



Multiple Wins for Arkells, Bahamas, Kiesza, Magic! and The Weeknd at The 2015 JUNO Awards

Alanis Morissette Welcomed into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame

Hamilton, ON (March 15, 2015) – It was a star-studded night of musical celebrations as Canada's top talent took to the red carpet and stage for Canada's biggest night in music, THE 2015 JUNO AWARDS, on Sunday, March 15. CTV's live broadcast from Hamilton's FirstOntario Centre dazzled viewers with an all-star lineup of performances, special tributes to Canadian music legends, and the presentation of JUNO Awards in six categories.

Performer Kiesza was the weekend's big winner, garnering a total of three JUNO Awards. Having already picked up two JUNO Awards at Saturday night's JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards for Dance Recording of the Year and Video of The Year (Sponsored by MuchFACT, exclusively funded by Bell Media) for her chart-topping hit "Hideaway", the electro-dance starlet added another statuette to her collection during the broadcast: the JUNO Award for Breakthrough Artist of the Year (sponsored by FACTOR, the Government of Canada, Radio Starmaker Fund and Canada's Private Broadcasters). She also graced the stage for a dynamic mash-up performance of "Sound of A Woman" and "Hideaway."

Saturday's Breakthrough Group of the Year (sponsored by FACTOR, the Government of Canada, Radio Starmaker Fund and Canada's Private Broadcasters) winners, Magic! were awarded Single of The Year Sunday for their hit "Rude", while The Weeknd garnered the award for Artist of the Year during the broadcast, adding to his Gala night win for R&B/Soul Recording of the Year.

<u>Arkells</u> won Rock Album of the Year (Sponsored by SiriusXM Canada) for *High Noon* to top off their Saturday victory for Group of the Year. The band also took part in the broadcast with a unique performance of "Come to the Light" accompanied by <u>Boris Brott</u> and the National Academy Orchestra of Canada.

The JUNO Fan Choice (presented by TD) award went to <u>Michael Bublé</u>, and internationally acclaimed songwriter <u>Leonard Cohen</u> took home the win for Album of the Year (Sponsored by Music Canada) for his striking record, *Popular Problems*.

American songwriter, lyricist, and producer <u>Glen Ballard</u>, best known for co-writing and producing Alanis Morissette's multi-platinum album *Jagged Little Pill*, welcomed <u>Alanis</u> <u>Morissette</u> into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

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Hamilton rocked the nation during tonight's live two-hour broadcast. The show opened with a surprise appearance by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, The Trailer Park Boys, and past JUNO AWARDS broadcast host, Michael Bublé. The broadcast boasted 11 unique performances including an explosive opening by Hedley and host Jacob Hoggard; a medley of his hit singles "Life of the Party" and "Something Big" by Shawn Mendes, in his JUNO Award debut; a show-stopping performance of single "Earned It" by 2015 JUNO Award winner The Weeknd, accompanied by co-writer and producer Stephan Moccio; a fun performance by 2015 Breakthrough Group of the Year, MAGIC!; Bobby Bazini, who charmed in his JUNO AWARDS performance debut; deadMau5, who was joined on-stage by singer Colleen D'Agostino for "Seeya"; Lights, who joined the Sam Roberts Band for their hit "We're All In This Together"; and 2015 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Alanis Morissette, who delighted fans with a medley of three songs from her seminal 1995 album Jagged Little Pill, including anthem "You Oughta Know". Host Jacob Hoggard, who kept the energy high throughout the two-hour broadcast, closed the show with his version of Morissette's "Thank You" on piano.

The evening's exceptional roster of presenters included electric-pop duo <u>Adventure Club</u>; chart-topping country singer <u>Dallas Smith</u>; <u>Big Wreck's lan Thornley</u>; the leading men of Bravo's hit series <u>19-2</u>, <u>Jared Keeso</u> and <u>Adrian Holmes</u>; alternative rock band <u>July Talk</u>; country artist <u>Kira Isabella</u>; R&B/soul artist <u>Melanie Durrant</u>; alternative-rockers <u>USS</u>; Calgary Mayor <u>Naheed Nenshi</u>; Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, <u>Shelly Glover</u>; Canadian throat-singer <u>Tanya Tagaq</u>; and pop singer <u>Trevor Guthrie</u>.

THE 2015 JUNO AWARDS is produced by Insight Productions in association with CTV and The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS). Executive Producers are John Brunton and Barbara Bowlby for Insight Productions, and Allan Reid and Ed Robinson for CARAS. Lindsay Cox is Supervising Producer. Corrie Coe is Senior Vice-President, Independent Production. Mike Cosentino is Senior Vice President, Programming, CTV Networks. Phil King is President, CTV, Sports, and Entertainment Programming.

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