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JUNO TV to live stream all the action at JUNOTV.ca

TORONTO, ON — The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) today announced the host and performers for the **2017 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards presented by SOCAN**, on Saturday, April 1 at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa.

Hosted by **Tom Power**, host of cbc radio one q, the private industry ceremony will see 34 JUNO Awards given out and, the 2017 Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award (Randy Lennox) and the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award (Buffy Sainte-Marie) will be presented to trailblazers in Canadian music.

The 46th annual JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards will also feature live performances by 2017 JUNO Award-nominees **Daniel Caesar** (R&B/Soul Recording of the Year), **Jess Moskaluke** (Country Album of the Year), **Koriass** (Francophone Album of the Year), and **William Prince** (Contemporary Roots Album of the Year sponsored by National Arts Centre and Indigenous Music Album of the Year sponsored by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network). The event will also feature a special performance by one of the three 2017 Allan Slaight JUNO Master Class winners, **Neon Dreams**.

“As SOCAN leads the global transformation of music rights, we are once again thrilled to be the presenting sponsor of the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards,” said Eric Baptiste CEO of SOCAN. “The night is a celebration of Canada’s music creators, publishers and record companies who continue to enjoy spectacular success at home and abroad. The world’s idea of what Canada is all about is perfectly depicted in the music that Canada creates.”

Music fans across the country will also get an all access pass to the exclusive event with the JUNO TV live-stream, starting at 6 p.m. ET, at www.junotv.ca. JUNO TV will offer audiences an unimpeded view of all of the action both on-stage and behind the scenes including a backstage lounge hosted by YouTuber Sam Sutherland and Indie 88's Lana Gay who will sit down with the evening's winners to chat about the big wins, and is courtesy of funding provided by the Ontario Media Development Corporation. JUNO TV will also offer two additional live stream channels with backstage access to the media room cam and portrait studio cam, giving audiences the opportunity to listen in on interviews and artist Q&A's.

Attendees of the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards will indulge their senses with a three-course menu, and to accompany and enhance the dining experience, Jackson-Triggs Reserve VQA wines will be paired with the meal, offering both Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot, and Steam Whistle Brewing will offer its signature pilsner.

For more information on JUNO TV or the 2017 JUNO Awards please visit www.junoawards.ca.

JUNO Week 2017 will be hosted in Ottawa from March 27 through April 2, 2017. A live broadcast of The 46th Annual JUNO Awards will air on CTV and CTV GO on Sunday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. from the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

Premier Partners of The 2017 JUNO Awards: CARAS acknowledges the financial support of FACTOR, the Government of Canada and of Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters, Radio Starmaker Fund, Ottawa 2017, the Province of Ontario, the Ontario Media Development Corporation, Ottawa Tourism, Google Play Music and TD Bank Group.



Web Links:

Official JUNO Awards website: www.junoawards.ca

Twitter: [@TheJUNOAwards](https://twitter.com/TheJUNOAwards)

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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. The main focus of CARAS is the exploration and development of ongoing opportunities to showcase and promote Canadian artists and music through vehicles such as The JUNO Awards and other year-round initiatives. For more information on the 46th Annual JUNO Awards or The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) please visit www.junoawards.ca.

About SOCAN:

[SOCAN](http://www.socan.ca) connects more than four-million music creators worldwide and more than a quarter-million businesses and individuals in Canada. Nearly 150,000 songwriters, composers and music publishers are its direct members, and more than 130,000 organizations are Licensed To Play music across Canada. With a concerted use of progressive technology and a commitment to lead the global transformation of music rights, with wholly-owned companies Audiam and MediaNet, SOCAN is dedicated to upholding the fundamental truths that music has value and music creators and publishers deserve fair compensation for their work. For more information: www.socan.ca @socanmusic

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