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## 2012 JUNO AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

**City and Colour, Dan Mangan, Drake, Feist, Hedley and Nickelback**  
lead with four nominations each

- **William Shatner** to host *The 2012 JUNO Awards* -
- **Hedley and Nickelback** added to the roster of performers -

Tickets to *The 2012 JUNO Awards Broadcast on CTV*  
go on sale **Friday, February 10 at 10am**

Toronto, ON (February 7, 2012) — The nominees for the 2012 JUNO Awards were announced by The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) at a press conference in Toronto this morning, as top Canadian artists now gear up for **JUNO Week, March 26-April 1 in Ottawa**. It was also revealed that Canadian icon **William Shatner** will host **The 2012 JUNO Awards Broadcast**, airing live on CTV the evening of **Sunday, April 1** from Scotiabank Place.

2012 JUNO Award nominees **Hedley** and **Nickelback** were added to the lineup of performers for the broadcast, bringing the total number of performers announced so far to six. They will join 2012 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees **Blue Rodeo** and 2012 JUNO Award nominees **City and Colour**, **deadmau5** and **Feist** onstage at this year's show. More performers will be announced in the coming weeks!

Tickets to the 2012 JUNO Awards go on sale this **Friday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. (EST)**, and are priced at \$213.57, \$145.77, \$111.87 and \$62.15 (plus service fees). They are available for purchase at the Scotiabank Place Box Office, The Sens Store locations at Carlingwood Mall and Place D'Orleans, Ottawa Sports Experts, and Les Galeries de Hull; by phoning (613) 599-FANS (3267) or (toll free) at 877-788-FANS (3267); and online at [www.capitaltickets.ca](http://www.capitaltickets.ca).

To view a complete list of 2012 JUNO Award nominees, as well as their bios and hometown information, go to [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca).

Landing their first-ever JUNO Award nominations in the *New Group of the Year* category (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund) are up-and-coming groups **Braids**, **Hey Rosetta!**, **Mother Mother**, **The Rural Alberta Advantage** and **The Sheepdogs**.

2011 JUNO Awards host **Drake** also received four nominations for *JUNO Fan Choice*, *Album of the Year* (sponsored by Music Canada), *Artist of the Year* and *Rap Recording of the Year*.

**City and Colour** received four nominations for *JUNO Fan Choice*, *Artist of the Year*, *Single of the Year* and *Songwriter of the Year* (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada). **Hedley** also received four nominations for *JUNO Fan Choice*, *Group of the Year*, *Single of the Year* and *Pop Album of the Year*. **Nickelback**, also locked in four nominations for *JUNO Fan Choice*, *Group of the Year*, *Single of the Year* and *Album of the Year* (sponsored by Music Canada).

**Dan Mangan** is a new face in the top-contender list. In addition to his nomination for *New Artist of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund), he also received nods for *Songwriter of the Year* (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada), *Alternative Album of the Year* (sponsored by Long & McQuade) and *Video of the Year* (sponsored by MuchFACT, exclusively funded by Bell Media).

Joining Dan Mangan in the *New Artist of the Year* category (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund) are breakout musicians **Alyssa Reid**, **Diamond Rings**, **JRDN** and **Lindi Ortega**. They are among a total of **99** first-time JUNO Award nominees this year.

2012 JUNO Award performer **Feist** also received a total of four nominations. In addition to *Artist of the Year*, *Songwriter of the Year* (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada) and *Adult Alternative Album of the Year*, her DVD *Feist: Look at What the Light Did Now* was nominated for *Music DVD of the Year*. The art directors of her album *Metals* also received a 2012 JUNO Award nomination for *Recording Package of the Year*.

Receiving three nominations each are multiple JUNO Award winners **Avril Lavigne** [*JUNO Fan Choice; Album of the Year* (sponsored by Music Canada); *Pop Album of the Year*]; **deadmau5** [*JUNO Fan Choice; Artist of the Year; Dance Recording of the Year*]; and **Michael Bublé** [*JUNO Fan Choice; Album of the Year* (sponsored by Music Canada); *Artist of the Year*].

This year also marked the addition of a new category for **Metal/Hard Music Album of the Year**, making a total of 41 categories up for grabs. Artists who will make history as the first-ever *Metal/Hard Music Album of the Year* nominees are **Anvil** (*JUGGERNAUT OF JUSTICE*), **Cauldron** (*BURNING FORTUNE*), **Devin Townsend Project** (*DECONSTRUCTION*), **Fuck the Facts** (*DIE MISERABLE*) and **KEN mode** (*VENERABLE*).

Blue Rodeo frontman **Jim Cuddy** is nominated for two JUNO Awards for *Songwriter of the Year* (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada) and *Adult Alternative Album of the Year* for his solo album *SKYSCRAPER SOUL*. Cuddy will perform with **Blue Rodeo** at The 2012 JUNO Awards Broadcast on April 1, and the band will also be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame that night.

Sponsors of the 2012 JUNO Awards include FACTOR, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters and The Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage's "Canada Music Fund," Radio Starmaker Fund, National Capital Commission (NCC), Province of Ontario, and the City of Ottawa.

Broadcast sponsors of THE 2012 JUNO AWARDS are Chevrolet, Garnier, Rogers and TD Canada Trust.

#### **About CARAS:**

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/L'académie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enregistrement (CARAS) is a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and enhance the Canadian music and recording industries and to contribute toward higher artistic and industry standards. The main focus of CARAS is the exploration and development of ongoing opportunities to showcase and promote Canadian artists and music through vehicles such as The JUNO Awards and other year-round initiatives. For more information on the 41st Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' (CARAS) website please visit [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca) or [www.carasonline.ca](http://www.carasonline.ca).

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