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### SMUDGE FUNDAES WIN 2008 FAVOURITE CANADIAN CHILDREN'S GROUP OF THE YEAR!

The Smudge Fundaes won the 2008 Canadian Independent Music Award for Favourite Children's Group of the Year on March 8, 2008 during the "Indie" awards ceremony in Toronto, Ontario. The Canadian Independent Music Awards are given out during Canadian Music Week in Toronto, Ontario.

The Indies celebrate the best in independent music in Canada. Nominees are selected by committees of industry professionals from all areas of the music scene and winners are decided by a combination of public and industry voting ([www.cmw.net](http://www.cmw.net)). The spirit and success of independent music was stronger and louder than ever at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indie Awards ceremony at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario.

Whenever The Smudge Fundaes perform, "large crowds are drawn to their shows and they attract people of all ages", says Roxanne Kirton (Warner) of Westerner Days in Red Deer, Alberta, where The Smudge Fundaes have performed many times. Says Warner, "they have an extraordinary entertaining ability".

During the past 13 years, Niagara-based, Canadian musicians, The Smudge Fundaes have released 5 recordings, have written, produced and starred in two seasons of Classroom Crayons for TVCogeco and continue to tour extensively through Canada and the USA at festivals, fairs, schools, libraries, corporate events and more. Their roster of shows includes their fabulous variety show and presentations about reading, writing, bullying, environment, health, safety, Christmas, Halloween and more. For further information, contact Sandie Thomson at (905) 684-1643 or Suzanne Nicks at (905) 684-5454.

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