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NEW NAME, NEW LOGO, AND NEW WEBSITE FOR THE MANITOBA ABORIGINAL MUSIC HOST COMMITTEE INC.

Winnipeg, MB – The Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee Inc. is now Aboriginal Music Manitoba. The organization, which was founded in 2005 to produce Aboriginal events during music award shows in Manitoba, has branched off into other directions in recent years, sparking the need for a new name and new guiding documents.

“Our organization is growing and embarking on new things,” says board chairperson Alan Greyeyes. “We’ve been more than a host committee for the last three years and with the support of the Canada Council, we’ve been able to reassess everything and build a plan for future growth.”

The new Aboriginal Music Manitoba logo and website can be found at www.ammb.ca.

Aboriginal Music Manitoba would like to thank the Canada Council for the Arts for their support of the organizations strategic planning and capacity building initiatives.

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ABOUT ABORIGINAL MUSIC MANITOBA

Aboriginal Music Manitoba is a non-profit organization, governed by an eight-person volunteer Board of Directors. The board members are Alan Greyeyes, Lisa Meeches, Waubgeshig Rice, Jacques St. Goddard, Jamie Isaac, David Robertson, Teresa Clifton, and Kim Ziervogel.

As the Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee Inc, the organization produced Aboriginal nominee honouring ceremonies at the JUNO Awards (2005) and the Western Canadian Music Awards (2006 and 2009), launched the Manito Ahbee Festival and Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards (2006), and produced new Aboriginal music shows for the Cultural Olympiad (2009 and 2010).

Aboriginal Music Manitoba is currently programming Aboriginal Music Week 2010. This will be the second year for the music festival and it will run October 29 – November 7 in venues throughout downtown Winnipeg. Aboriginal Music Week 2009 won a Manitoba Tourism Award for Aboriginal Tourism.