

Great Canadian Music Creators and Publishers Honoured at 26th SOCAN Awards

Toronto, June 23, 2015 – A who's who of the Canadian music industry gathered last night in Toronto to honour Canada's most talented "Born to Be" songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers at the 26th SOCAN Awards.

Sponsored by **Gowlings, KPMG, RBC** and **HMV**, and hosted by CMT Canada's **Paul McGuire**, the SOCAN Awards recognize the lifetime and more recent achievements of Canada's music creators, honoured in a host of categories, including Pop/Rock, Dance, Urban, Country, Jazz, Folk/Roots, Classical, and Film & Television.

Recipients of SOCAN's major achievement awards this year were the legendary **Randy Bachman** (Lifetime Achievement), **Dallas Green** (National Achievement), **MAGIC!** (International Achievement), music industry pioneer **Bernie Finkelstein** (Special Achievement), and "Born to be Wild" songwriter **Mars Bonfire**, who accepted SOCAN's first-ever Cultural Impact Award. All accepted their honours in person, as did R&B chart-toppers **The Weeknd** and **Belly**, rising country stars **Brett Kissel** and **Tim Hicks**, and film and TV composers **Keith Power** and **Andrew Lockington**, among many others.

Performers included soulful young sensation **Francesco Yates**, who sang "Better to be Loved"; heavy metal rockers **Anvil**, who honoured Mars Bonfire with a thundering rendition of "Born to be Wild"; **Kristian Alexandrov, Olena Kilchyk, Calvin Beale** and **Doan Pham**, who played a medley of film and TV themes; "doom soul" singer-songwriter **Cold Specks**, who re-defined Warren Pash's SOCAN Classic Award-winning song "Private Eyes"; and **Randy Bachman**, backed by Toronto rockers **Big Sugar**, who closed the show with a thrilling medley of "American Woman" and "Takin' Care of Business" – accompanied by the audience of more than 600 guests playing cowbells.

"Canadian-made music is essential to Canada's culture, pride and economy," said SOCAN CEO Eric Baptiste. "SOCAN's members are creating music that reaches millions of people at home, and touches hearts and minds worldwide. And our music publisher members are crucial to bringing those songs to the marketplace to expand the reach of great Canadian music around the country, the continent and the world."

SOCAN will also recognize outstanding Francophone music creators and publishers at an awards gala in October 2015 at Métropolis in the heart of Montreal.

About SOCAN

SOCAN is a member-based organization that represents the Canadian performing rights of more than four-million Canadian and international music creators and publishers. SOCAN is proud to play a leading role in supporting the long-term success of its more than 130,000 Canadian members, and the Canadian music industry overall. SOCAN licenses more than 125,000 businesses in Canada, and distributes royalties to its members and music rights organizations around the world. SOCAN also distributes royalties to its members for the use of their music internationally in collaboration with its peer societies. www.socan.ca

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26th Anniversary SOCAN Awards – Toronto – Winners List

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Randy Bachman

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MAGIC!

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Dallas Green

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bernie Finkelstein

CUTURAL IMPACT AWARD

Mars Bonfire
Universal Music Publishing
Canada

DANCE MUSIC AWARDS

"Goodbye"

Performed by Glenn Morrison/Islove

Jeremy Francis (Islove)
Glenn Morrison
Matthew Lange (BMI)
Sony/ATV Music Publishing
Canada

"Hideaway"

Performed by Kiesza

Kiesza
Rami Samir Afuni (BMI)
Elephant Eye Publishing
EMI Blackwood Music Canada
Ltd.

POP/ROCK MUSIC AWARDS

"Rude"

Performed by MAGIC!

Nasri Atweh
Adam Messinger
Mark Pellizzer
Ben Spivak
Alex Tanas
BMG Rights Management
Canada
Kobalt Music Group
Sony/ATV Music Publishing
Canada
Universal Music Publishing
Canada

"Crazy for You"

Performed by Hedley
Jacob Hoggard
Brian Howes
Jason Van Poederoyen
8 Pack of Lucky
EMI Blackwood Music Canada
Ltd.
Universal Music Publishing
Canada

"Heaven in Our Headlights"

Performed by Hedley
Jacob Hoggard
Brian Howes
Nolan Winfield (ASCAP)
EMI Blackwood Music Canada
Ltd.
Universal Music Publishing
Canada

"We Are Stars"

*Performed by Virginia to Vegas
feat. Alyssa Reid*
Jamie Appleby
Derik Baker (Virginia to Vegas)
Nathan Ferraro
Kevin Figs
Teddy Pena
Alyssa Reid
Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.
Canada
Third Side Music Inc.
Wax On Wax Off Publishing

"Chills"

Performed by Down With Webster
Tyler Armes
Boi 1da
Emerson Brooks
Zale Epstein
Patrick Gillett
Cam Hunter
Brett Ryan Kruger
Andrew Martino
Alyssa Veniece Chin
Smashterpiece
Sony/ATV Music Publishing
Canada
Warner Chappell Music
Canada Ltd.

