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**2008 Hamilton Music Awards
Awards • Festival • Conference
Downtown Hamilton
November 13-16, 2008**

**PATRICK MCKENNA AND TOM WILSON
TO HOST THE
2008 HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS**

**TICKETS ON SALE
SATURDAY AUGUST 16 AT 10AM!**

HAMILTON: Comedic and dramatic actor, Patrick McKenna, best known for playing Marty Stephens on the television series *Traders* and Harold Green on *The Red Green Show* will join musician Tom Wilson to host the 2008 Hamilton Music Awards at Hamilton Place on Sunday November 16, 2008. Tickets for this year's show as well as the Industry Awards, Conference and Festival go on sale at 10AM this Saturday at all TicketMaster outlets and the Copps Coliseum box office. Tickets can also be ordered by phone by calling (905) 546-4040 or online at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Listeners of Y108, Country 95.3 and AM900CHML will have the opportunity to purchase tickets beginning today through a pre-sale promotion. Listeners must tune in or visit www.y108.ca, www.900chml.com or www.country953.com to obtain the pre-sale password which is required at www.ticketmaster.ca in order to buy the tickets in advance of the public on-sale.

Music fans looking for to support the Hamilton Music Awards in a bigger way can take advantage of the newly introduced Solo and Duet patron sponsorship

programs which are priced at \$125 and \$250 respectively. Each program provides the sponsor with acknowledgements before, during and after the HMA weekend. Solo sponsors will receive two tickets to the 2008 Hamilton Music Awards while Duet sponsors will receive two tickets to all of the HMA events as well as an invitation to the opening reception. More information about the Solo and Duet programs is available at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com or www.ticketmaster.ca or by calling (905) 383-4005.

The submission deadline for the Hamilton Music Awards, Industry Awards, HMA Music Store and Festival is September 5th, 2008. Forms and procedures are available on the Hamilton Music Awards website.

The Hamilton Spectator and ArcelorMittal Dofasco return as Co-Presenting sponsors for this year's event. Other sponsors include CHCH NEWS, Y108, AM900 CHML, Burgeonvest Securities, Long & McQuade, Judy Marsales Real Estate, Gibson Guitars, Grant Avenue Studio, The Beat Goes On, The Corktown Pub, Kyle Weir Photography, Blue Line Taxi, MJM Productions, Studio 410, Mortgage Financial and the Lionshead Pub.

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