and from May 30 to June 12, the 2004 Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute will be held at the University of Toronto.

For more information on the new partnership between Tafelmusik and the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto, please contact Tricia Baldwin, Managing Director of Tafelmusik (416-964-9562 ext. 225; tbaldwin@tafelmusik.org) or Colleen Smith, Director of Finance and Education (416-964-9562 ext. 229; csmith@tafelmusik.org)

Tafelmusik gratefully acknowledges the support of **TD Bank Financial Group**, founding sponsor of the Baroque Orchestra in Residence initiative.



Tafelmusik thanks the **Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto** for their valued artistic partnership, their vision for young artists in Canada and their commitment to artistic excellence.



Tafelmusik also thanks **Lynn and James Haight** for generously supporting the Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute through the Haight Scholarship fund.

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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon, is one of the world's leading period performance ensembles. All members of the orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice, and their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. Founded in 1979, Tafelmusik performs 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, and has a discography of 68 award-winning CDs, including five that have won Juno awards for "Best Classical Album."