



## Ready to Rock – City and Colour, Nickelback and Simple Plan Set to Perform at THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS, Sunday, March 29 on CTV

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**Toronto, ON (February 3, 2009)** – The boys are back in town! CTV and The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) announced this morning three additional acts for CTV's broadcast of **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** on **Sunday, March 29**. The artists slated to blow the roof off Vancouver's General Motors Place are: JUNO Award-winning artist **City and Colour**, prairie-rocker superstars and nine-time JUNO Award-winners **Nickelback** and JUNO Award-winning Québec pop punk sensation **Simple Plan**.

The announcement was made at today's press conference in Toronto announcing the nominees for The 2009 JUNO Awards. The three new acts, all of who are 2009 JUNO Awards nominees, join 2009 Allan Waters Humanitarian Award recipient **Sarah McLachlan** who was confirmed as a performer last week. Additional acts for **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** will be announced in the coming weeks.

"This party just keeps getting better," said Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc. "Three, heavy-hitting, top-of-the-chart performers known around the world will leave a memorable mark on the JUNOS stage."

"We're thrilled to welcome back City and Colour, Nickelback and Simple Plan to The JUNO Awards stage. All three have given electrifying performances in the past, and we can't wait to see what they have in store for audiences at The 2009 JUNO AWARDS," said Melanie Berry, President of CARAS.

### **About CITY AND COLOUR**

Until a couple of years ago, Dallas Green was better known as the dulcet voice of the platinum-selling band, Alexisonfire. In 2005, he quietly debuted his full-length album *Sometimes* under the solo moniker, City and Colour, and undertook a cross-Canada tour resulting in long line-ups for sold-out shows. Exceeding everyone's expectations, *Sometimes* achieved platinum certification in 2006. Remaining sincere and affable, Green gave a heartfelt performance at the 2006 MuchMusic Video Awards, where City and Colour won the People's Choice Favourite Canadian Artist award, and in the following year took home The 2007 JUNO Award for Alternative Album of The Year. *Bring Me Your Love* is City and Colour's sophomore studio album featuring a dozen tracks including "The Girl," "Waiting..." and "Sleeping Sickness" with guest vocals by Gord Downie of The Tragically Hip.

Official Website: [www.cityandcolour.ca](http://www.cityandcolour.ca)

### **About NICKELBACK**

Nickelback's *All The Right Reasons* (2005, 6X platinum) is one of the most successful albums of the century, and stoked great expectations for the quartet's sixth album, *Dark Horse* (2008, currently 3X platinum), which debuted at #1 on the Canadian SoundScan Top 200 Sales Chart. Its lead single, "Gotta Be Somebody" went to #1 at radio and reached #1 overall on the Canadian iTunes store. The nine-time JUNO Award winners have sold 27 million albums worldwide and since the 2001 breakthrough of "How You Remind Me," have sent 18 singles rocketing up the charts.

Official Website: [www.nickelback.com](http://www.nickelback.com)

### **About SIMPLE PLAN**

On the strength of hits such as "When I'm Gone," "Your Love Is A Lie" and "Save You," Simple Plan's self-titled third album became their third consecutively to be certified platinum in Canada. The release of the album was followed by a sold-out global tour by the Montréal-based band whose worldwide sales have now topped 7 million. As a testament to the band's popularity, they have been voted Favourite Canadian Band an unprecedented five times by the viewers of MuchMusic at the MuchMusic Video Awards and received the JUNO Fan Choice Award in 2006. The members of Simple Plan have made the most of their popularity by starting the Simple Plan Foundation which raises money for a variety of charities. Most recently proceeds from the sale of the band's single "Save You" were distributed to various cancer charities.

Official Website: [www.simpleplan.com](http://www.simpleplan.com)

Broadcast in high definition and 5.1 surround sound and hosted by Russell Peters, **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS**, Canada's Music Awards, will air on CTV on Sunday, March 29 from General Motors Place in Vancouver. It is the eighth year in a row that The JUNO Awards are airing on CTV, the Official Broadcast partner of The JUNO Awards. Since CTV joined forces with CARAS in 2002, The JUNO Awards have travelled across Canada, bringing a live, electrified stadium show to millions of Canadians. CTV has broadcast The JUNO Awards from St. John's (2002), Ottawa (2003), Edmonton (2004), Winnipeg (2005), Halifax (2006), Saskatoon (2007) and Calgary (2008). The 2010 JUNO Awards will be broadcast once again from St. John's, NL.

**THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** is produced by Insight Productions in association with CTV and the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS). Executive Producers are John Brunton and Barbara Bowlby for Insight Productions and Melanie Berry and Stephen Stohn for CARAS. Louise Wood is Producer and Donna Luke is Line Producer. Ed Robinson is Executive Vice-President, Programming, CTV Inc. Susanne Boyce is President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc.

Broadcast sponsors for **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** are Garnier, Pepsi, Pontiac and Rogers.

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### **About CARAS:**

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/L'academie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enregistrement (CARAS) is a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and enhance the Canadian music and recording industries and to contribute toward higher artistic and industry standards. The main focus of CARAS is the exploration and development of opportunities to showcase and promote Canadian artists and music through vehicles such as The JUNO Awards. For more information on The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit our websites at [www.carasonline.ca](http://www.carasonline.ca) and [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca).

### **About CTV:**

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### **Web Links:**

CTV's JUNO Awards website: [www.junos.ctv.ca](http://www.junos.ctv.ca)

Official JUNO Awards website: [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca)

CARAS website: [www.carasonline.ca](http://www.carasonline.ca)

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