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2012 Hamilton Music Award Nominees & Rising Star Performers Announced!

People's Choice Voting Ends Tonight!!!

**2012 ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards,
Festival & Conference
November 15-18, 2012
Mohawk College • Various Venues**

HAMILTON, CANADA(October 26, 2012): September Seventh Entertainment Limited announced today the nominees for the 2012 ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards and the line up for the Rising Star Search www.hamiltonmusicawards.com.

Leading the nominations are Tomi Swick(5), All About Maggie(3), Arkells(3), CA Smith(3), Diana Panton(3), Edgar Breau(3), Lee Reed(3), Terra Lightfoot(3), Whitehorse(3), Andre Bisson(2), Ariana Gillis(2), Chantal Chamberland(2), Drew Smith(2), Hachey the Mouthpiece(2), Harrison Kennedy(2), Illusion Avenue(2), Missy Bauman(2), Ralf Buschmeyer(2), Skip Prokop(2), Steve Strongman(2), The Blazing Fiddles(2), The Rest(2) and Wax Mannequin(2). A complete list of nominees is included below. As previously announced, Crowbar and Gordie Tapp (Hee Haw) will be recipients of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Awards. Alan Cross and Shelley Marshall host the 2012 Hamilton Music Awards ceremony which takes place at 6PM on Sunday November 18th at the McIntyre Theatre at Mohawk College.

The Industry Award nominees and the categories for instrument players of the year will be announced next week. The instrument player categories will be presented during the Industry Awards ceremony at 6PM on November 17th in the McIntyre Theatre at Mohawk College.

The list of performers for the 2012 ArcelorMittal Dofasco Rising Star Search includes Missy Bauman (Brantford Collegiate Institute), Dawn Before Descent (McMaster University, St Jean de Brebeuf Secondary, Hill Park Secondary), Mason Greer (St Ann Catholic Elementary), Inner Volition (St. Mary's Catholic Secondary), Ivy James (White Oaks Secondary School), Mackenzie Meyer (Ancaster High School), Two Piece Extra Spicy (Sherwood Secondary School). The Rising Star Search is dedicated to showcasing up and coming musical talent from the Hamilton and surrounding communities. At least 50% of members in the musical acts selected for this event must currently be enrolled in elementary, secondary or post secondary school in order to qualify. The Rising Star Search takes place 7PM, Friday November 16th in the McIntyre Theatre at Mohawk College.

Fans are reminded that the deadline for casting votes in the People's Choice categories at www.hamiltonmusicawards.com is today at 11:59PM. The People's Choice categories include Elementary Music Teacher of the Year, Secondary Music Teacher of the Year, Post-Secondary Music Teacher of the Year, Independent Music Teacher of the Year, Musical Event of the Year, Canadian Recording of the Year (Sales over 10,000 units) and Local Group of the Year.

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology will host the 2012 ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards, Festival and Conference in the McIntyre Theatre at the Fennell Campus from November 15-18, 2012. Festival performances take place in venues throughout downtown Hamilton. Ticket information, conference details and festival headliners will be announced in the coming weeks.

The ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hamilton Music Awards, Festival and Conference was established in 2004 to promote and recognize Hamilton's vibrant music community. The Music Awards are broadcast each year on CHCH and have featured appearances by Monster Truck, Daniel Lanois, Arkells, The Reason, Ian Thomas, Lighthouse, Eugene Levy, Jackie Washington, Garth Hudson, Teenage Head, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, Whitehorse and many more. To date, over 450 awards have been given to local artists and industry. The conference is attended by over 500 students and artists annually and features guest speakers from all walks of the Canadian music industry. The festival takes place over two nights in venues throughout Hamilton's downtown core.

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2012 ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Hamilton Music Award Nominees

1. Female Artist of the Year

All About Maggie – Now Hear Me Out
Chantal Chamberland – Chantal Chamberland No. 5
Ariana Gillis – Forget Me Not
Terra Lightfoot – Terra Lightfoot
Diana Panton – To Brazil With Love

2. Male Artist of the Year

Edgar Breau – Patches Of Blue
Wax Mannequin – No Safe Home
Lee Reed – Emergency Broadcast
CA Smith – Someone You Love
Tomi Swick – Tomi Swick

3. Local Group of the Year by the Peoples Choice

4. New Artist/Group of the Year

Missy Bauman – Missy Bauman
Hachey the Mouth Peace – Outside The Box
The Human Orchestra – Lip Service
Illusion Avenue – Illusion Avenue
Weekend Riot Club – Rubber Bullets

