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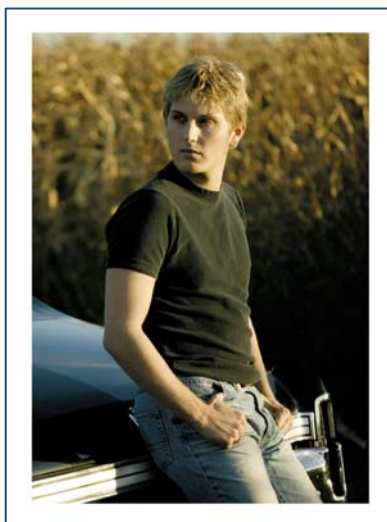
**Jason Blaine Releases New Renaissance Square Song**

Canadian Country Recording Artist and Algonquin College graduate Jason Blaine has released a new theme song that celebrates the College's plan for a new Ottawa Valley campus. The Renaissance Square song went public today when it aired on STAR 96 Radio's morning show.

The song, an upbeat Celtic tune, was recorded by Blaine over the summer months and seeks to create more energy around the project that will be a major boost to Pembroke's downtown and Renfrew County's economy. Blaine says: "I wanted the song to capture the excitement about this project and to reflect the musical heritage of the area. My hope is that everyone will see the benefits that this new campus will bring to my hometown. I'm thrilled to be involved and I hope people really enjoy the song," adds Blaine.

Blaine graduated from the Business program in 2000 at Algonquin's Pembroke Campus. He started writing songs while in College and began recording after graduation. He now lives in Nashville, Tennessee and has become one of Canada's rising country stars with multiple number one songs on CMT and Canadian radio stations.

STAR 96 Program Director, Rick Johnston, says they are committed to promoting Jason Blaine's career and are fully supportive of the College's efforts to build a new campus. "We are pleased to have had the opportunity to launch this new theme song for the College, and hope that the song will continue to generate interest in this exciting project that will transform Pembroke into a college town."



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Algonquin College has announced that construction on the new campus will begin in the spring of 2011. The new campus is scheduled to open by the fall of 2012. When completed, the campus will house more than 1,000 full-time students and will include many student amenities including more learning labs, a gymnasium, and fitness centre. The campus will also allow the College to expand its programming, creating more opportunities for post-secondary and apprenticeship training in Renfrew County.

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