

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jean-Paul Gauthier (905) 719-9612



in partnership with
THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR
— Beyond Black and White —

PRESENT

2006 HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS

AWARDS SHOWS • FESTIVAL • CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2006

DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS AND VARIOUS VENUES

LAST CALL FOR PEOPLES CHOICE NOMINATIONS!!!

Hamilton: People wishing to make nominations in the peoples choice categories for the 2006 Hamilton Music Awards and Hamilton Music Industry Awards have until this Friday November 10 at 5PM. There are four People's Choice Award categories. Nominations can be made by visiting the Awards page at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com.

This year's Music Awards show takes place at the Dofasco Centre for the Arts on November 19, 2006. The show is being taped for broadcast on CHTV on Saturday November 25th at 7PM. The Hamilton Music Industry Awards take place on Saturday November 18th at 6PM also at the Dofasco Centre for the Arts.

Ronnie Hawkins and Richard Newell (a.k.a. King Biscuit Boy) will be receiving Lifetime Achievement Awards at this year's ceremony. It was Hawkins who gave Newell the nickname King Biscuit Boy. King Biscuit Boy was the first Canadian blues artist to chart on Billboard in the U.S. He has played with artists like Muddy Waters, Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin and his fans include Keith Richards, President Clinton and Paul McCartney.

Ronnie Hawkins (a.k.a. The Hawk) came to Canada in 1958. His first gig was at the Golden Rail in Hamilton where he became an overnight success. It was a result of Hawkins success in Hamilton that he decided to move to Canada

permanently. His career spans over 5 decades and 25 records. His hits include, "Forty Days", "Mary Lou", and "Hey Bo Diddley".

Legendary agent and promoter Colonel Harold Kudlats will be receiving the Dofasco Music Business Lifetime Achievement Award. Kudlats was also given his nickname "The Colonel" by Ronnie Hawkins. It was Kudlats who booked Ronnie Hawkins and the Hawks in Hamilton for the first time. Over the course of his career, Kudlats worked with such acts as Fats Domino, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. Kudlats later went on to become agent for The Band.

The 2006 Hamilton Music Award weekend also features a festival and conference. This year's conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hamilton and includes a Career Day (Nov 17th) exclusively for secondary and post secondary students which is completely SOLD OUT and an industry conference(Nov 18th). An additional component to Career Day is the INXS Behind the Scenes Exclusive, which takes place November 13th prior to the INXS concert at Copps Coliseum. A select number of students will be chosen for an informative tour through an online contest. Contest details are available at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com.

The Industry Conference takes place on Nov 18th and will feature a keynote address by Derrick Ross of S.L. Feldman and Associates and a full spectrum of topics relating to current trends in the music business. Both days are loaded with representatives from the Canadian music industry. Companies represented this year include: House of Blues Concerts, Warner Music Canada, EMI Music Publishing, v2-Artemis Records, KOCH Canada, HECFI, Hamilton Spectator, Rogers, Live Tour Artists, FM Systems, Centre In the Square, VIEW, Sonic Unyon, Sanderson Entertainment Law, to name a few.

This year's festival features performances by Kelly Jay of Crowbar with Trickbag, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, jacksoul, Mickey DeSadist, Harrison Kennedy, Tim Gibbons, Marble Index, Cities In Dust, Porcelain Youth, Brian Griffith and many more. The annual festival takes place in clubs and theatres throughout the downtown core. The festival kicks off with an opening reception November 16th at the Casbah and ends with an exclusive Awards Show After-Party with special guests performances followed by an open jam(BYOI). A full festival roster is available at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com.

Please find the following materials below:

- Ticket Information
- Hamilton Music Award Nominees
- Hamilton Music Industry Award Nominees
- Industry Conference & Career Day Schedules
- Festival Schedule

For More Information Please Contact: Jean-Paul Gauthier, Director, Hamilton Music Awards
Fiddlers Green Postal Outlet, PO BOX 81069, Ancaster, Ontario, L9G 4X1, (905) 719-9612
email: jpg@hamiltonmusicawards.com

BLACKIE AND THE RODEO KINGS
WITH LOCAL SPECIAL GUESTS
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2006 8:00PM
DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS - HAMILTON, ONTARIO
TICKETS: \$29.50

jacksoul
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2006 9:00PM
HAMILTON PLACE STUDIO THEATRE - HAMILTON, ONTARIO
TICKETS: \$22.50

HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS
WITH HOSTS TOM WILSON AND CHTV'S WENDY WOLFE
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2006 6:00PM
DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
TICKETS: \$30

INDUSTRY AWARDS
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2006 6:00PM
DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
TICKETS: \$20

HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2006
VARIOUS VENUES – DOWNTOWN HAMILTON, ONTARIO
WRISTBANDS: \$10

HAMILTON MUSIC INDUSTRY CONFERENCE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2006 11:00AM
RAMADA PLAZA HAMILTON – HAMILTON, ONTARIO
TICKETS: \$20

TICKETS FOR BLACKIE AND THE RODEO KINGS, HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS AND THE INDUSTRY AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS BOX OFFICE LOCATED AT 190 KING WILLIAM STREET, HAMILTON ONTARIO, OR TO ORDER BY PHONE CALL (905) 522-7529 OR 1-800-465-7529.

TICKETS FOR JACKSOUL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COPPS COLISEUM BOX OFFICE OR BY CALLING (905) 527-7666 OR AT WWW.TICKETMASTER.CA AND AT THE BEAT GOES ON (UPPER JAMES).

FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BEAT GOES ON LOCATION (UPPER JAMES) AND AT THE VENUE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT(S). PLEASE NOT THAT FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE PASSES ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE AT WWW.HAMILTONMUSICAWARDS.COM

ALL ACCESS PASSES INCLUDE TICKETS TO ALL EVENTS AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS BOX OFFICE. ALL ACCESS PASSES ARE \$99.00.

DOFASCO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS BOX OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10AM-6PM,
SATURDAY: 10AM-1PM

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

VENUE	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dofasco Centre for the Arts Dofasco Stage	Not Applicable	Hamilton Music Industry Awards Blackie and the Rodeo Kings Michelle Titian/Shawn Brush/ Russ Wilson/ Matthew Paxton
Corktown	Greg Danton Band George Petko & the Soulshifters Dave Gould Ray Materick	The Empty Hours G Spot Tornado The Responsibles Downboy
The Casbah	Lo-Fi Hewit hEAT	Perennials Cadillac Bill Cities In Dust Fat Cats
The Underground	Sam Lawrence 5 The Lorrainas The Mickey Show	Dyed in the Wool Threat Signal
Absinthe The Spec Stage	The Racket Soundflood The Feels Marble Index	Dark Sunrise Orphans Video Dead
Westside Theatre Rogers Stage	Tim Gibbons Kelly Jay w/ Trickbag & Jesse Kim Koren and Punchbuggy Yellow Famous Framus	40 Sons & Daughters High Voltage porcelain youth Bear Summer
Ramada Plaza Downstairs Gibson Stage	TBA April Hayward Matthew de Zoete Alfie Smith Smoke Wagon Blues Band Alex Kriche Natasha Alexandra	Matthew Paxton C hHeat C Dave Gould C Ray Materick C Tim Gibbons C TBA TBA Brock Edwards Christopher Clause Chantal Chamberland JP Reimens & the Barflies Chris White Banned from Heaven Brian Griffith Band
Pepperjack Café	Not Available	TBA Drifter TBA
Hamilton Place Studio Theatre	Not Applicable	Harrison Kennedy jacksoul

Conferences

HMA Career Day: Career Options in the Music Industry

Friday, November 17th, 10 am– 3:30 pm
Ramada Plaza Hotel, Hamilton

MC: Andre Schikolenko (On-Air Host, Y108)

10:00AM – *Opening Ceremonies*

Led by Duncan Gillespie, CEO, Hamilton and Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc.

10:15AM - *Art of Music*

Songwriting, playing, singing, recording, arranging and composing are all critical elements of music. This group of panelists will discuss careers in the artistic side of the business, both mainstream and niche, in addition to become a great recording artist.

Moderator: Alex Andronache, artist/producer manager, Double A Entertainment

Panelists: Nick Blagona (producer), Julius Butty (producer), Amy Clements (music therapist), Jane Rowan (Freelance Post Audio Producer), Marty Simon (Music Revenue Data)

11:30AM - *Deal or No Deal*

Panelists will discuss the behind-the-scenes negotiations faced by artists, and the associated career sectors and opportunities.

