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And the Nominees Are... The 2018 JUNO Award Nominations have been announced

-Voting for JUNO Fan Choice presented by TD is open at junofanchoice.ca -

Toronto, ON — The nominees for the **47th Annual JUNO Awards** were announced today by The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) at a press conference at The Great Hall in Toronto. Canada's premier talent will head west for JUNO Week 2018, hosted in Vancouver from March 19 through March 25. The week-long celebration will culminate in a live broadcast of The JUNO Awards on CBC on Sunday, March 25 from Rogers Arena in Vancouver, BC.

For a complete list of the 2018 nominations and biographies of the nominees, please visit junoawards.ca.

Arcade Fire leads off with four nominations: Single of the Year*, Album of the Year*, Group of the Year* and Alternative Album of the Year*.

Jessie Reyez also received an incredible four nominations: JUNO Fan Choice*, Breakthrough Artist of the Year*, R&B/Soul Recording of the Year and Video of the Year.

Artists with three nominations included **Arkells** for JUNO Fan Choice*, Single of the Year*, and Video of the Year; the late **Gord Downie** for Artist of the Year*, Songwriter of the Year* and Adult Alternative Album of the Year; **Hedley** for JUNO Fan Choice*, Group of the Year*, and Pop Album of the Year; and **Ruth B** for Album of the Year*, Artist of the Year*, and Pop Album of the Year.

The host province, of British Columbia, was well-represented across all categories this year including: Metal/Hard Music Album of the Year (Anciients and Archspire); Video of The Year (Emma Higgins and Grimes); Dance Recording of the Year and Jack Richardson Producer of the Year (Felix Cartal); Instrumental Album of The Year (Five Alarm Funk and Peregrine Falls); Jack Richardson Producer of the Year (Brian Howes & Jason Van Poederooyen); Comedy Album of the Year* (Charlie Demers and Ivan Decker); Classical Composition of the Year (Jocelyn Morlock); Electronic Album of the Year (Kid Koala); JUNO Fan Choice* (Hedley, Shawn Hook, Theory; and Blues Album of the Year (Williams, Wayne and Isaak) Children's Album of the Year (Bobs & LoLo); Vocal Jazz Album of the Year (Diana Krall, Bria Skonberg and Michael Kaeshammer); Jazz Album of the Year: Group (Christine & Ingrid Jensen); Adult Contemporary Album of the Year (Michael Buble);

For more information on the 2018 JUNO Awards and 2018 nominations, please visit www.junoawards.ca.

*Award Sponsors for The 2018 JUNO Awards include: JUNO Fan Choice (presented by TD), Single of the Year (sponsored by Live Nation), Album of the Year (sponsored by Music Canada), Artist of the Year (presented by Apple Music), Group of the Year (presented by Apple Music), Breakthrough Artist of the Year (sponsored by FACTOR, The Government of Canada, and Canada's

Private Radio Broadcasters), Breakthrough Group Of The Year (sponsored by FACTOR, The Government of Canada, and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters), Songwriter of the Year (presented by SOCAN), Alternative Album of the Year (sponsored by Long & McQuade), Rap Recording of the Year (sponsored by Stingray Music), Indigenous Music Album of the Year (sponsored by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network), and Comedy Album of the Year (sponsored by SiriusXM Canada).

The 47th annual JUNO Awards and JUNO Week 2018 will be hosted in Vancouver from March 19 through March 25, 2018, culminating in The JUNO Awards, on Sunday, March 25, at Rogers Arena, broadcast live nationwide 5 PM PT / 8 PM ET on CBC, CBC Radio and globally on cbcmusic.ca/junos

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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. CARAS' mandate is comprised of four key pillars: *Educate* through our music education charity MusiCounts programs and initiatives, *Develop* emerging artists through mentorship and development programs, *Celebrate* Canadian artists with year round JUNO Awards showcasing, and *Honour* music industry icons through the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. For more information on the 47th Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit www.junoawards.ca

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