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THE MARK NEWS WELCOMES TALENTED CANADIAN MUSICIAN
MELISSA AUF DE MAR AS A CONTRIBUTOR

**Prominent Canadian musician joins The Mark, Canada's online forum
for news commentary and debate.**

Toronto, ON-- *The Mark News*, Canada's daily online forum for news, commentary and debate, is pleased to welcome [Melissa Auf Der Maur](#) to our team of contributors.

Ms. Auf Der Maur joins a roster of arts and life contributors such notables as Vancouver conceptual artist [Ken Lum](#) and author and television host [Laura Calder](#). The former Hole bassist's first piece is an account of her

"We're very excited to have Melissa join our team," says Jeff Anders, CEO of The Mark News. "With her passion for music and her experiences performing across the globe, she will be a considerable asset to our arts and life section."

The Mark recruits [contributors](#) using two criteria: professional credibility and a connection to Canada. The Mark does select contributors based on how they vote, where they live, or what language they prefer, and certainly doesn't dictate what they write. The result is a community of thinkers and doers that reflects all points of view on politics, business, science and technology, and the arts. Though The Mark encourages contributors to express their bias, The Mark is not anchored to any one ideology itself, following the motto: "You think, [we](#) curate."

ABOUT MELISSA AUF DER MAUR

[Ms. Auf der Maur](#) was born in Montreal, Canada and raised with a fine arts education and a love of music. From 1994-1999 she was a member, songwriter and bass player of the international rock band Hole culminating in the album *Celebrity Skin*. In 2000 she joined the Smashing Pumpkins for their farewell world tour. In 2004 *Auf der Maur*, her first solo album, was released by Capitol Records. The album featured esteemed guest appearances by members of Queens of the Stone Age and NIN. She has exhibited her photography in New York, Montreal and Tokyo and her photos have been published in magazines such as: *Spin*, *Nylon*, *American Photo*, and *Harper's Bazaar*. Auf der Maur is currently wrapping up her new multimedia project *Out of Our Minds*, featuring her next album, film, comic book and website.

ABOUT THE MARK

The Mark is Canada's daily online forum for news commentary and debate. It is founded on the idea that thousands of credible Canadians, here and abroad, have important things to say but cannot reach a national audience. For these Canadians, The Mark is their platform. *The Mark* is unique in that its content is written by a hand-picked community of experts and not by journalists or professional writers. It publishes high-quality



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