



He Earned It: The Weeknd Reaps an Impressive Five Wins at The 2016 JUNO Awards

- Alessia Cara named Breakthrough Artist of the Year –
- Walk Off The Earth wins Group of the Year –
- Dean Brody's *Gypsy Road* wins Country Album of the Year –
- Burton Cummings Welcomed into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame -

CALGARY (April 3, 2016) – It was a victorious weekend for **The Weeknd**, who earned an outstanding total of five JUNO Awards during Canada's 45th annual music awards in Calgary. The alternative R&B sensation scooped up two statuettes for Single of the Year and Album of the Year* during CTV's live broadcast of **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS**, Sunday, April 3 at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Having already won three awards for Artist of the Year, Songwriter of the Year*, and R&B/Soul Recording of the Year during Saturday night's JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards, he took home the most wins of any artist, as well as the most nominations, making him the JUNO juggernaut of 2016.

The Weeknd's five JUNO Awards top off an exceptional year for the artist. The multiplatinum-selling artist also graced the broadcast stage on Sunday to perform a mesmerizing two-song medley of never-seen-before tracks "Aquainted" and "Might Not", with surprise guest Belly.

Also during the broadcast, **Alessia Cara** was named Breakthrough Artist of the Year* following major international success with her hit songs "Here" and "Wild Things", which she performed to open the live show and mark her JUNO stage debut. Ontario's multitalented five-piece band **Walk Off The Earth** was awarded Group of the Year.

Saturday night's double-winner (Aboriginal Album of the Year*, Contemporary Roots Album of the Year) **Buffy Sainte-Marie** took part in the broadcast with a unique spoken word performance, Breakthrough Group of the Year* winners **Dear Rouge** performed "I Heard I Had", and **Whitehorse**, winners of the Adult Alternative Album of the Year, delighted fans with their song "Tame as the Wild Ones".

After snagging a big win for Country Album of the Year for his record *Gypsy Road*, **Dean Brody** also graced the stage with a special performance of "Bring Down the House".

The JUNO Fan Choice Award went to Justin Bieber with just over six million votes cast.

One of the most celebrated artists in Canadian history, **Burton Cummings** was welcomed into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and honoured with a special closing tribute performance which featured eight-time JUNO Award winner and co-host **Jann Arden**, performer **Shawn Hook**, 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 also took part in the special performance.

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Canada's biggest night in music rocked the nation as Calgary played host to CTV's live broadcast of **THE 2016 JUNO AWARDS**. Co-hosted by **Jann Arden** and **Jon Montgomery**, the broadcast boasted 13 unique performances, the most of any JUNO Awards show. The live broadcast featured many first-

time JUNO performers, including **Scott Helman** with “Bungalow”; **Coleman Hell** with his massive hit “Two Heads”; and **Shawn Hook** who performed his hit single “Sound of Your Heart” accompanied by a string quartet. **LIGHTS** returned to the JUNO stage to perform alongside MusiCounts recipient **Samantha Spensley** in support of the [MusiCounts TD Community Music Program](#); **Shawn Mendes** took the stage to sing an intimate rendition of “Stitches”; and iconic Canadian rocker **Bryan Adams** took the stage to sing his new single “Go Down Rockin”.

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