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THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS GALA EVENING HONOURS 32 OF CANADA'S TOP RECORDING ARTISTS

Vancouver, BC (March 28, 2009) - The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) celebrated the class of 2009 JUNO Award winners at tonight's **JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards** held in Vancouver, BC. The non-televised gala event attended by more than 1,200 music industry guests and nominees honoured 32 new JUNO Award winners -- the first of two nights celebrating the best and brightest in Canadian music.

Seven remaining JUNO Awards will be given out at tomorrow night's broadcast of THE 2009 JUNO AWARDS, hosted by Russell Peters, from Vancouver's General Motors Place on Sunday, March 29 at 5 p.m. (PST) televised across the country on CTV.

"Tonight's winners represent the sensational cross-section of musical talent that Canada has to offer," said Melanie Berry, President of CARAS. "We are so proud to celebrate Canada's creative excellence each year at The JUNO Awards and to honour the hard work and successes of our artists."

Kicking off the JUNO Awards Gala Dinner & Awards show was an electrifying performance by first-time JUNO Award nominees, **Beast**. As JUNO Award statuettes were distributed throughout the evening, additional performances lit up the stage from JUNO Award nominees **Elise Estrada, Nikki Yanofsky, Steve Dawson, The Gryphon Trio** and **The Trews**.

A double win went to indie-rockers and first-time JUNO Award winners **The Stills**, who received the JUNO Award for *New Group of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters) and *Alternative Album of the Year* for *Oceans Will Rise*.

R&B songstress **Divine Brown** also received her first JUNO Award for *R&B/Soul Recording of the Year* for *The Love Chronicles*; while Canada's rap superstar **Kardinal Offishall** won the JUNO Award for *Single of the Year* for the hit collaboration "Dangerous" with American hip hop singer Akon.

Serena Ryder received the win for *Adult Alternative Album of the Year* (sponsored by Galaxie, Rising Stars Program of the CBC), making it her second JUNO Award to-date following her debut success and 2008 win for *New Artist of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters).

Other 2009 JUNO Award wins of the evening included: **Alanis Morissette** (*Pop Album of the Year*) sponsored by 91.7 The Bounce; **Buffy Sainte-Marie** (*Aboriginal Album of the Year*) sponsored by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network; **Doc Walker** (*Country Recording of the Year*); **Humble** (*Reggae Recording of the Year*); **Molly Johnson** (*Vocal Jazz Album of the Year*); and **Sam Roberts** (*Rock Album of the Year*).

Alongside the Awards and a stellar line-up of performances by JUNO Award nominees, two distinctive honours were also bestowed. Broadcasting pioneer **Fred Sherratt** received the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award presented to him by former *CityLine* host, Marilyn Denis.

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Sherratt is perhaps best known as the former Vice Chair and Chief Operating Officer of CHUM Limited and is credited for helping to build the organization into one of Canada's leading media conglomerates.

Sarah McLachlan, who is celebrating the 20-year anniversary of her triumphant music career and who has eight JUNO Awards to her name, adds one more as she received the 2009 Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. The Award, named after CHUM Ltd. founder Allan Waters and made possible by funding from the CTV/CHUM benefits package, recognizes her outstanding contributions to charities and organizations at home and internationally.

2009 JUNO GALA DINNER & AWARDS WINNERS:

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

Dangerous *Kardinal Offishall* Kon Live*Universal

INTERNATIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Viva La Vida *Coldplay* Capitol*EMI

NEW GROUP OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY FACTOR AND CANADA'S PRIVATE RADIO BROADCASTERS)

The Stills *Arts & Crafts**EMI

COUNTRY RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Beautiful Life *Doc Walker* Open Road*Universal

ADULT ALTERNATIVE ALBUM OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY GALAXIE, RISING STARS PROGRAM OF THE CBC)

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ALTERNATIVE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Oceans Will Rise *The Stills* Arts & Crafts*EMI

POP ALBUM OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY 91.7 THE BOUNCE)

Flavors of Entanglement *Alanis Morissette* Maverick*Warner

ROCK ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Love At The End Of The World *Sam Roberts* Universal

VOCAL JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Lucky *Molly Johnson* A440*Universal

CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Embracing Voices *Jane Bunnett* EMI

TRADITIONAL JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Second Time Around *Oliver Jones* Justin Time*Fusion III

INSTRUMENTAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Nostomania *DJ Brace presents The Electric Nosehair Orchestra* Balanced Records

FRANCOPHONE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Tous les sens *Ariane Moffatt* Audiogram*Select

CHILDREN'S ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Snacktime! **Barenaked Ladies** *Desperation**Warner

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CLASSICAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: SOLO OR CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**Homage** *James Ehnes* ONYX*SRI**CLASSICAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: LARGE ENSEMBLE OR SOLOIST(S) WITH LARGE ENSEMBLE ACCOMPANIMENT****Beethoven: Ideals Of The French Revolution** *Orchestre symphonique de Montréal/Kent Nagano* Analekta*Select**CLASSICAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: VOCAL OR CHORAL PERFORMANCE****Gloria! Vivaldi's Angels** *Ensemble Caprice* Analekta*Select**CLASSICAL COMPOSITION OF THE YEAR****Flanders Fields Reflections** *John Burge* FLANDERS FIELDS REFLECTIONS Marquis*EMI**R&B/SOUL RECORDING OF THE YEAR****The Love Chronicles** *Divine Brown* WEA*Warner**DANCE RECORDING OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY ENERGY 101.5)****Random Album Title** *Deadmau5* Ultra*EMI**REGGAE RECORDING OF THE YEAR****Everything** *Humble* Palm of Gold Records**ABORIGINAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLES TELEVISION NETWORK)****Running For The Drum** *Buffy Sainte-Marie* Gypsy Boy*EMI**ROOTS & TRADITIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: SOLO****Proof Of Love** *Old Man Luedecke* Black Hen*Fontana North**ROOTS & TRADITIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: GROUP****Chic Gamine** *Chic Gamine* Independent**BLUES ALBUM OF THE YEAR****Ramblin' Son** *Julian Fauth* Electro-Fi*Outside**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN/GOSPEL ALBUM OF THE YEAR****Ending Is Beginning** *Downhere* Centricity*David C. Cook**WORLD MUSIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS)****Africa To Appalachia** *Jayme Stone & Mansa Sissoko* Independent*Outside**JACK RICHARDSON PRODUCER OF THE YEAR****Daniel Lanois** "Here Is What Is" | "Not Fighting Anymore" HERE IS WHAT IS – *Daniel Lanois* Red Floor* Fontana North**RECORDING ENGINEER OF THE YEAR****Kevin Churko** "Disappearing" | "The Big Bang" U-CATASTROPHE – *Simon Collins* Razor & Tie*Sony**CD/DVD ARTWORK DESIGN OF THE YEAR****Anouk Pennel (Director/Designer); Stéphane Poirier (Illustrator)***En concert dans la forêt des mal-aimés avec l'Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal* PIERRE LAPOINTE Independent*Select**VIDEO OF THE YEAR (SPONSORED BY VIDEOFACT)****Honey Honey** *Anthony Seck* FEIST Arts & Crafts*EMI

MUSIC DVD OF THE YEAR

Blue Road Christopher Mills, *Geoff McLean* BLUE RODEO WEA*Warner

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