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## **METRIC AND THE WEEKND AMONG BIG WINNERS AT 2013 JUNO GALA DINNER & AWARDS**

**- 35 JUNO AWARDS PRESENTED TO MUSIC INDUSTRY'S TOP TALENT -**

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Regina, SK (April 20, 2013) – The stars aligned in the Prairies as 1,150 Canadian music industry members gathered to toast **35 JUNO Award winners** at the **2013 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards**. Hosted by Jian Ghomeshi, the evening's festivities at Regina's Credit Union Eventplex also featured performances by a spectacular lineup of 2013 JUNO Award nominees and winners, as well as unforgettable tributes to some of the most influential names in Canadian music.

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS AT THE 2013 JUNO GALA DINNER & AWARDS, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES AND IMAGES, GO TO [WWW.JUNOAWARDS.CA](http://WWW.JUNOAWARDS.CA).**

The celebration got off to a stirring start with a country medley featuring four 2013 JUNO Award nominees: [Dean Brody](#) with [Colin James](#), [Donny Parenteau](#), and [Kira Isabella](#).

It was a night of many milestones, including the first-ever presentation of the JUNO Award for *Adult Contemporary Album of the Year* to [The Tenors](#) for *LEAD WITH YOUR HEART*. Meanwhile, multiple 2013 nominee, [Carly Rae Jepsen](#), closed the show by winning her first JUNO Award for *Pop Album of the Year* (sponsored by TD).

The evening also featured one family milestone, with the iconic [Leonard Cohen](#) winning *Artist of the Year* on the same night as his son, [Adam Cohen](#), made his JUNO Awards debut as both a nominee and a performer. While the elder Cohen was not in Regina to accept the award in person, the younger singer-songwriter picked up the statuette on his father's behalf and showcased the family trade on stage in a performance.

Guests at the performance-packed gala also enjoyed numbers by two of the night's JUNO Award winners: [The Tenors](#), and [Rose Cousins](#) (who took home the award for *Roots & Traditional Album of the Year: Solo*), as well as a show-stopping number from JUNO Award nominee [Monster Truck](#).

[The Weeknd](#) was one of the big winners, earning JUNO Awards for *Breakthrough Artist of the Year* (sponsored by FACTOR and Radio Starmaker Fund) and *R&B/Soul Recording of the Year*. [Metric's](#) album **SYNTHETICA** landed three awards: the band won *Alternative Album of the Year* (sponsored by Long & McQuade), band member **James Shaw** was named *Jack Richardson Producer of the Year* (sponsored by Slight Music), and art director **Justin Broadbent** took home *Recording Package of the Year*.

Other JUNO Award winners from the evening included: [Classified](#) and [David Myles](#) (*Rap Recording of the Year*), [Crystal Shawanda](#) (*Aboriginal Album of the Year*, sponsored by *Aboriginal Peoples Television Network*), [Grimes](#) (*Electronic Album of the Year*, sponsored by Roland), [Johnny Reid](#) (*Country Album of the Year*, sponsored by *PotashCorp*), and [Rush](#) (*Rock Album of the Year*, sponsored by Musicians' Rights Organization Canada).

Additional highlights included a special tribute to [Tom Cochrane](#) as the recipient of the 2013 *Allan Waters Humanitarian Award* (sponsored by Bell Media), and music industry journalist **Larry LeBlanc** being honoured with the 2013 *Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award*.

Seven remaining JUNO Award categories will be announced tomorrow, Sunday, April 21, during the broadcast on CTV from the Brandt Centre in Regina, hosted by Canadian musical icon [Michael Bublé](#). **The 2013 JUNO Awards** airs live in Atlantic Canada, Québec, Ontario, and Saskatchewan at **8 p.m. ET (9 p.m. AT/6 p.m. CT)**, as well as at **8 p.m. CT/MT/PT** in Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia.

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