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TOP 10 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND ANNUAL ALLAN SLAIGHT JUNO MASTER CLASS

Canada's premier development program for emerging artists features talent from coast to coast

Toronto, ON – The [JUNO Awards](#) and [Slaight Music](#) today announced the Top 10 artists that will advance to the final round of judging, as well as the 2017 Super Jury for the [Allan Slaight JUNO Master Class](#), Canada's premier artist development program.

The Top 10 artists advancing to the next round of judging include:

1. AHI: Brampton, ON ([@AHImusic](#))
2. Craig Stickland: Toronto, ON ([@craigstickland](#))
3. Hillsburn: Halifax, NS ([@hillsburnband](#))
4. Jordan Hart: Edmonton, AB ([@jordanhartsound](#))
5. Neon Dreams: Halifax, NS ([@OurNeonDreams](#))
6. Port Cities: Sydney/Cape Breton, NS ([@port_cities](#))
7. REPARTEE: St. John's, NL ([@reparteemusic](#))
8. The Lytics: Winnipeg, MB ([@thelytics](#))
9. Wild Rivers: Toronto, ON ([@wilddriversmusic](#))
10. Youngblood: Vancouver, BC ([@youryoungblood](#))

From the Top 10, a Super Jury made up of JUNO alumni will select three winners. Announced in September, these three artists will receive support to help them take their careers to the next level. You can check out the full prizings list [here](#).

Canadian music industry heavyweights, including representatives from major and independent music labels, publishers, agents, managers and media partners narrowed down the submissions to the Top 10 artists. The program serves as a bridge between the two key pillars of CARAS; music education through [MusiCounts](#) and the celebration and promotion of music excellence through The JUNO Awards.

The final three winners will be determined by the 2017 Super Jury, which includes **Lights**, **Kardinal Offishall**, **Max Kerman** (of the Arkells), **Gavin Brown** (JUNO Award winning producer), **Ali Slaight** (Talent Development Coordinator at Slaight Music) and **Allan Reid** (President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards & MusiCounts).

Last year's winners include Vancouver-based indie-rock group Derrival, Newfoundland's pop-folk duo Fortunate Ones, as well as Winnipeg's Slow Leaves.

Partners of the 2017 Allan Slaight JUNO Master Class are Slaight Music, Canada's Music Incubator at Coalition Music, MuchFACT, hmv Canada, Manitoba Film and Music and the Canadian Federation of Musicians (CFM).

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About Allan Slaight JUNO Master Class:

The Allan Slaight JUNO Master Class is an initiative that provides the crucial tools to help the three winners develop their careers, build their own sustainable business and become 'JUNO ready'. The 'Master Class' includes a week-long customized artist development program co-developed with Canada's Music Incubator at Coalition Music. This development program provides hands-on mentoring, networking and collaboration opportunities.

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