Moderator: Stacey Mitsopoulos (entertainment lawyer, Taylor Mitsopoulos Burshtein)

Panelists: Eric Alper (Media Relations and Label Acquisitions, Koch Canada), Victor Mijares (A&R, Warner Music Canada), Mike Renaud (v2-Artemis Records), Barbara Sedun (EMI Publishing)

12:30PM – *Lunch*

1:15PM - *Going to Market*

This panel takes a look at careers and technologies that relate to the distribution and marketing of music. Additionally, a separate panel of 3 high school students will exchange ideas with industry panelists. on how the music they listen to is marketed and distributed.

Moderator: Nick Krewen (music journalist/editor)

Panelists: Jesse Daigle (Porcelain Youth), Jodi Gaskell (morning show co-host, Y108), Sue Mackay (Rogers Wireless), Tim Potocic (Sonic Unyon), Graham Rockingham (journalist, The Hamilton Spectator)

2:30PM - *On the Road*

This panel delves into the broad spectrum of careers and trades that exist in the concert production and promotion industry.

Moderator: Joe Serafini (Crunch Recording Group)

Panelists: Jayson Duggan (HECFI), Bill Girdwood (FM Systems), Adam Knickle (Marble Index), Nicole Rochefort (LiveTourArtists), Rob Sonoda (Centre in the Square)

3:30 Networking

*** Pre-registration required; doors open at 9:00 AM ***

HMA Industry Conference

Saturday, November 18th, 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Ramada Plaza Hotel

MC: Alex Andronache (Double A Entertainment)

11:00AM - *Art of Music*

Featuring issues relating to the music itself – songwriting, musicianship, recording, producing.

Moderator: Alex Andronache (artist/producer manager, Double A Entertainment)

Panelists: Nick Blagona (producer), Julius Butty (producer), Daniel Kershaw (SOCAN), Bill Dillon (guitarist)

12:00PM - *Keynote Address*

Derrick Ross, Feldman & Associates

12:30PM – *Lunch*

1:00PM - *Deal or No Deal*

Industry experts discuss the keys to successful negotiations between artists and the many business decisions and players they must face.

Moderator: Paul Irvine (Sanderson Entertainment Law)

Panelists: Victor Mijares (Warner Music), Tim Potocic (Sonic Unyon), Mike Renaud (v2-Artemis Records), Paul Sanderson (Sanderson Entertainment Law), Barbara Sedun (EMI Publishing)

2:10PM - *Going to Market*

This panel takes a look at the correlation between marketing mediums and technologies as they relate to how artists distribute and market their music.

Moderator: Ric Taylor (music journalist/radio show host, View magazine, CFMU)

Panelists: Natasha Alexandra (artist), Eric Alper (Media Relations and Label Acquisitions, Koch Canada), Nick Krewen (music journalist/editor), Sue Mackay (Rogers Wireless), Graham Rockingham (The Hamilton Spectator)

3:20PM - *On the Road*

Panelists discuss the keys to getting booked, effective sound/lighting/gear, and planning a successful tour.

Moderator: Joan Kirby (LiveTourArtists)

Panelists: Bill Girdwood (FM Systems), Lou Molinaro (The Corktown), Rob Sonoda (Centre in the Square), Emmanuel Patterson (House of Blues)

More additions and announcements coming up! Check website frequently for updates.

2006 Hamilton Music Awards Nominees

1. Female Artist of the Year

Natasha Alexandra - NLX: In Your Face
Chantal Chamberland – Dripping Indigo
Kathleen Edwards - Back To Me
Sarah Harmer – I’m A Mountain
Melissa McClelland – Thumbalina’s One Night Stand

2. Male Artist of the Year

Jeremy Fisher – Let It Shine
Kazzer - Broke
Kae Sun - Soliloquy
Tomi Swick - Stalled Out In The Doorway
Tom Wilson – Dog Years

3. Local Group of the Year by Peoples Choice

To be determined by on line voting on
www.hamiltonmusicawards.com

4. Record of the Year

Blackie and the Rodeo Kings – Let’s Frolic
Cities In Dust – Night Creatures
Sarah Harmer – I’m A Mountain
Junior Boys – So This Is Goodbye
Tomi Swick – Stalled Out In The Doorway

