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TAFELMUSIK NOMINATED FOR GRAMMY AWARD

Tafelmusik, Canada's baroque orchestra on period instruments, is thrilled to announce that it has been selected as a nominee in the 47th Annual Grammy Awards. **Nominated in the category of "Best Small Ensemble Performance,"** this marks Tafelmusik's first Grammy Award nomination.

A CBC Records recording, the CD receiving the accolade features orchestral suites from French composer Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Dardanus*, a five-act "tragédie en musique" as well as his *Le Temple de la Gloire*, an "opera-ballet".

According to Tafelmusik's **Music Director Jeanne Lamon**, "**CBC producer Neil Crory** and I had long dreamed about recording these beautiful Rameau pieces. The sessions were challenging for everyone involved but the results were well worth the effort. Tafelmusik is truly thankful to the CBC Records team for their work on this project."

Randy Barnard, General Manager of CBC Records, was most pleased about the nomination: "The artistic partnership that CBC Records and Tafelmusik have had over the years has been extraordinary. Nationally, the partnership has garnered Juno nominations and awards so to have the international Grammy recognition is phenomenal, a first for the label and a first for this wonderful orchestra."

Under the leadership of Jeanne Lamon since 1981, Tafelmusik has won many awards for several of its 71 recordings, including five Juno Awards in the category of "Best Classical Album: Large Ensemble" for Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* (Sony Classical), Handel's *Concerti Grossi* (Sony Classical), Handel's *Floridante* (CBC Records), Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos* (Sony Classical), and Boccherini's *Symphonies and Cello Concertos* (BMG/Deutsche Harmonia Mundi).

In 2003, Tafelmusik won a Diapson D'Or (France) for Bach's *Orchestral Suites (Analekta)*, and the ensemble has been awarded several other international recording prizes, including a Cannes Classical Music Award for Haydn's *Paris Symphonies* and an ECHO Klassik Award for Best Orchestra of the Year (Germany). As well, *Gramophone*, the UK's renowned classical music magazine described Tafelmusik as "One of the world's top baroque orchestras."

The 47th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on February 13, 2005 at Staples Center in Los Angeles, California.

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For more information about Tafelmusik visit www.tafelmusik.org. Information about CBC Records can be found at www.cbcrecords.ca and www.grammy.com is the official website for the Grammy Awards.

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Tafelmusik's season media sponsor is **CLASSICAL 96.3 FM**.

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. 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. Founded in 1979, Tafelmusik performs 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, and has a discography of 71 award-winning CDs, including five that have won Juno awards for "Best Classical Album."

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