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**PIANO PLAY MUSIC SYSTEMS WINS STEVIE® AWARD IN
6TH ANNUAL STEVIE AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Sherman Oaks, California – November 18, 2008 – Sharon Shaheed won a Stevie Award for **Best Entrepreneur-Service Businesses-Up to 100 Employees** in the Stevie Awards for Women in Business last night.

The **2009 Stevie Awards for Women in Business** is an international competition recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding women executives, business owners, and the organizations they run. The awards are produced by the creators of the prestigious American Business AwardsSM.

In winning the Stevie, **Piano Play Music Systems, Inc.** beat out other finalists including Alar Corporation from Santa Ana, CA and Atrium Staffing from New York, NY. Sharon Shaheed, President & CEO of Piano Play Music Systems was presented the Stevie by Maria Coyne, Executive VP for Key Bank. In accepting the Stevie, Sharon Shaheed said, "What a wonderful honor to receive an award of this magnitude amongst so many incredible women doing great work in their industries. I am standing here completely shocked."

Stevie Awards were handed out in categories including Best Entrepreneur, Best Executive, Lifetime Achievement, and Women Helping Women at the gala event at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel on November 13. More than 1,100 entries from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted for consideration.

Sharon Shaheed has a 20+ year track record as a music educator, she has authored, ***“Cookin’ with Music”*** (a music reference book designed for pre-school teachers, music teachers or parents to assist in teaching fundamental music to children ages 2-6 years of age) , written successful musical play entitled, ***“Nathan & The Time Machine”*** (a story that reflects on the different periods and styles of music) which was performed at the CSUN Performing Arts Center and wrote/created all the songs for, ***“Sharon’s Special Friends”*** (an educational CD for pre-school children) and ***“Lowey Hija & Friends”*** (a Computer game for ages 2-6.). Other music instruction experience includes general music classes for the LAUSD and Hillsborough County School District in Tampa, Florida. Her educational background includes a Bachelor’s of Music Education and a Minor in Voice from Xavier University and a Masters in Performance and Minor in Piano Pedagogy.

Most recently, her company, Piano Play Music Systems was award winner at Count-Me-In’s national “Make Mine A Million” program. Mrs. Shaheed was a speaker at the California Governor’s Conference in October 2007 (hosted by First Lady Maria Shriver.) Mrs. Shaheed was also a guest on the XM Radio’s “Oprah & Friends” talk show, hosted by Dr. Robyn Smith this past October. **Piano Play Music Systems currently has 3 locations in Southern California, including Sherman Oaks, Pasadena & Woodland Hills.** For more information check www.pianoplaymusic.com, or contact our headquarters in Sherman Oaks at 818-789-6110 and speak with our Office Manager-Sherry Green-Milligan

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business are governed by a Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors that features many leading women entrepreneurs and luminaries in business. Members of the Awards’ Board selected Stevie winners from among the finalists. Finalists were chosen by business professional worldwide during the preliminary judging period.

Details about the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of honorees are available at www.stevieawards.com/women.

About The Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in four programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Honoring companies of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about The Stevie Awards at www.stevieawards.com.

Sponsors of the 6th annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business include the Business TalkRadio Network, Covario, Inc., and KeyBank. Localization partner of the 2009 Stevie Awards is Lionbridge.