



## **Tribute to 2016 Canadian Music Hall of Fame Inductee Burton Cummings Confirmed to Close THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS, April 3 on CTV**

- Long-time Burton Cummings backing band The Carpet Frogs, Jann Arden, Shawn Hook, and The Tenors set to pay tribute to the legendary rocker –
  - THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS airs Sunday, April 3 at 7 p.m. ET on CTV and CTV GO from the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary –
  - Tickets still available through [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) –
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**TORONTO (March 29, 2016)** – CTV and The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) revealed today details for a tribute performance to [2016 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee](#) and rock 'n' roll icon, [Burton Cummings](#) in this Sunday's **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** broadcast on CTV. The performance, which is set to close the two-hour broadcast, includes three unique tributes. Co-hosted by Jann Arden and [Jon Montgomery](#), **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** airs live from Calgary on CTV and [CTV GO](#) April 3 at 7 p.m. ET/8 p.m. AT.

In the tribute to Cummings, eight-time JUNO Award winner and co-host [Jann Arden](#) takes the stage with **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** performer [Shawn Hook](#), along with internationally recognized JUNO Award winning vocal group [The Tenors](#) and classic rock tribute band – and long-time Burton Cummings backing band – [The Carpet Frogs](#). Cummings himself will participate in the performance. On April 1, Cummings will be the first inductee to place his name plaque on the wall inside the Canadian Music Hall of Fame's new home in Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre.

**\*\*Media Note\*\*** – Photos and biographies for **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** performers are available at [www.bellmediapr.ca/network/CTV](http://www.bellmediapr.ca/network/CTV) and [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca).

One of the most celebrated artists in Canadian history, Cummings' remarkable career as a performer, singer, songwriter, and recording artist has spanned over five decades, and garnered a myriad of awards and accolades, including seven JUNO Awards. With Canada's original rock 'n' roll superstars The Guess Who, Cummings, as the lead singer and songwriter, scored an unprecedented string of international hit singles and albums.

Striking out on his own in 1976, Cummings continued his winning streak with a gold record for his debut solo single, "Stand Tall" produced by legendary hit-maker Richard Perry. His 1978 album *Dream Of A Child* became the first quadruple platinum-selling album by a Canadian artist. Through the '80s and '90s Cummings continued to tour including joining The Beatles drummer Ringo Starr's All Starr Band. His 2008 solo album, the critically-acclaimed *Above The Ground*, was his first to feature all original songs by Cummings. Never content to rest on his extraordinary accomplishments, Cummings continues to write, record, and perform.

Cummings is a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame through his band The Guess Who (inducted in 1987), and 2016 will mark the singer-songwriter's solo induction. Cummings is also a member of the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame, Canada's Walk of Fame, a recipient of the Order of Canada, and several BMI (Broadcast Music Industry) awards for over 1 million airplays of his songs.

Performers on Canada's biggest night in music include [Alessia Cara](#), [Bryan Adams](#), [Coleman Hell](#), [Dean Brody](#), [Dear Rouge](#), [Scott Helman](#), [Shawn Hook](#), [Shawn Mendes](#), [The Weeknd](#), and [Whitehorse](#) with additional announcements to come prior to the April 3 broadcast.

Tickets are currently on sale for **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** with more great seats just released. Tickets are available through the Scotiabank Saddledome Box Office, by phone at 1-855-985-5000, and online at [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca).

**THE 2016 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 Mark Cohon for CARAS. Lindsay Cox is Supervising Producer. Corrie Coe is Senior Vice-President, Independent Production, Bell Media. Mike Cosentino is Senior Vice-President, CTV Networks and CraveTV, Bell Media. Randy Lennox is President, Entertainment Production and Broadcasting, Bell Media.

The broadcast sponsors of **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS** are Google Play Music, Samsung Canada, TD Bank Group, Tim Hortons, and Volkswagen Canada.

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### **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 industry 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 45<sup>th</sup> Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca).

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## Web Links:

Official JUNO Awards website: [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca)

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