



FEIST AND THE SHEEPDOGS LEAD THE FLOCK WITH 3 JUNO AWARDS EACH

- JUNO Newcomer Dan Mangan a Double Winner -
- Blue Rodeo Welcomed into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame by Sarah McLachlan -

Ottawa, ON (April 1, 2012) – It was a who's who of Canadian music elite as the country's top talent took to the stage and the red carpet for Canada's biggest night in music, THE 2012 JUNO AWARDS. CTV's blockbuster broadcast rocked two spectacular stages at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa, with epic collaborative performances, tributes to Canadian music legends, and JUNO Awards handed out in seven categories.

Encore broadcasts of THE 2012 JUNO AWARDS air Monday, April 2 at 6pm on MuchMusic and Saturday, April 7 at 8pm on CTV Two. The awards are available on demand at www.ctv.ca tomorrow.

****Media Note**** - Download photos for THE 2012 JUNO AWARDS at www.bellmediapr.ca and www.junoawards.ca.

Multiplatinum rockers and 2012 JUNO Award nominees **Nickelback** kicked off the night's festivities, getting the crowd amped with their heavy-horsepower anthem "This Means War." Immediately following **Nickelback**'s performance, host and Canadian icon **William Shatner** made his first appearance, delighting the crowd with his trademark wit and a quirky musical routine of his own.

First-time JUNO Award nominees **The Sheepdogs** led the flock with a total of 3 JUNO Award wins. Having already picked up the JUNO Awards for *New Group of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund) and *Rock Album of the Year* (sponsored by Recording Artists' Collecting Society – A Division of ACTRA) at the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards on Saturday night, the group was thrilled to add an additional JUNO Award for *Single of the Year* to their collection, which was granted for their bluesy rock ballad "I Don't Know."

Toronto folk powerhouse **Feist** was another three-time winner this year. The internationally acclaimed songstress was presented with the JUNO Award for *Artist of the Year* at the broadcast, having already accepted awards for *Adult Alternative Album of the Year* and *Music DVD of the Year* at the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards on Saturday night. Always a fan favourite, **Feist**'s performance of her single "The Bad in Each Other" was met with enormous applause at tonight's Scotiabank Place celebration.

Vancouver singer-songwriter **Dan Mangan** also accrued multiple JUNO Awards this year. The first-time nominee accepted the *New Artist of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund) award at the Scotiabank Place broadcast, which was added to his JUNO Award win for *Alternative Album of the Year* (sponsored by Long & McQuade) the night before.

Other big winners at this year's broadcast were **Michael Bublé**, who picked up the JUNO Award for *Album of the Year*, and global pop phenomenon **Justin Bieber**, who won the *JUNO Fan Choice Award* for the second year in a row. Although both Bieber and Bublé were unable to attend the

broadcast to accept their awards, thousands of screaming fans more than made up for their absence.

One of the most memorable moments of the night was 9-time JUNO Award winner **Sarah McLachlan** ushering rock icons **Blue Rodeo** into the **Canadian Music Hall of Fame**. Not only did McLachlan introduce the band with a moving personal tribute, she also joined them onstage for a commanding performance of their classic song "Lost Together."

Scotiabank Place came alive with several other unique CanCon collaborations over the course of the evening, including **K'NAAN** joining forces with **2012 Allan Waters Humanitarian Award** winners **Simple Plan** to perform a rap-punk rendition of the Montréal group's hit single "Summer Paradise." The packed crowd at the Scotiabank Place arena were also treated to a show-stopping dance 'mixed tape' performance, featuring appearances by **Alyssa Reid**, **Anjulie**, **Dragonette**, **JRDN** and **Mia Martina**. **Dragonette** and **Martin Solveig** later won the award for *Dance Recording of Year* for their electropop sensation "Hello."

Additional performances on the star-studded gala included numbers by **Hey Rosetta!**; recently announced JUNO Award winners **Hedley**, who won *Pop Album of the Year* the Saturday-night gala; and **City and Colour**, whose frontman **Dallas Green** was honoured with JUNO Award for *Songwriter of the Year* (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada) at the broadcast.

In an unforgettable closing number, electronic artist **deadmau5** brought the broadcast to a close and the audience to their feet with a stunning performance of his songs "Raise Your Weapon" and "Hi Friend." In the true spirit of mashup, deadmau5 was joined onstage by hip-hop DJ **MC Flipside** and 2012 JUNO Award nominee **Lights**, who helped bring this year's broadcast to an explosive finish.

For a complete list of 2012 JUNO Award winners (41 categories), including biographies and images, go to www.junoawards.ca.

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