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Juno Fan Fare: The Ultimate Fan Experience at One Great Event

***Billy Talent, George Canyon, Hedley, Keshia Chanté
and Melissa O'Neil will be on-hand
to sign autographs and meet with Canadian fans***

Saskatoon, SK (February 28, 2007) – The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) announced today some of the JUNO Award nominees who will be participating in this year's Juno Fan Fare. Music fans will get the opportunity to meet their favourite Canadian artists up-close at **Juno Fan Fare**, one of the many exciting events happening during Juno Weekend in Saskatoon, SK, March 30 – April 1, 2007.

Sponsored by SIRIUS Satellite Radio and Saskatchewan Creative Music 2007 Inc., Juno Fan Fare features artist interviews, prize giveaways and autograph sessions with some of Canada's top musical talent happening on **Saturday, March 31** from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CT)** at Prairieland Park, Hall E, in Saskatoon.

"Juno Fan Fare is an interactive experience that not only brings the fans closer to their favourite artists, but is also a rewarding experience for the artists to engage with Canadian fans that have supported them all along," said Melanie Berry, CARAS President.

Confirmed to participate in Juno Fan Fare are 2007 JUNO Award nominees **Billy Talent, George Canyon, Hedley, Keshia Chanté and Melissa O'Neil**. Additional artists will be announced in the coming weeks.

"SIRIUS Canada is thrilled to present the 2007 Juno Fan Fare in Saskatoon," said Chris Brockbank, Vice President of Marketing for SIRIUS Canada. "Canadian music fans can look forward to great music, exciting contests and an opportunity to meet their favourite artists at this year's Fan Fare event. SIRIUS Satellite Radio is committed to connecting Canadian music fans with their favourite Canadian music groups in unique and exciting ways."

Juno Fan Fare is a free event, with tickets given away through event media partners including CTV, C95, Rock 102, News Talk 650, The StarPhoenix and CJWW, Hot 93 and Magic 98.3.

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Contest winners and ticket holders must bring their ticket to Prairieland Park, Hall E on Wednesday, March 28 to exchange it for a wristband. Only those with wristbands will be guaranteed autographs! One ticket per person, and each ticket is redeemable for one wristband.

For more event details visit: www.junofanfare.ca

About the Artists

Billy Talent

- Single of the Year
- Album of the Year (sponsored by CRIA)
- Group of the Year
- Rock Album of the Year
- Video of the Year (sponsored by VideoFACT)

Rock sensation **Billy Talent** shook Canadian audiences with the release of their debut self-titled album winning three JUNO Awards to-date. In June 2006, Aaron Solowoniuk, Benjamin Kowalewicz, Ian D'Sa and Jonathan Gallant released their sophomore album *Billy Talent II*. The album debuted at Number 1 in Canada and Germany, fuelled by hit singles "Devil In A Midnight Mass," "Red Flag" and "Fallen Leaves." *Billy Talent II* has reached double platinum status in Canada and they will be performing at the 2007 JUNO Awards.

George Canyon

- Country Recording of the Year (sponsored by SIRIUS Satellite Radio)

The Nova Scotian country singer who stole the show in 2004's *Nashville Star* talent search, released his debut album *One Good Friend* that same year, which debuted at Number 1 on Canadian Country charts and won a 2005 JUNO Award for *Country Recording of the Year*. His 2006 follow-up album *Somebody Wrote Love*, has garnered the talented country crooner many awards including four Canadian Country Music Awards and three East Coast Music Awards this past year.

Hedley

- Album of the Year (sponsored by CRIA)
- Group of the Year
- Music DVD of the Year

The four-member Vancouver rock band Hedley recorded their self-titled album in separate sessions with Garth Richardson (Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rage Against The Machine) and Brian Howes (Hinder), including the hit singles "Trip", "On My Own", "3-2-1" and "Gunnin'". Hedley has since reached certified platinum status and scanned more than 150,000 units in Canada. Band mates - vocalist Jacob Hoggard, bassist Tommy Mac, guitarist Dave Rosin and drummer Chris Crippin have recently wrapped up a cross-Canada tour. The band is currently working on pre-production for their sophomore disc, tentatively set for a fall 2007 release.

Keshia Chanté

- R&B/Soul Recording of the Year

Eighteen-year-old Keshia Chanté is one of Canada's fastest rising R&B stars. Her 2004 self-titled debut album went gold in Canada and garnered numerous awards including a Canadian Urban Music Award and 2005 JUNO Award. For her most recent album, *2U*, she worked with songwriters and producers such as Danja (Notorious B.I.G., Nelly Furtado, Justin Timberlake), Happy Perez (Ludacris), Matrax (Missy Elliott, P. Diddy) and Rock Wilder (Jay Z, Busta Rhymes). Her hit single "Been Gone" off the album *2U* is nominated for a 2007 JUNO Award for R&B/Soul Recording of the Year.

Melissa O'Neil

- New Artist of the Year (sponsored by FACTOR And Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters)

Already a familiar face to millions of Canadian Idol fans, Melissa O'Neil has become a bona fide artist since winning Idol in 2005. Her vibrant personality and powerful vocals can be heard on her self-titled debut album that has garnered her first-ever JUNO Award nomination and features the uplifting song "Alive." The hit single remained at Number 1 on the Top Single Sales Charts' for over 4 weeks and is over 4X Platinum. Melissa is also exploring her songwriting skills, co-writing the single "Safe Place to Hide" and continues to entertain audiences with upbeat and inspiring songs.

Juno Fan Fare is presented by SIRIUS Satellite Radio in association with CTV, C95, Rock 102, News Talk 650, The StarPhoenix, CJWW, Hot 93 and Magic 98.3.

For more information about Juno Fan Fare, visit www.junofanfare.ca. For information about Juno Weekend events and the JUNO Awards, visit www.junoawards.ca.

About CARAS:

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/L'academie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enregistrement (CARAS) is a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and enhance the Canadian music and recording industries and to contribute toward higher artistic and industry standards. The main focus of CARAS is the exploration and development of opportunities to showcase and promote Canadian artists and music through television vehicles such as the JUNO Awards. For more information on the 36th annual JUNO Awards, visit www.junoawards.ca. For information on the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), visit www.carasonline.ca. **The 2007 JUNO Awards** will air on Sunday, April 1 on CTV from the Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon, SK.

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Weblinks:

JUNO Awards: www.junoawards.ca

Juno Fan Fare: www.junofanfare.ca

Sirius Satellite Radio: www.siriuscanada.ca

Billy Talent: www.billytalent.com

George Canyon: www.georgecanyon.com

Hedley: www.hedleyonline.com

Keshia Chanté: www.keshiachante.com

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