2015 SOCAN CLASSIC MUSIC AWARDS

"Burning in Love"

"New Girl Now"

"Wave Babies"

"What Does it Take?"

Performed by Honeymoon Suite
Derry Grehan
Don Valley Music Ltd.
peer International (Canada)

"Feel It Again"

Performed by Honeymoon Suite
Ray Coburn
Don Valley Music Ltd.
peer International (Canada)

"Private Eyes"

Performed by Hall & Oates
Warren Pash
Janna Allen (BMI)
Sara Allen (BMI)
Daryl Hall (BMI)
Almo Music of Canada

"Monday Morning"

"Wild Eyes"

Performed by The Stampeders
Rich Dodson
Open Wagon Music
Southern Music Publishing
Company Canada Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL SONG AWARD

"Dark Horse"

Performed by Katy Perry
Henry "Cirkut" Russell
Lukasz Gottwald (ASCAP)
Jordan Houston (BMI)
Katheryn Hudson (ASCAP)
Sarah Hudson (ASCAP)
Martin Sandberg (STIM)
BMG Rights Management
Canada
Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.
Canada

COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

“3-2-1”

Performed by Brett Kissel

Brett Kissel

Marvin Green (BMI)

Tim Nichols (BMI)

Bouncy Bear Music

O'Reilly International Inc.

“Got a Feeling”

Performed by Tim Hicks

Jeff Coplan

Tim Hicks

Noll Billings (BMI)

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Roots 3 Music Inc.

“Friends of Mine”

Performed by Jason Blaine

Jason Blaine

Philip O'Donnell (BMI)

URBAN MUSIC AWARDS

“Higher”

Performed by Classified

Classified (a.k.a. Luke Boyd)

William Lobban Bean (BMI)

Gary Jackson (BMI)

Renard Miner (BMI)

Bobby Simmons (BMI)

Carl Smith (BMI)

“Wanderlust”

Performed by The Weeknd

Belly (a.k.a. Ahmad Balshe)

Da Heala (a.k.a.) Jason

Quenneville

The Weeknd (a.k.a. Abel

Tesfaye)

Sylhouette Musmin (BUMA)

Danny Schofield (ASCAP)

Joseph Bostani (ASCAP)

Albert Tamaela (BUMA)

CP Music Group Inc.

SONGS Music Publishing

Universal Music Publishing

Canada

Warner Chappell Music

Canada Ltd.

DOMESTIC TV MUSIC AWARD - FICTION

Murdoch Mysteries

Robert Carli

Shaftesbury

Sony/ATV Music Publishing

Canada

DOMESTIC TV MUSIC AWARD – NON-FICTION

Dragons' Den

Andrew Cash

Josh Finlayson

Elmarush Songs

DOMESTIC TV MUSIC AWARD – ANIMATED

Johnny Test

Ian LeFeuvre

Ari Posner

Chris Tait

Cjar Music Publishing

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ACHIEVEMENT IN MADE-FOR-TV FILM MUSIC

The Riverbank

James Mark Stewart

ACHIEVEMENT IN FEATURE FILM MUSIC

The Expatriate

Jeff Danna

CEG Rights Canada

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM MUSIC AWARD

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

Andrew Lockington

INTERNATIONAL TV SERIES MUSIC AWARD

Hawai Five-O

Keith Power

MOST PERFORMED FOREIGN SONG AWARD

“Happy”

Performed by Pharrell Williams

Pharrell Williams

FOLK / ROOTS MUSIC AWARD

The Strumbellas

2015 SOCAN LICENSED TO PLAY AWARD

The Calgary Stampede

2015 SOCAN BREAKOUT AWARD

DVVBS

Shawn Mendes

HAGOOD HARDY AWARD

Kirk MacDonald

JAN V. MATEJCEK NEW CLASSICAL MUSIC AWARD

Vivian Fung