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For Immediate Release:

Gala Evening & Benefit Concert for Lupus, November 1 in Vancouver Vancouver, BC, September 17, 2008 -- On Saturday November 1, 2008 the exclusive fundraising gala evening "Music of the Night" takes place at a premiere showplace, the Vancouver International Film Centre (Vancity Theatre on Seymour at Davie).

In support of the BC-based charity The Lupus Society, this event is an immediate follow-up to October Lupus Awareness Month. The gala evening encompasses a cocktail reception and tapas, followed by a benefit concert. Top acts team up to perform the "Music of the Night" in aid of The Lupus Society.

"It's an extraordinary opportunity to experience stellar artists in an intimate setting, and to show your support for The Lupus Society's wide variety of services offered to those affected by this very serious and under-recognized chronic disease" reports Michael Hinman, president of The Lupus Society.

Admission for the full evening of events is \$100 per person and includes a cocktail reception with tapas and no-host bar, a dessert buffet, cruise for 2 raffle draw (300 tickets only), 50/50 draw, prize for most elegant mask, and a musically charged event featuring:

- . Barrie Randle - one of the best Roy Orbison impressionists in North America
- . Bruce J. Memphis - Elvis Tribute (Leather Years)
- . Insieme - BC's upcoming pop opera tenor group (www.insiememusic.com)
- . Jack Overbury - "Elvis Within" (Vegas Years)
- . Jayne Anastacio - R&B pop crossover, jazz and Latin pop
- . Neil Tolentino - "a truly romantic balladeer" (www.neiltolentino.com)
- . Pat Milino - sings the standards with a smooth crooning style (www.patmilino.com)
- . Paul Clifford - Canadian Idol Top 22 Finalist
- . Sara Lynn - Canadian singer/songwriter (www.saralynnmusic.com)

Tickets are on sale now. To charge by phone, or for additional information on the Gala Evening & Benefit Concert for Lupus, call 604.714.5564 (Vancouver Metro area) or 1.866.58lupus (BC toll free) or visit bclupus.org. Seating is limited.

About the Lupus Society:

The Lupus Society is the only BC organization committed solely to providing education and support to lupus patients and their families. Lupus is an acute chronic disease which can lead to organ failure and death and tens of thousands of Canadians have this serious disease. Founded in 1977 as a grass roots organization made up of a handful of volunteers, the Lupus Society is now incorporated province-wide with members residing across the country and internationally, as far away as Singapore and Hong Kong. An extensive volunteer network of 8 support groups and 33 provincial contacts, we provide a wide variety of services which link the Lupus Society to thousands of people touched by lupus.

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The Lupus Society sponsors and assists in the development of location support groups and provides access to literature on lupus and coping with this chronic illness. The Society also organizes education meetings and seminars where medical and professional resource people discuss all aspects of lupus including new trends in research. The annual Lupus Symposium is being held on November 1st at the Vancity Theatre, followed by “The Music of the Night” gala fundraising evening.

To find out more about lupus, the Lupus Society, educational or fundraising events please visit www.bclupus.org

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