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### Music PEI now accepting submissions for the 2009/2010 awards

Charlottetown, PE) - Now in its 9th year, PEI Music Week and Conference has grown from one day to an event that brings together the music industry and the public for four jam-packed days of showcases, workshops, and the Gala Awards Show. This year, the festival and conference will be held in Charlottetown, PE from January 20 – 23, 2010.

Music PEI are excited to announce the creation of several new award categories including Musician of the Year, Educator of the Year, Event of the Year and Visual Artist of the Year in addition to the ever popular Fan's Choice award for Weekend Warrior. Music PEI may present a total of twenty-nine (29) music, industry and honorary awards. Submissions are now open to all Prince Edward Island musicians who are members in good standing of Music PEI. Members who released recordings between May 1, 2008 and October 30, 2009 are eligible to submit for the Music PEI recording Awards. Artists are not eligible to be nominated for the same record in the same category two years in a row. The period for submissions is open from September 14, 2009 until October 30, 2009.

The Music PEI Awards recognize the contributions and accomplishments of our local musicians, industry professionals and leaders from across the Island over the past year. These awards celebrate the musicians, individuals and companies who are working to build a strong and vibrant Prince Edward Island music industry.

The 2010 event will feature the return of the popular Songwriters Circle, showcase stages at various venues around Charlottetown as well as the Music for Art Show. Submission deadline on all showcase stages is Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Artists/groups of all genres are encouraged to apply.

For more information or to become a member of Music PEI visit [www.musicpei.com](http://www.musicpei.com) or contact the Music PEI office located at 90 University Ave. Suite 70 902.894-MPEI (6734).

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