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**This is Samantha Whelan.
 She plays trumpet in the Red Deer Symphony.**

**Mrs. Laureen Harper,
 Honorary Chair**

Wednesday,
 September 27, 2006

SOLD OUT!

**Five stars, one stage,
 one night only!**

Emanuel Ax, Yo-Yo Ma,
 Natalie MacMaster,
 Gil Shaham and
 Pinchas Zukerman,
 celebrating five years
 of giving to the National
 Youth and Education Trust.

Over the past six months she and five other musicians from Alberta and Saskatchewan have put a lot of kilometres – we’re talking over 26,000 – on their cars.

Do musicians normally drive that much, you might well ask?

Well, they do if they are traveling all over Alberta and Saskatchewan to teach children about Vivaldi.

You see, Samantha is a Music Ambassador.

She shares music with kids who don’t always get to have these kinds of experiences – experiences that elicit joy and laughter and can make a strong impact on young minds for years to come.

That’s what the National Arts Centre’s Music Ambassador Program is all about.*

Over two and a half years, the Music Ambassadors, all of whom are associated with Alberta or Saskatchewan orchestras, will visit 300 mostly rural schools in those provinces.

The Ambassadors will also train teachers and strengthen links between schools and local orchestras to pave the way for more learning opportunities.

With enough of those, children can be just like the Ambassadors.

They’ll travel far.

Every year the NAC Gala raises money for the National Youth and Education Trust, which funds dozens of performing arts education activities across Canada, including the NAC Music Ambassador Program.

**The NAC Gala. The National Youth and Education Trust.
 Investing in young Canadians through the performing arts: as young audiences,
 through professional training and in classrooms across the country.**

* In Saskatchewan, this program has been named the NAC Shumiatcher Music Ambassador Program in honour of Jacqui Shumiatcher.



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