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Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir

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Jeanne Lamon to Receive Honourary Degree from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax

Tafelmusik's Music Director, **Jeanne Lamon, C.M.**, is being recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to music and music education in Canada, where she is among three extraordinary and talented women who will be receiving Honourary Degrees from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax. Jeanne Lamon, Margaret Conrad and Dorothy Green Wills will receive their Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees at MSVU's Convocation ceremonies on May 10 and 11, 2007.

"Mount Saint Vincent University is honoured to welcome these three exceptional women into our family of honorary degree recipients," says Professor Kathryn Laurin, MSVU President and Vice-Chancellor. "MSVU has a long history of attracting the best and the brightest. By paying tribute to the endeavours of these multi-talented women, we hope their accomplishments will spark inspiration in our students to achieve great and wonderful things for themselves and for the society in which we all live."

"Clearly, Ms. Lamon exemplifies all the best ideals and traditions of Mount Saint Vincent University in her life work. Under her superb leadership and guidance over the past 25 years, Tafelmusik has achieved international recognition as a renowned ensemble. As well, the way in which Tafelmusik reaches out to the community, whether through working directly with students in the classrooms and schools, or through offering free student concerts and family matinees, speaks volumes about her focus on, and commitment to, early music. Jeanne Lamon is an exceptional role model for our graduates."

Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) is best known for its small classes, unique programs, high-quality faculty, opportunities for students to be involved in research and its long-standing tradition of educating women. A unique mix of liberal arts, science and professional programs attract women and men from around the world. The list of previous honourees includes such luminaries as Roberta Bondar, June Callwood, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Maureen Forrester, Mavis Gallant, Angela Hewitt, Rosa Parks, and Pamela Wallin.

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Jeanne Lamon, C.M.

Music Director of the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra in Toronto since 1981, Jeanne Lamon has been praised by critics in Europe and North America for her virtuosity as a violinist and her strong musical leadership. In addition to performing with and directing Tafelmusik, she regularly guest directs symphony orchestras around the globe. Upcoming and recent engagements include the Detroit Symphony, Orchestre Métropolitain (Montreal), Jeune Orchestre Atlantique (France), Les Violons du Roy (Quebec), the Victoria Symphony and Orchestra London. She is a frequent guest director on the baroque series of Symphony Nova Scotia. Dr. Lamon has won numerous awards for her work with Tafelmusik, including an **honorary doctorate of letters from York University** (1994), the **Prix Alliance from the Alliance Française** for the promotion of cultural exchange between France and Canada (1997), the **Joan Chalmers Award for Artistic Direction** (1997), the prestigious **Molson Prize** from the Canada Council for the Arts (1999) and an appointment to the **Order of Canada** (2000). In 2003, she was named "Musician of the Year" by her peers at the Toronto Musicians' Association, a prize previously awarded to Oscar Peterson and the Barenaked Ladies. Dr. Lamon is an enthusiastic teacher of young professionals, serving on the faculties of the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto. She is

passionate about Tafelmusik's educational programs such as its baroque summer institute and its new year-long baroque certificate program in conjunction with the University of Toronto.

Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon and founded in 1979, 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. This season, Music Director Jeanne Lamon celebrates 25 years of inspired leadership of Tafelmusik. Tafelmusik is the Baroque Orchestra-in-Residence at the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto. The Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, specializing in baroque performance practice and vocal technique, was formed in 1981 to complement the orchestra and celebrates its 25th anniversary this season. Tafelmusik performs over 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, has released over 70 CDs and has received 9 Juno Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination.

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