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32 JUNO AWARD WINNERS ARE CROWNED!

CANADA'S MUSIC ELITE GATHER TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF THE JUNO AWARDS

Toronto, ON (March 26, 2011) – They are the toast of T.O. and the pride of Canada! Thirty-two JUNO Award winners celebrated well into the night at the **2011 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards** in Toronto, ON. Hosts Jian Ghomeshi and Seamus O'Regan were joined by nearly 2,000 of the music industry's brightest including 2011 JUNO Award nominees who assembled for the first of two Award nights.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS AT THE 2011 JUNO GALA DINNER & AWARDS INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES AND IMAGES, GO TO WWW.JUNOAWARDS.CA.

Eight remaining JUNO Award categories will be announced tomorrow, Sunday, March 27, during THE 2011 JUNO AWARDS live broadcast on CTV from the Air Canada Centre, starting at 8:00pm (EST).

Kicking off the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards was a performance by hip-hop musician **Shad**, who later took home the new JUNO Award statuette for *Rap Recording of the Year*. The evening continued with riveting performances by JUNO Award nominees including **Justin Nozuka**, **Basia Bulat** and **The Sojourners**, as well as tributes to 40 years of Canadian music shown through video vignettes honouring each decade from the '70s to 2000s.

Montréal rockers, **Karkwa**, celebrated their 2011 JUNO Award win for *Francophone Album of the Year* with a spectacular closing number to top off an unforgettable night for all. Other JUNO Award winners include: **Arcade Fire** (*Alternative Album of the Year*, sponsored by Long & McQuade); **deadmau5** (*Dance Recording of the Year*); **Matthew Good** (*Rock Album of the Year*, sponsored by Recording Artists' Collecting Society – A Division of ACTRA); **Neil Young** (*Adult Alternative Album of the Year*, sponsored by Galaxie, Your Musical Universe); **Said The Whale** (*New Group of the Year*, sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund); and **Caribou** for *Electronic Album of the Year*, the first-ever winner of this new category.

Additional highlights included a special presentation to music industry veteran and President of EMI Music Canada, **Deane Cameron**, who was honoured with the *2011 Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award*; and a stirring MusiCounts performance introduced by soulful singer-songwriter **Johnny Reid**, winner of *Country Album of the Year* (sponsored by Country Style).

Sponsors of the 2011 JUNO Awards include FACTOR, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters and The Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage's "Canada Music Fund," Radio Starmaker Fund, Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC), The City of Toronto, Tourism Toronto, Aeroplan and funding partner Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund.

Broadcast sponsors of THE 2011 JUNO AWARDS are Chevrolet, Garnier, Molson Canadian and Rogers.

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