



Gregory Charles and k-os Join the Power Lineup for *The 2007 JUNO Awards*, April 1 on CTV

- Nominations Announced Tomorrow in Toronto -

Toronto, ON (February 5, 2007) – Double-platinum Québec superstar Gregory Charles and hip hop innovator k-os have been added to the performance line-up for CTV's April 1 broadcast of *The 2007 JUNO Awards*. The announcement was made today by the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) and broadcast partner CTV on the eve of tomorrow's media conference revealing the nominees for the 2007 JUNO Awards. The two new acts join previously announced performers Billy Talent and Three Days Grace as the line-up for Canada's Music Awards continues to grow. Nelly Furtado will host the star-studded broadcast from Saskatoon's Credit Union Centre.

As announced last week, individual tickets for *The 2007 JUNO Awards* will go on sale this **Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m. ET** at ticketmaster.ca. Ticket prices (limit four per person) range from \$80 to \$150 each (plus applicable taxes, service charges and facility fees). Early bird ticket packages sold out in less than two minutes when they went on sale this past Saturday.

****Media Note** Download photos of artists and the host for *The 2007 Juno Awards* at www.ctvmedia.ca.**

"With each new addition to the line-up, excitement continues to build for this year's broadcast," said Susanne Boyce, CTV President of Programming and Chair of the CTV Media Group. "And there's more to come!"

"These two performers are a true reflection of the diversity of the Canadian music industry," said Melanie Berry, President of CARAS and an Executive Producer of the broadcast. "They are sure to compliment what is already an incredible line-up."

About Gregory Charles

Montreal native and breakout artist Gregory Charles is a bona fide superstar in Québec. His double-platinum debut CD *I Think of You* (Les Disques NBW/SONY BMG MUSIC (CANADA) INC.) is the second highest selling album of 2006 after Nelly Furtado's *Loose*, with over 250,000 in sales to date. It's the biggest Canadian album debut since Celine Dion's *One Heart*. Firmly established as a performance sensation in Québec, Charles will now be introduced to audiences across the country on *The 2007 JUNO Awards*. Charles' career as a successful television personality, award-winning singer and accomplished stage performer spans nearly two decades. He has hosted several television programs for CBC, Radio-Canada and TVA as well as performed with Celine Dion. Charles drew more than 400,000 people to his acclaimed one-man show, *Noir et Blanc*, and is also the Creative and Artistic Director for Le Mondial Choral Loto-Québec, which drew over one million fans in its first and second year.

About k-os

Platinum-plus selling hip hop innovator k-os won three JUNO Awards in 2005 for Single of the Year, Rap Recording and Video of the Year for his sophomore release *Joyful Rebellion*. The album also garnered other accolades from the *Canadian Urban Music Awards*, *The Source Awards* as well as *The Grammy Awards* where he was nominated for his work with the Chemical Brothers. While these accomplishments are a source of great pride for k-os, he hopes that with his new album *Atlantis: Hymns For Disco* (EMI Music Canada), people will focus on the music rather than the accolades. Respected as a genuine emcee, he is leading the charge in revolutionizing hip hop music by combining unexpected influences, including collaborations with friends Sam Roberts and Kevin Drew (Broken Social Scene). *Atlantis: Hymns For Disco*, already platinum status, is a reflective and thought-provoking album, with hits including "Sunday Morning" and "FlyPaper." *Atlantis* is already stirring up major buzz around the world with upcoming international release dates in February and March.

Broadcast in High-Definition and 5.1 Surround Sound, ***The 2007 JUNO Awards*** will be broadcast for the sixth year in a row on CTV, the official broadcast partner of the JUNO Awards. Since CTV joined forces with CARAS in 2001, the *JUNO Awards* has traveled across Canada, bringing a live, electrified stadium show to millions of Canadians. Since going live from St. John's in 2002, CTV has broadcast *The JUNO Awards* from Ottawa (2003), Edmonton (2004), Winnipeg (2005) and Halifax (2006).

In April 2006, 1.7 million Canadians watched Pamela Anderson host *The 2006 JUNO Awards*, 26 per cent more viewers than watched *The Grammy Awards*, making it the most-watched music awards program of the year. Previous hosts of ***The JUNO Awards*** include Brent Butt (2005), Alanis Morissette (2004), Shania Twain (2003) and Barenaked Ladies (2002).

The 2007 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 Melanie Berry and Stephen Stohn for CARAS. Louise Wood is Producer and Lindsay Cox is Supervising Producer. Ed Robinson is Senior Vice President of Comedy and Variety Programming for CTV. Susanne Boyce is CTV President of Programming and Chair of the CTV Media Group.

Sponsors of the 36th Annual JUNO Awards include FACTOR, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters and the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage's "Canada Music Fund", the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon, SaskTel and Radio Starmaker Fund.

Broadcast sponsors of ***The 2007 JUNO Awards*** are Acuvue, Bombardier, Doritos, Pontiac and TD Canada Trust.

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 visit www.carasonline.ca. ***The 2007 JUNO Awards*** will air on CTV, on **Sunday, April 1, 2007**.

About CTV:

CTV, Canada's largest private broadcaster, offers a wide range of quality news, sports, information, and entertainment programming. It has the number-one national newscast, CTV National News With Lloyd Robertson, and is the number-one choice for prime-time viewing. CTV owns 21 conventional television stations across Canada and has interests in 15 specialty channels, including the number-one Canadian specialty channel, TSN. CTV is owned by CTVglobemedia, Canada's premier multi-media company. More information about CTV may be found on the company Web site at www.ctv.ca.

Web Links:

CTV's JUNO Awards website: www.junos.ctv.ca

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