5. The Hamilton Spectator New Artist/ Group of the Year

Cities in Dust – Night Creatures
Porcelain Youth – The Therapy Sessions
Kae Sun - Soliloquy
Tomi Swick – Stalled Out In The Doorway
Threat Signal – Under Reprisal

6. Jazz Recording of the Year

David Braid - ZHEN: The David Braid Sextet Live, Vol. II
Chantal Chamberland – Dripping Indigo
Anthony Giles - Modality

7. Roots Recording of the Year

Blackie and the Rodeo Kings – Let’s Frolic
Kathleen Edwards – Back To Me
Tim Gibbons – Whores Lament
Sarah Harmer – I’m A Mountain
Tom Wilson – Dog Years

8. Alternative Recording of the Year

Cities In Dust – Night Creatures
The Marble Index – Watch Your Candles, Watch Your Knives
Mayor McCa – Cue Are Es Tea You
The Ride Theory – In This City
Sailboats Are White - Turbo

9. Best Rock Recording

Down Boy – The Devil's Rock And Roll
Idle Sons – Sixteen Seasons
Kazzer - Broke
Lo-Fi - The Red Album
Dave Rave – Anthology 1 & 2

10. Loud/Metal Recording of the Year

Cursed -II
Dyed In the Wool – Dyed In The Wool
Porcelain Youth - The Therapy Sessions
Threat Signal - Under Reprisal
The Video Dead – Brotherhood Of The Dead

11. Punk Recording of the Year

Boys Night Out - Trainwreck
The Creepshow – Sell Your Soul
The Responsibles – Class Action Suit
Sam Lawrence 5 – This City Is A Fist
Silverstein - 18 Candles – The Early Years

12. Best Blues Recording

Famous Framus – 8 Ball
Mark LaForme - Vintage
Michael O'Brien – Carolina Blues
Alfie Smith – Flesh and Bone
Smoke Wagon Blues Band – And Friends

13. Children's Recording of the Year

Splash and Boots – Popcorn, Pickles and Parrots
Chris Rait and the Swamp Water Pirates – Look at the Moon

14. Country Recording of the Year

Scott Orr – Lonesome Town
GM Paterson - Real
JP Riemens and the Barflies – Plain And Simple

15. Rap/Hip Hop Recording of the Year

Kae Sun - Soliloquy
h.E.A.T - Heavily Educated and Trained
OB - OB

16. Electronic Category of the Year

Afternoons In Stereo – Leaves Of Brass
Building Castles Out Of Matchsticks – The Secret Doctrine
Electroluminescent - Three Steps From A Valley
Junior Boys – So This Is Goodbye
Orphx – Insurgent Flows

17. Religious Recording of the Year

Christopher Clause – Surrendering... Everything
Ray Materick – The Book of Love
Neeraj Prem – Colours Of Meditation

18. Instrumental Recording of the Year

Randall Cousins – Murder On The Ice Train
Brock Edwards – This Old House
Neeraj Prem - Colours Of Meditation
Dan Walsh - Diesel & Smokes

19. Song writer of the Year

Kathleen Edwards - Back To Me
Tim Gibbons – Whores Lament
Sarah Harmer – I Am A Mountain
Tomi Swick – Stalled Out In The Doorway
Tom Wilson – Dog Years

20. Female Vocalist of the Year

Natasha Alexandra – NLX: In Your Face
Chantal Chamberland – Dripping Indigo
Kathleen Edwards - Back To Me
Sarah Harmer – I'm A Mountain
Melissa McClelland – Thumbelina's One Night Stand

21. Male Vocalist of the Year

Jeremy Fisher – Let It Shine
Jeremy Greenspan – So This Is Goodbye (Junior Boys)
Haydain Neale – My Soul (Jacksoul)
Tomi Swick – Stalled Out In The Doorway
Tom Wilson – Dog Years

