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Céline Dion Garners Six JUNO Award Nominations
Avril Lavigne, Feist and Michael Bublé Follow Closely with Five Nods Each

- The 2008 JUNO Awards to be broadcast on CTV, April 6th -

Toronto, ON (February 5, 2008) – And they're off! Nominees who will be vying for Canada's Music Awards were announced at today's JUNO Awards media conference held in Toronto at The Fairmont Royal York hotel. The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) along with broadcast partner CTV, named this year's best in the Canadian recording industry, including 2008 Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees, Triumph. CTV also revealed the Host of *The 2008 JUNO Awards* broadcast, international "comic superstar" Russell Peters.

The 2008 JUNO Awards will be celebrated in Calgary, AB, starting April 3rd with a full weekend of JUNO Award events leading up to the awards broadcast on CTV on Sunday, April 6th from the Pengrowth Saddledome.

***Please visit www.junoawards.ca for a complete list of 2008 JUNO Award nominees, bios and photos.**

"Each year we continue to see more artists raising the profile of Canadian music on the international stage – today's nominees have not only achieved tremendous success in Canada, but worldwide," said Melanie Berry, President of CARAS. "With such incredible talent represented, it's going to be a tough one to call – but one thing is for sure, *The 2008 JUNO Awards* is going to be Canada's biggest music party of the year!"

Leading the 2008 JUNO Award nominations is international hit-maker, **Céline Dion**, whose 4X platinum album *Taking Chances* and No. 1 French album, *D'elles*, garnered her two nominations in the same category of ***Album of the Year*** (sponsored by CRIA), along with nominations for ***Juno Fan Choice Award*** (presented by Doritos), ***Artist of the Year***, ***Pop Album of the Year*** and ***Francophone Album of the Year***.

Avril Lavigne is also up for top honours in the categories of ***Juno Fan Choice Award*** (presented by Doritos), ***Single of the Year***, ***Album of the Year*** (sponsored by CRIA), ***Artist of the Year*** and ***Songwriter of the Year***. Her hit single "Girlfriend" became an international sensation spawning versions in German, Italian, Spanish, Mandarin and Japanese.

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Feist's hit song "1234" from her critically acclaimed album, *The Reminder*, puts her up for five JUNO Award nominations including **Single of the Year**, **Album of the Year** (sponsored by CRIA), **Artist of the Year**, **Songwriter of the Year** and **Pop Album of the Year**. Her international success has skyrocketed and earlier this year she received four Grammy Award nominations.

No stranger to the JUNO Awards, crooner **Michael Bublé** will add five more nominations in 2008 to his previous eight nominations and five JUNO Award wins in years' past. Bublé is nominated for the **Juno Fan Choice Award** (presented by Doritos), **Single of the Year**, **Album of the Year** (sponsored by CRIA), **Artist of the Year** and **Pop Album of the Year** for *Call Me Irresponsible*, which includes the No. 1 hit single, "Everything."

Artist of the Year nominations go to **Avril Lavigne**, **Céline Dion**, **Feist**, **Michael Bublé** and **Pascale Picard**. Lavigne, Dion, Feist and Bublé are also all contending for **Album of the Year** (sponsored by CRIA).

Rock group **Finger Eleven** is nominated for three JUNO Awards including **Single of the Year** for "Paralyzer," **Group of the Year** category with Arcade Fire, Blue Rodeo, Hedley and Kain; as well as **Rock Album of the Year** for *Them Vs. You Vs. Me*.

Breakout artists **Belly**, **Jeremy Fisher**, **Justin Nozuka**, **Serena Ryder** and **Suzie McNeil** are nominated for **New Artist of the Year** (sponsored by FACTOR and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters). Nominees for **New Group of the Year** (sponsored by FACTOR and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters) include **Dragonette**, **Faber Drive**, **illScarlett**, **State of Shock** and **Wintersleep**.

Pop Album of the Year nominations go to **Anne Murray** for *Duets: Friends & Legends*, **Bedouin Soundclash** (*Street Gospels*), **Céline Dion** (*Taking Chances*), **Feist** (*The Reminder*) and **Michael Bublé** (*Call Me Irresponsible*).

U.S. chart-toppers **Bon Jovi**, **Fergie**, **Josh Groban**, **Rihanna** and **Timbaland** all received nominations for **International Album of the Year**.

There are 39 JUNO Award categories in total. For a complete list of 2008 JUNO Award nominees including biographies and photos, go to www.junoawards.ca.

Broadcast in High-Definition and 5.1 Surround Sound, *The 2008 JUNO Awards*, Canada's Music Awards, will air on CTV on Sunday, April 6th from the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary, Alberta. It is the seventh year in a row that *The JUNO Awards* will air on CTV, the official broadcast partner of the JUNO Awards. Since CTV joined forces with CARAS in 2002, *The JUNO Awards* have travelled across Canada, bringing a live, electrified stadium show to million of Canadians. Since going live from St. John's in 2002, CTV has broadcast *The JUNO Awards* from Ottawa (2003), Edmonton (2004), Winnipeg (2005), Halifax (2006) and Saskatoon (2007).

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Previous hosts of *The JUNO Awards* on CTV include Nelly Furtado (2007), Pamela Anderson (2006), Brent Butt (2005), Alanis Morissette (2004), Shania Twain (2003) and Barenaked Ladies (2002).

Sponsors of the 2008 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 Alberta, The City of Calgary, Tourism Calgary, Calgary Arts Development and Radio Starmaker Fund.

Broadcast sponsors for *The 2008 JUNO Awards* are Pontiac, Doritos, TD Canada Trust and Rogers.

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 37th annual JUNO Awards, visit the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' (CARAS) website at www.junoawards.ca.

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. CTVglobemedia Inc. is Canada's premier multi-media company which owns CTV Inc. and The Globe and Mail. CTV Inc. also owns radio stations across the country, and leading national specialty channels. Other CTVglobemedia investments include an interest in Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, and in Dome Productions, a North American leader in the provision of mobile high definition production facilities. More information about CTV may be found on the company website at www.ctv.ca.

Web Links:

Official JUNO Awards website: www.junoawards.ca

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