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**2009 ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Hamilton Music Awards**

**Announces**

**Alan Cross to Deliver Keynote**

**Comedienne Shelley Marshall & Musician Tom Wilson to host  
2009 Hamilton Music Awards**

**Hamilton Music Awards expecting sell out!!**

HAMILTON, CANADA (November 24, 2009): Senior Program Director for Corus Interactive and Integrated Solutions, the man behind the Ongoing History of New Music, Alan Cross, will be delivering a keynote address to kick off this year's edition of the Careers In Music Conference on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the McIntyre Theatre as part of the Hamilton Music Awards weekend. Alan Cross has produced over 600 episodes of The Ongoing History making it the longest running music documentary in Canada.

This year's conference which is themed *Thinking Globally, Acting Locally* is dedicated to finding ways for Hamilton's music industry, government, schools and cross sector industries to work together for a stronger music industry and a stronger creative economy. Other speakers include Senior Vice President of EMI Music Publishing; Barbara Sedun, Director of Marketing, Universal Music Canada; Janis Nixon, President and CEO of FACTOR; Heather Ostertag, Founder of the Halifax Pop Explosion; Peter Rohan, OMDC Music Program Consultant; Keely Kemp and many others. A full conference schedule can be found at [www.hamiltonmusicawards.com](http://www.hamiltonmusicawards.com).

Second City alumni and comedienne Shelley Marshall will join Tom Wilson on stage to host this year's edition of the Hamilton Music Industry Awards on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> as well as the Hamilton Music Awards on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Marshall's one woman play "Phoney" was a smash hit at the Toronto Fringe Festival and she is one of the most requested comics at The House of Comedy. Marshall is currently producing her next show The Full Bawdy Comedy Show.

Performers for this year's ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards being held on December 6<sup>th</sup> were announced last weekend. Performers include five-time nominee, Steve Strongman as well as multiple nominees The Arkells, Melissa McClelland, Lee Reed, Tiny Bill Cody & the Liquormen, Ariana Gillis, LeE HARVEeY OsMOND, Pumps and John Ellison, writer of the perennial hit *Some Kind Of Wonderful* and recipient of this year's ArcelorMittal Dofasco Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hamilton Music Awards Director, Jean-Paul Gauthier stated, "Tickets for this year's Hamilton Music Awards are moving fast and we are expecting another sell out." Gauthier continued, "Last year we had over 200 people looking for tickets on the day of the show."

This year's show will be dedicated to jacksoul frontman, Haydain Neale who succumbed to cancer this past Sunday as well as CHCH's Randy Steele, musician Jackie Washington and musician William Peer.

This year's festival features the Blues Guitar Explosion with Steve Strongman, Teddy Leonard, Paul Deslauriers and Brian Griffith (McIntyre Theatre, Dec. 4); John Ellison with special guest Rachel Ellison (Dec. 3, McIntyre Theatre); LeE HARVeY OsMOND, Huron and Harlan Pepper (McIntyre Theatre, Dec. 5); The Arkells (the Studio at Hamilton Place, Dec. 4); The Acoustics, Blind Mule, Tiny Bill Cody and Poor Angus (The Studio at Hamilton Place, Dec. 5).

Live clubs hosting festival showcases this year include the Casbah, Casbah Lounge, Slainte, This Ain't Hollywood, the West Town, Club Absinthe, Corktown, the Tapestry Bistro (Staircase Theatre) and the Pearl Company. Artists performing in the clubs include Tomi Swick, the Mississippi Kings, PUMPS, Fall of Spring, City Sirens, S.G. Sinnicks, NLX, The Baretts, Lee Reed, Danny

Lockwood and the Favourite Grooves, Tim Gibbons, Drew Smith, hEAT, Dave Pomfret & Mike Trebilcock and the Squids and many more. A full festival schedule can be found at [www.hamiltonmusicawards.com](http://www.hamiltonmusicawards.com).

Music fans are being reminded that they have until this Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM to cast their votes in the People's Choice categories by visiting the Industry Awards or Music Awards page at [www.hamiltonmusicawards.com](http://www.hamiltonmusicawards.com). Winners of the People's Choice categories will be announced at the Industry Awards and Hamilton Music Awards.

Ticket information for all of the ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards events taking place December 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> is available at [www.hamiltonmusicawards.com](http://www.hamiltonmusicawards.com) and [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca).

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