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## **Vancouver, British Columbia to host the 2018 JUNO Awards**

*The west coast city last hosted in 2009*

**TORONTO** – The JUNO Awards are heading out west as The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences ([CARAS](#)) announced today that Vancouver will host the 2018 JUNO Awards and the weeklong JUNO Week celebrations (March 19-March 25, 2018).

The 47th annual JUNO Awards will be broadcast live from the [Rogers Arena](#), home of the Vancouver Canucks, on Sunday March 25, 2018. This will be the fourth time that Vancouver will host Canada's Music Awards ceremony; shows previously took place in 1991, 1998, and 2009.

“British Columbia has a longstanding tradition of producing some of Canada's most accomplished artists and that continues to this day,” said Allan Reid, President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards and MusiCounts. “We are thrilled to be bringing the JUNOS back to Vancouver and the province of BC.”

“British Columbia is one of Canada's leading centres for music. With over 80 independent record labels and over 120 sound recording studios, our music sector is as diverse and vibrant as our province,” said Premier Christy Clark. “The JUNO Awards are an opportunity to welcome fans and artists from across the country, show support for Canada's thriving music scene – and have a great party.”

“I'm thrilled that Vancouver will be hosting the 2018 JUNO Awards, and we have the opportunity to showcase and celebrate homegrown Canadian talent,” says Mayor Gregor Robertson. “We love every opportunity to share Vancouver's thriving arts, culture and music scene and as Mayor of the 2018 JUNO Awards' host city, I can't wait for Vancouver to put on an incredible show and support our local music community.”

British Columbia's largest city is home to tourist destinations such as Stanley Park, named one of the best urban parks in the world, English Bay and the Vancouver Art Gallery. As well as professional sports teams like the NHL's Vancouver Canucks and the CFL's BC Lions, and for being the host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Known for its outdoor lifestyle and breathtaking views, the city has become a destination where global travellers come to experience the majestic mountains, and rich cultural heritage.

The City of Vancouver is filled with a rich musical history, from legendary music venues such as the Commodore Ballroom, to a continuous thriving local music scene. There is an incredible breadth of talent who originate from Vancouver and British Columbia including award winning producers Bob Rock, David Foster, and the late Bruce Fairbairn, and JUNO Award winners Bryan Adams, Diana Krall, Hedley, Michael Bubl , Nickelback, and 2017 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee, Sarah McLachlan.

Since the JUNO Awards started taking the show on the road each host city has seen an average impact of \$10 million dollars. To date, the JUNO Awards have created a total impact \$120 million dollars while travelling; the last time Canada's Music Awards visited Vancouver in 2009, the city saw a return of \$11.2 million dollars.

The JUNO Awards have travelled coast to coast across Canada starting in St. John's in 2002 (and again in 2010), followed by Ottawa (2003 and 2012), Edmonton (2004), Winnipeg (2005 and 2014), Halifax (2006), Saskatoon (2007), Calgary (2008 and 2016), Vancouver (2009), Toronto (2011), Regina (2013), Hamilton (2015) and this year, 2017, in Ottawa.

### **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 47<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).

### **Web Links:**

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

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

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