

Monday, May 28, 2007

'inspiring digital dreams'

Toronto - May 28, 2007 –Imagine feeling disconnected from society. Imagine life without a computer. **Sky's the Limit Youth Organization (STL)** presents their 4th annual fundraising event, "inspiring digital dreams," Wednesday, June 13 at Revival Bar beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Artists and supporters will join together for an evening of entertainment with live performances by; multitalented singer **Ayah**, R&B/Soul performer **Chris Rouse** and **Dane Hartsoul**, to raise funds to purchase refurbished computers for under-resourced students.

STL bridges the digital divide between the 'haves' - those with access to technology and the 'have-nots' - those without access. Computers are an integral part of students' education and the repercussions of not having access to current technologies can result in a lack of self-esteem. STL has placed 400 computers to date.

"We look forward to this event every year. Everyone donates their time to this cause." says Lara Tavares, Founder of STL. "STL is achieving our mission to provide under-resourced students with the resources they need to succeed in today's competitive workforce. STL is providing the tools and nurturing the young minds of the leaders of tomorrow." adds Tavares.

STL's fundraising event will be hosted by **Will Strickland**, President of UMAC and will feature special live performances by:

- **Ayah**; www.myspace.com/ayahmusic
- **Chris Rouse**; www.myspace.com/hominymanchild
- **Dane Hartsoul**; www.myspace.com/danehartsoul

Guests will also be entertained by DJs; **Agile**, www.myspace.com/agilebeats and **Mat Chrysdale**, (MuDe, Therapy | Toronto) www.myspace.com/matmude.

This year's silent auction features items including; spa services, art, fashion, dining out, jewellery, sports memorabilia, fitness services and more!

Using funds raised through online donations and through its annual fundraising event, STL purchases refurbished computers and donates them to under-resourced students in the Greater Toronto Area, specifically Regent Park.

CNC Global Limited, Canada's leader in IT staffing solutions, chose STL as one of its chosen charities for 2007. Through CNC Global's ongoing support, STL will expand to other Canadian cities beginning in the fall of 2007 and establish a CNC Global-Sky's The Limit Youth Scholarship.

Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets call 416.350.8888 or purchase online at www.ticketbreak.com.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. and the silent auction closes at 9 p.m.

To view invite: www.STLonline.org

About Sky's the Limit Youth Organization:

Sky's the Limit Youth Organization, www.STLonline.org, founded in 2004 by Lara Tavares, is dedicated to addressing the widening digital divide in Canada by providing students with access to the tools and resources they need to pursue the infinite opportunities and possibilities available to them online.

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Ayah: Arabic word for "Sign" or "Miracle." A multitalented & self-taught singer / songwriter / composer who possesses a voice so very enchanting in its purity, Ayah, now 21, has experienced a fairly nomadic life & found her growing world indelibly touched by a vast array of musical genres, cultures and social climates. These elements would inevitably play an influential role in her writing.

Ayah has graced stages with the likes of Devin the Dude, M1 of Dead Prez, Avant, Melanie Durrant, Jully Black and has performed twice on the renowned Apollo stage in Harlem, NY.

Christopher Rouse, a.k.a Hominy Manchild: Well known from domestic to Asian audiences and locally in Toronto for his talents as vocalist, musician, arranger and producer, Christopher Rouse now moves from his incarnation as group member for Warner USA recording artists Othello into the solo arena. Rouse is currently in studio recording his debut CD, showcasing his particular brand of soul fusing organic new school with old school nuances. "Soul often is thought of as only one genre, but I prefer to draw the analogy of the chameleon. It will always be one thing, a chameleon, but many things as well, as its ability to change colors represents." We look forward to this gifted artist securing his place in the music industry by the rainbow of musical colors that is Christopher Rouse.