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**2009 ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Hamilton Music Awards**

Announces

Industry Award Nominees

People's Choice Awards Voting Begins Today

HAMILTON, CANADA (November 14, 2009): Nominees were announced today for the 2009 ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Industry Awards. This year's show which will be held at the 1039-seat McIntyre Theatre at Mohawk College on Saturday December 5th includes 130 nominations in 32 categories. The number of Industry Award nominees will increase in the coming weeks as a result of the online voting process for the People's Choice award categories.

Three new People's Choice categories were announced today that will be part of the Industry Awards ceremony on Dec 5th. The new categories are Primary/Secondary Music Teacher of the Year, Post-Secondary Music Teacher of the Year and Independent Music Teacher of the Year. Other People's choice categories include Musical Event of the Year, Canadian Recording of the Year (Sales over 10,000 units) and Local Group of the Year. Music fans can cast their votes in all seven People's Choice categories through an online voting process that begins at 12PM on Saturday November 14th. Music fans have until November 27th at 11:59PM to cast their votes by visiting the Industry Awards or Music Awards page at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com.

Ticket information for all of the Hamilton Music Awards events taking place December 3rd-6th is attached below. Final major announcements regarding the Hamilton Music Awards and the Hamilton Music Industry Awards will be announced in the final weeks of November.

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2009 Hamilton Music Industry Awards Nominees

- 1. Music Teacher of the Year (independent school) by People's Choice**
(Determined by online public vote. Visit www.hamiltonmusicawards.com to cast your vote.)
- 2. Music Teacher of the Year (primary/secondary school) by People's Choice**
(Determined by online public vote. Visit www.hamiltonmusicawards.com to cast your vote.)
- 3. Music Teacher of the Year (post-secondary school) by People's Choice**
(Determined by online public vote. Visit www.hamiltonmusicawards.com to cast your vote.)
4. Artist Manager of the Year
 - Jason Burns – Arkells
 - Joel Carriere - Alexisonfire
 - Mavreen David – Melissa McClelland
 - Leila Hebden – Dote Management (Young Rival, Junior Boys)
 - Parkside Mike Renaud - Upper Management (Porcelain Youth, Jeremy Fisher)
5. Instrument Retailer of the Year
 - Absolute Music
 - Mountain Music
 - Long & McQuade
 - Payne Music
 - Pongetti Musical Instruments
6. Studio Engineer of the Year
 - Dan Achen – City and Colour, Bring Me Your Love
 - Nick Blagona – Alexisonfire, Old Crows/Young Cardinals
 - Michael Keire/Glen Marshall – Dave Pomfret, No Rush
 - Amy King/ Bob Doidge – Poor Angus
 - Chris Marks – Steve Strongman, Blues In Colour
 - J.P. Riemens – J.P. Riemens and the Barflies, Love Is A Dog
7. Producer of the Year
 - Nick Blagona – Ian Gillan, One Eye to Morocco
 - Julius Butty – Alexisonfire, Old Crows/Young Cardinals
 - Luke Doucet – Melissa McClelland, Victoria Day
 - Dave King – Steve Strongman, Blues In Colour
 - Daniel Lanois – Daniel Lanois, The Omni Series
 - Mike Trebilcock – Dave Pomfret, No Rush

8. Recording Studio of the Year
 - The Barn
 - Catherine North
 - Grant Avenue Studio
 - Silo Studios
 - Vibewrangler

9. Website/Online Publication of the Year
 - Hellbound.ca
 - Heremag.ca
 - Jamilton.ca
 - Viewmag.com

10. Artist Website of the Year
 - Arkells.ca
 - MelissaMcClelland.com
 - Sinnicks.com
 - Stevestrongman.com
 - Teenagehead.ca

11. Video of the Year – Under 15 Minutes
 - Alexisonfire – Young Cardinals
 - Arkells – Oh the Boss is Coming
 - Jigz Crillz – Welcome to the North
 - Lee Harvey Osmond – Queen Bee
 - Young Rival – Your Island

12. Best Album Artwork
 - Melissa McClelland, Victoria Day – James Mejia & Mavreen David
 - Dave Pomfret, No Rush - Mike Trebilcock & Kyle Weir
 - J.P. Riemens & The Fabulous Barflies, Love is A Dog – J.P. Riemens & Kyle Weir
 - Lee Harvey Osmond, A Quiet Evil
 - Steve Strongman – Shelley Hayes & Matt Barnes
 - Alexisonfire, Old Crow/Young Cardinal – Alexisonfire/Paul Jackson

13. Record Label of the Year
 - Sonic Unyon Recording Company – Threat Signal
 - Down By The Point – Matt Paxton
 - Goodfellow Records – Vatican Chainsaw Massacre