22. Piano/Keyboard Player of the Year

Natasha Alexandra
Ron Cole
Hunter Eves
Jesse O'Brien

23. Special Instrumentalist of the Year

Sonny Del Rio
Tim Gibbons
Randal Hill

Mike McCurlie
Neeraj Prem

24. Guitarist of the Year

Christopher Clause
Colin Cripps
Aron D'Alesio
Bill Majoros
Mark Severn

25. Drummer of the Year

Adam Cannon
Nick Daleo
Noah Fralick
Anthony Giles
Danny Lockwood

26. Bassist of the Year

Bob Doidge
Carl Jennings
Adrian Murchison
Neil Nickafor
Mike Northcott

**27. Best Live Performance Award
by Peoples Choice**

To be determined by on line voting on
www.hamiltonmusicawards.com

28. Dofasco Lifetime Achievement Award

King Biscuit Boy and Ronnie Hawkins

**29. Canadian Recording of the Year
by Peoples Choice**

To be determined by on line voting on
www.hamiltonmusicawards.com

2006 Hamilton Music Industry Awards – Nominees

1. Artist Manager of the Year

Dan Brooks
Allen Moy
Tom Treumuth
Parkside Mike Renaud
Lisa Millar

2. Instrument Retailer of the Year

Absolute Music
Mountain Music
Payne Music
Long & McQuade
Pongetti Musical Instruments

3. Engineer of the Year

Bob Doidge
Amy King
Mike Northcott
JP Riemens
Vince Sciarra

4. Producer of the Year

Julius Butty
Bob Doidge
Carl Jennings
Mike McCurlie
JP Riemens

5. Recording Studio of the Year

Catherine North
Grant Avenue Studio
Mastermind Studio
MJM Productions
Silo Studios

6. Best Website/Online Publication

Jamilton
Steel City Music
View Magazine
The Zine

7. Video of the Year

Gerard James – One More Night in Texas
The Marble Index – Same Schools
Britney's Krack – Living La Vida Loca
Tom Wilson – Super Sun Natural
Sonny Del Rio – 7th Avenue Blue

8. Best Album Artwork

Blackie And The Rodeo Kings – Let's Frolic
Britney's Krack – Couldn't Care Less
Cities In Dust – Night Creatures
The Responsibles – Class Action Suit
Sam Lawrence 5 – This City Is A Fist

9. Record Label of the Year

Sonic Unyon Recording Company
Put On Your Drinking Cap
Goodfellow Records
Lets Just Have Some Fun
Tik Tok Tik Tok Music

10. Music Retailer of the Year

The Beat Goes On
Cheapies
Dr. Disc
Reigning Sound

11. Music Director (Radio) of the Year

Chuck Evans – Y108
Christy Curtis – KLITE

12. Dofasco Music Business Lifetime Achievement Award

(Awarded during Music Awards on November 19): Harold Kudlats - Agent

13. Radio Show of the Year

Lou's Control - C101.5 – Lou Molinaro Host
Lullabies in Razorland - 93.3 CFMU – Ric Taylor Host
Sounds of the Hammer - C101.5 – Jamie Smith Host

14. Media Person of the Year

Graham Rockingham - Hamilton Spectator
Ric Taylor - CFMU/ View Magazine
Wendy Wolfe – CHTV

15. Radio Station of the Year

CFMU 93.3
CHAM 820
CIOI 101.5 C101.5
CJXY 107.9 Y108
CKDS 102.9 K-LITE

16. Print Publication of the Year

Hamilton Magazine
Hamilton Spectator
Mayday Magazine
View Magazine

17. Major Indoor Concert Venue (Theatres and Arenas) of the Year

Copps Coliseum
Hamilton Place
Dofasco Centre for the Arts

18. Major Outdoor Concert Venue of the Year

Gage Park
Bayfront Park
Gore Park

19. Live Club of the Year

Absinthe
The Casbah
The Corktown
Pepper Jack Café
The Underground

20. Musical Event of the Year by the Peoples Choice

To be determined by on line voting on www.hamiltonmusicawards.com

21. Talent Buyer of the Year

Loren Lieberman
Brodie Schwendiman
Lou Molinaro
Ken Inouye
Marko Lubarda

22. Booking Agent of the Year

The Agency Group
S.L. Feldman and Associates
Live Tour Artists
Paquin Entertainment

23. Sound Company of the Year

Soundbox Productions
FM Systems

24. Event Photographer of the Year

Roy Timm
Kyle Weir