



**Final Performers Announced:
Bryan Adams, Great Big Sea and Kathleen Edwards Round Out
THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS, Sunday, March 29 on CTV**

- Special guests Hawksley Workman and members of Eccodek to perform with Great Big Sea –
 - Additional block of tickets goes on sale at Ticketmaster.ca –
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Toronto, ON (March 5, 2009) – As revealed last night on ETALK, CTV and The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) confirmed today that 18-time JUNO Award-winner and Grammy Award-winner **Bryan Adams**, East coast folk rock band **Great Big Sea** and **Kathleen Edwards**, a four-time JUNO Award-nominated alternative country singer-songwriter, are the final artists slated to perform live on CTV's broadcast of **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** on **Sunday, March 29**. Rocking out with Great Big Sea are two-time JUNO Award-winner **Hawksley Workman** along with members of the global groove collective and first-time JUNO Award nominees, **Eccodek**. Today's additions bring the total count of performers in this year's JUNO AWARDS broadcast on CTV to 14. Hosted by comic superstar Russell Peters, **THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS** airs live on CTV on **Sunday, March 29 at 9 p.m. ET**.

Bryan Adams, Great Big Sea (with Hawksley Workman and Eccodek members Andrew McPherson, Les Hartai, and Jason Shute) and Kathleen Edwards join previously announced performers in the broadcast **City and Colour, Crystal Shawanda, Divine Brown, Nickelback, Sam Roberts, Sarah McLachlan, Serena Ryder, Simple Plan** and **The Stills**.

With the complete performance line up now confirmed, an additional block of tickets for the two-hour performance and awards spectacular at Vancouver's General Motors Place are now on sale and available at Ticketmaster.ca or by phone at (604) 280-4444. Visit JunoAwards.ca for complete ticket details.

**** Media Note ** Download photos of THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS performers at www.ctvmedia.ca.**

"From Vancouver's Bryan Adams to Newfoundland's Great Big Sea, this year's JUNO AWARDS broadcast has got the country covered," said Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc. "These artists provide a great bridge from this year's broadcast in Vancouver to next year's in St. John's."

"Today's final performers announcement underlines a spectacular and diverse lineup," said Melanie Berry, President of CARAS. "Fans are in for a special experience when these extraordinary performances and collaborations unfold live on the JUNO Awards stage."

About BRYAN ADAMS

2009 JUNO Award nominee for Artist of the Year, Bryan Adams, is one of the world's most highly acclaimed musicians whose career has spanned more than three decades. Constantly in demand, the celebrated rocker is on the road over 150 days a year to sold out audiences on six continents. He continues to push those boundaries, becoming the first westerner to play in both Pakistan and Vietnam. He has achieved #1 status in over 40 countries. Holder of the record for the longest running #1 hit in the history of the British charts (16 weeks), Adams' has had four #1 singles as well as racked up an impressive array of Oscar and Golden Globe nominations, a Grammy Award, American Music Awards, JUNO Awards and ASCAP Film and Television Music Awards. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, has been inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame as well as Canada's Walk of Fame. Bryan Adams is currently touring in support of his most recent CD, *11*, performing both stadium shows as well as critically acclaimed solo concerts in both Canada and the U.S.

About ECCODEK

Eccodek is the brainchild of Canadian producer, remixer and multi-instrumentalist, Andrew McPherson. But more than that, it is the tapestry of sound created when a visionary producer, inspired singers and gifted multi-instrumentalists from the four corners of the globe find a common love for dub, funk, jazz and cinematic electronics. 2003 saw the beginning of their story with the release of *More Africa in Us*, followed by the success of 2005's *Voices Have Eyes*, which went to #1 on the Canadian campus charts and led to increased touring and worldwide distribution. *Shivaboom*, is Eccodek's third chapter in this ongoing cross-cultural dialogue, featuring the beguiling voices of JUNO Award-winning ghazal singer Kiran Ahluwalia, expat Malian griots Jah Youssouf and Mansa Sissoko and many more. 2009 marks Eccodek's first JUNO Award nomination for World Music Album of the Year (sponsored by The Canada Council for the Arts).

About GREAT BIG SEA

Hailing from Newfoundland and Labrador, Great Big Sea has traversed the globe, all the while wearing their hometown on their sleeves. The band released their debut album *Up* in 1995, and their relentless touring and raucous live shows quickly propelled the record to platinum. Their next effort *Play* enjoyed even bigger success and the band moved their show into hockey stadiums across the nation. For this, their ninth album *Fortune's Favour*, the nine-time JUNO Award nominated band boldly embraces new sounds and new ideas, fearlessly pushing the boundaries of their own art and music. On the strength of this new album, produced by indie gadfly Hawksley Workman, *Fortune's Favour* is certified gold and garnered Great Big Sea a nomination for Group of the Year, their tenth JUNO Award nomination to-date.

About HAWKSLEY WORKMAN

Hawksley Workman is a critically acclaimed singer-songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist who paves his own path. Brilliantly original and always spontaneous, his creative talent is boundless having released not one but two albums in 2008. The first of two, *Between the Beautifuls*, garnered Workman a 2009 JUNO Award nomination for Adult Alternative Album of the Year (sponsored by Galaxie, Rising Stars Program of the CBC) featuring the hit single "Piano Blink"; followed almost immediately by *Los Manlicious*, led by the single "When You Gonna Flower?" The album is a catchy collection of songs that once again demonstrates that while the two-time JUNO Award winner may be difficult to categorize; there's no doubting he's among the sharpest and hardest working artists today.

Along with his own recordings, Workman has helped produce tracks for Serena Ryder, Sarah Slean and Great Big Sea.

About KATHLEEN EDWARDS

Ottawa native and four-time JUNO Award nominated songstress Kathleen Edwards has had career experiences enviable by many. Two years after her 2003 debut album *Failer* was released, she has since opened for Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones, John Mayer and fellow Canadian Bryan Adams, in addition to having performed at Farm Aid, the Grand Ole Opry and the *Late Show with David Letterman*. *Asking For Flowers* is Edwards' first new album in over three years and definitively one of her most penetrating collections to-date. The album features 11 new songs, all self-penned, and backed by master musicians including her own talents on violin, guitar and piano. Kathleen Edwards is nominated for a 2009 JUNO Award for Adult Alternative Album of the Year (sponsored by Galaxie, Rising Stars Program of the CBC).

In addition to Russell Peters' win for Best Host, THE 2008 JUNO AWARDS took home two more 2008 Gemini Award wins including Best Music, Variety Program or Series (John Brunton, Melanie Berry, Barbara Bowlby, Stephen Stohn and Louise Wood), and Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Non-Fiction Program or Series (Peter Faragher).

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 29th from General Motors Place in Vancouver. It will be the eighth year in a row that The JUNO Awards will air 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. Susanne Boyce is President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc.

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About CARAS:

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