14. Music Retailer of the Year
 - The Beat Goes On
 - Cheapies
 - Dr. Disc
 - Records On Wheels – Dundas
 - Looney Tunes – Burlington

15. Music Director (Radio) of the Year
 - Chuck Evans - Y108
 - Sonja Maurin– C101.5
 - Michelle Quinn - KLITE
 - Anne Sulikowski – 93.3 CFMU

16. Publicist of the Year
 - Lynda Henriksen
 - James Tennant
 - Sean Palmerston

17. Radio Show of the Year
 - Big Fish - 93.3 CFMU
 - Get Hammered – Y108
 - Lou's Control - C101.5
 - Lullabies in Razorland - 93.3 CFMU
 - Sounds of the Hammer - C101.5

18. Media Person of the Year
 - Lou Molinaro – C101.5
 - Graham Rockingham - Hamilton Spectator
 - Kate Stutsman – CHTV
 - Ric Taylor - CFMU/ View Magazine
 - James Tennant – CFMU/Hamilton Magazine

19. Radio Station of the Year
 - CFMU 93.3
 - CING 95.3 Country 95.3
 - CIOI 101.5 Indi 101
 - CJXY 107.9 Y108
 - CKDS 102.9 K-LITE

20. Print Publication of the Year
 - H Magazine
 - Hamilton Magazine
 - The Hamilton Spectator
 - Mayday Magazine
 - View Magazine

21. Poster Artist of the Year
Brad Hails
Matt Jelly
Darlene MacNeil
Billy Pozeg
Kristi Ryder
22. Large/Outdoor Concert Venue of the Year
Copps Coliseum
Fieldcote Museum
Gage Park
Hamilton Place
23. Live Club of the Year
The Blue Moon Lounge
The Casbah
Club Absinthe
The Corktown Pub
This Ain't Hollywood
24. Live Sound Engineer of the Year
Anthony Cascella – The Casbah
Lou Furlanetto – The Corktown Pub
Steven Foster – Studio at Hamilton Place
Doug Smith – Pepper Jack Café / This Ain't Hollywood
Michael Stewart – Hamilton Place
Sean Williamson – Club Absinthe
- 25. Musical Event of the Year by People's Choice**
(Determined by online public vote. Visit www.hamiltonmusicawards.com to cast your vote.)
26. Theatre of the Year
Hamilton Place
The Pearl Company
The Staircase Theatre
Studio at Hamilton Place
Westside Concert Theatre
27. Talent Buyer of the Year
Jayson Duggan – Hamilton Place
John Elder – Copps Coliseum
Marko Lubarda, Jeremy Miller – Club Absinthe
Lou Molinaro - This Ain't Hollywood
Brodie Schwendiman – The Casbah

28. Booking Agent of the Year
 - The Agency Group
 - S.L. Feldman and Associates
 - Live Tour Artists
 - Paquin Entertainment
 - Spherical Productions

29. Road Manager of the Year
 - Chris Bell - Wintersleep
 - Joe Cacciopo - Garaj Majal, Dean Lickyer
 - Ace Piva – 54-40
 - Madeline Wilson - Lee Harvey Osmond

30. Sound and Lighting Company of the Year
 - AVW Tel Av
 - Creative Artists Group
 - Lou's Music
 - Soundbox Productions

31. Event Photographer of the Year
 - Wenda Atkin
 - Stephanie Bell
 - Robyn Bobiak
 - Kyle Weir
 - Bryon Zammit

TICKET INFORMATION

JOHN ELLISON

with Special guest Rachel Ellison

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Thursday December 3rd

Doors: 7PM Show: 8PM

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

CAREERS IN MUSIC CONFERENCE

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Friday December 4th

Doors: 8PM Conference Start: 9AM

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

BLUES GUITAR EXPLOSION

**FEATURING STEVE STRONGMAN, TEDDY LEONARD & PAUL
DESLAURIERS**

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Friday December 4th

Doors: 7PM Show: 8PM

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

FESTIVAL WRISTBAND PASSES

Various Venues

Friday December 4th & Saturday December 5th

9PM-2AM Nightly

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

LEE HARVEY OSMOND

With Special Guests Huron & Harlan Pepper

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Saturday December 5th

Doors: 8PM Show: 8:30PM

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

HAMILTON MUSIC AWARDS

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Sunday December 6th

Doors: 5PM Show: 6PM

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca, Copps Coliseum Box Office, by phone at (905) 527-7666. Tickets also available at The Beat Goes On (Upper James) beginning Tuesday October 20th.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

McIntyre Theatre, Mohawk College

Saturday December 5th

Doors: 5PM Show: 6PM

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