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**THE 2016 JUNO GALA DINNER & AWARDS  
PRESENTED BY SOCAN WILL STREAM LIVE ON JUNO TV  
APRIL 2, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENTERTAINMENT ONE**

***Featuring 35 awards and special performances by 2016 JUNO Award nominees Fortunate Ones, SonReal, Young Empires and more!***

- JUNO TV will also live stream backstage interviews with JUNO Award winners from the Saturday Gala on [www.junotv.ca](http://www.junotv.ca) -

TORONTO, ON (March 17, 2016) — For the third year in a row, music fans across the country will be able to tune-in to the exclusive **JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards Presented by SOCAN**, as The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), in partnership with **Entertainment One (eOne)**, will live stream the star-studded evening starting at 6pm MT, Saturday, April 2, on [www.junotv.ca](http://www.junotv.ca).

Returning for a second year in a row, LA host of *etalk* on CTV and host of CBC's *Canada's Smartest Person*, Jessi Cruickshank will entertain attendees and viewers through the sought-after industry celebration, where 35 JUNO Awards, the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award and the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award will be presented.

Taking place at the Telus Calgary Convention Centre, this year's Gala will feature performances by 2016 JUNO Award nominees Afiara Quartet & Skratch Bastid (Instrumental Album of the Year), Fortunate Ones (Contemporary Roots Album of the Year), SonReal (Rap Recording of the Year, Video of the Year), Young Empires (Breakthrough Group of the Year), as well as Jazz All-Stars Performers Al Muirhead, Allison Au, Jerry Granelli, Kodi Hutchinson, Mark Kelso, Rich Brown, Robi Botos, and Tommy Banks. The 2016 special award recipients include Arcade Fire, who will receive the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award sponsored by Bell Media, and trail-blazing music director and radio executive, Rosalie Trombley, recipient of the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award.

Presenting sponsor SOCAN CEO Eric Baptiste said, "As the largest organization in Canada's music ecosystem, SOCAN is proud to be the presenting partner of the 2016 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards. Our support of the Gala intensifies the spotlight on SOCAN and the importance of fair rights for the more than 135,000 songwriters, composers and music publishers who comprise SOCAN's membership."

New this year, guests of the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards will enjoy a special three-course menu curated by JUNO Award winner and Canadian celebrity chef Roger Mooking. It was a priority for CARAS to showcase local Calgary businesses, one of which is supplier Canadian Rangeland Bison & Elk, who will provide the bison for the dinner. In addition, Corby Spirit and Wine Ltd. will serve their signature JUNO Week cocktails, provided by Polar Ice Vodka and J.P. Wiser's Canadian Whisky, and special wine pairings to complement Mooking's dishes. Steam Whistle Brewing will feature their signature pilsner.

"eOne is excited to join in the festivities honouring the past year's best Canadian music and to celebrate our great partnership with the JUNO Awards," said Chris Taylor, President, Entertainment One Music. "We are committed to bringing all music fans together through live streaming and happy to share in the experience of the event."

During the Gala, JUNO TV will be hosting a backstage live stream lounge, courtesy of funding partner the Ontario Media Development Corporation, with YouTuber Sam Sutherland. All of the newly crowned 2016 JUNO Award winners of the evening will sit down with Sam to chat about their big win, starting at 6pm MT only on [junotv.ca](http://junotv.ca).

To add to the exclusive experience two new live streams have been added! A media room cam and portrait studio cam will be running live all night starting at 6pm MT, giving audiences an opportunity to participate in the backstage experience. All of the excitement will be on one site: [junotv.ca](http://junotv.ca). Check out Sam [here](#) to find out more about the live streams. JUNO TV is powered by Vidyard.

\*Award Sponsors for the 2016 JUNO Awards listed above include Video of the Year (sponsored by MuchFACT, exclusively funded by Bell Media) and Breakthrough Artist of the Year (sponsored by FACTOR, the Government of Canada, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters, and Radio Starmaker Fund).

**For more information on the 2016 JUNO Awards or JUNO TV please visit [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca) and [www.junotv.ca](http://www.junotv.ca)**

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual JUNO Awards and JUNO Week will be held in Calgary March 28 – April 3, 2016, culminating with CTV's live broadcast of the 2016 JUNO Awards on Sunday, April 3 at 7pm ET on CTV and CTV GO from The Scotiabank Saddledome.

**Premier Partners of the 2016 JUNO Awards:** We acknowledge the financial support of FACTOR, the Government of Canada and of Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters, Radio Starmaker Fund, Province of Alberta, the City of Calgary, Tourism Calgary, the National Music Centre, Google Play Music and TD Bank Group.



### Web Links

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

Official JUNO TV website: [www.junotv.ca](http://www.junotv.ca)

The JUNO Awards Twitter handle: [@TheJUNOAwards](https://twitter.com/TheJUNOAwards)

### 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).

### About SOCAN

SOCAN is a member-based organization that represents the Canadian performing rights of more than four million Canadian and international music creators and publishers. SOCAN is proud to play a leading role in supporting the long-term success of its more than 130,000 Canadian members, and the Canadian music ecosystem overall. SOCAN licenses more than 125,000 businesses in Canada, and distributes royalties to its members and music rights organizations around the world. SOCAN also distributes royalties to its members for the use of their music internationally in collaboration with its peer societies. [www.socan.ca](http://www.socan.ca)

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[Entertainment One Ltd.](#) (LSE: ETO) is a leading international entertainment company that specializes in the acquisition, production and distribution of film and television content. The company's comprehensive network extends around the globe including Canada, the U.S., the UK, Ireland, Spain, Benelux, France, Germany, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and South Korea. Through established Film and Television divisions, the company provides extensive expertise in film distribution, television and music production, family programming, merchandising and licensing, and digital content. Its current rights library is exploited across all media formats and includes more than 40,000 film and television titles, 4,500 hours of television programming and 45,000 music tracks.

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