5. Jazz Recording of the Year

Ralf Buschmeyer – JazzSpeak
Chantal Chamberland – Chantal Chamberland No. 5
Diana Panton – To Brazil With Love
Skip Prokop - Smoothside
Trio Arjento – Love Lets Go

6. Roots Recording of the Year

Sarah Beatty – Black Gramophone
Edgar Breau – Patches Of Blue
Ben Caplan & the Casual Smokers – In The Time Of The Great Remembering
Fred J. Eaglesmith – 6 Volts
Wax Mannequin – No Safe Home

7. Alternative/Indie Rock Recording of the Year

Motem – Psychos
The Rest – Seesaw
San Sebastian – Relations
CA Smith – Someone You Love
Still Life – Page One

8. Folk/Traditional Recording of the Year

Drew Smith – The Secret Languages
The Blazing Fiddles – Through The Roof
Jeremy Fisher – Mint Juleps
The Rogues – 3 Lbs. Of Rage
S.G Sinnicks – The Last Irishman In Corktown

9. ArcelorMittal Dofasco Industry Lifetime Achievement Award

10. Rock Recording of the Year

Arkells – Michigan Left
Fat Cats – Shine Box
Illusion Avenue – Illusion Avenue
Radio Free Universe – Six
The Zilis – Sketches

11. Loud/Metal Recording of the Year

Aerith – T'wards The Sun's Rising
Dawn Before Descent – Dawn Before Descent
Skynet – Skynet
That Boy Ain't Right – That Boy Ain't Right
Threat Signal – Threat Signal

12. Punk Recording of the Year

The Dirty Nil – Little Metal Baby Fists
The Responsibles - XXX
Rifkin - Deadbeats
TV Freaks – TV Freaks
Thought Beneath Film – Detours

13. Adult Alternative Recording of the Year

Matthew de Zoete – Colour Film
Christine Leakey – Tapping Trees In The Trinket Box Of Treasure
Dave Gould – ADAD
Dan Griffin – Leave Your Love
Whitehorse – The Fate Of The World Depends On This Kiss

14. Blues Recording of the Year

Andre Bisson – Till The Real Thing Comes Along
Corey Lueck + The Smokewagon Blues Band – It Ain't Easy
Guitar Mikey & The Real Thing – Out Of The Box
Harrison Kennedy – Shame The Devil
Steve Strongman – A Natural Fact

15. Alt/Country Recording of the Year

Blind Mule – Blind Mule
Dark Mean – Dark Mean
The Good Hunters – Love You Baby
Terra Lightfoot – Terra Lightfoot
Neil W. Young – What Difference Does It Make

16. Rap/Hip Hop Recording of the Year

Hachey the Mouth Peace – Outside The Box
P.O.E. (Poetically Organized Entity) – P.O.Evolution
Redlight King – Something For The Pain
Lee Reed – Emergency Broadcast
Slur – Pills & Spilled Beer

17. Pop Recording of the Year

All About Maggie – Now Hear Me Out
Aitch – Eleven:Eleven
Ariana Gillis – Forget Me Not
Ashley Sloggett – Between Sleep And Summer
Tomi Swick – Tomi Swick

18. Religious Recording of the Year

Eric Brandon – Stories
Neeraj Prem & Bruce Harding – A Black & White Christmas
Skip Prokop – Smoothside
Peter Tigchelaar – More Like Lightening

19. ArcelorMittal Dofasco Artist Lifetime Achievement Award

20. Instrumental Recording of the Year

Andre Bisson – Till The Real Thing Comes Along
The Blazing Fiddles – Through The Roof
Ralf Buschmeyer – JazzSpeak
Sandi Stirling – Before It All Fades Away

21. Songwriter of the Year

Arkells – Michigan Left

Edgar Breau – Patches of Blue

CA Smith – Someone You Love

Tomi Swick – Tomi Swick

Whitehorse – The Fate Of The World Depends On This Kiss

22. Female Vocalist of the Year

All About Maggie – Now Hear Me Out

Missy Bauman – Missy Bauman

Terra Lightfoot – Terra Lightfoot

Melissa McClelland – Whitehorse

Diana Panton – To Brazil With Love

23. Male Vocalist of the Year

Drew Smith – The Secret Languages

Harrison Kennedy – Shame The Devil

Max Kerman – Arkells – Michigan Left

Steve Strongman – A Natural Fact

Tomi Swick – Tomi Swick

24. Canadian Recording of the Year by Peoples Choice (Sales over 10,000 units)

25. Record of the Year

Arkells – Michigan Left

Lee Reed – Emergency Broadcast

The Rest – Seesaw

Tomi Swick – Tomi Swick

Whitehorse – The Fate Of The World Depends On This Kiss

Note: Nominees are subject to verification of eligibility.