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Society of Composers, Authors and  
Music Publishers of Canada

Société canadienne des auteurs,  
compositeurs et éditeurs de musique

## **SOCAN SUPPORTS THE EAST COAST MUSIC AWARDS AND CONFERENCE; 139 MEMBERS RECEIVE NOMINATIONS**

**(Toronto - February 6, 2008)** SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) announced today that 139 of its members received nominations in 28 categories for the 20th Anniversary East Coast Music Association (ECMA) Awards. SOCAN is once again sponsor of the Songwriter of the Year Award, which will be presented during the gala ceremony on February 10 at the Aitken Centre in Fredericton, NB. Several SOCAN members, including The Trews, the Joel Plaskett Emergency, the Divorcees, Jimmy Rankin, the Lapointes, Chris Colepaugh, Cosmic Crew, Nathan Wiley, Shanneyganock, Samantha Robichaud and Thom Swift are among the talented artists set to perform at this year's awards show. In addition, SOCAN is title sponsor of the Songwriters' Circle on February 9 and 10 at the Playhouse and will also present the SOCAN Case Study: Japan – a panel, hosted by Dan Kershaw, offering an international case study of Japan as a target music market.

The SOCAN Case Study: Japan will feature guests; Kevin Canning, Fulvia della Schiava, and will be held at 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. on February 7 in the Peticodiac Room of the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook.

The SOCAN-sponsored Songwriters' Circle is a much-anticipated event that gives aspiring songwriters the opportunity to hear how a handful of their peers have successfully tackled the songwriting process. The first Songwriters' Circle will be held on February 9 at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Playhouse, with host David Myles and featuring Steven Page, Jean-François Breau, Thom Swift and Damhnait Doyle. The second Songwriters' Circle will be held on February 10 at the same time and location, with host Lennie Gallant and featuring Martha Wainwright, Christian "Kit" Goguen, Jenn Grant and Roger Howse.

Each year, SOCAN presents the SOCAN-sponsored Songwriter of the Year Award at the ECMAs. The nominees to win the prestigious award this year are:

- Amelia Curran for "Scattered and Small"
- Jill Barber for "Hard Line"
- Jimmy Rankin for "Slipping Away"
- Joel Plaskett for "Fashionable People"
- Paul Murphy, Tim D'Eon, Loel Campbell & Jud Haynes for "Weighty Ghost"

"Supporting Canada's vibrant east coast music industry is a top priority at SOCAN," says André LeBel, CEO of SOCAN. "The ECMAs and its related events play an important role in the growth of the industry and SOCAN's continuous support is just one example of our proven commitment to our members." Throughout the year, SOCAN sponsors several music industry events and takes part in several programs, seminars and workshops that assist and educate songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers in Canada.

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### **About SOCAN**

At SOCAN, we understand that the Canadian music industry is only as strong as the sum of its parts. We are proud to play a leading role, working with other organizations to ensure the long-term health of our members' livelihoods and the Canadian music industry as a whole. SOCAN is the Canadian copyright collective for the communication and performance of musical works. We administer these rights on behalf of our members (composers, lyricists, songwriters and their publishers) and those of affiliated international organizations by licensing this use of their music in Canada. The fees collected are distributed as royalties to our members and to affiliated organizations throughout the world. We also distribute royalties received from those organizations to our members for the use of their music worldwide. SOCAN has offices in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Dartmouth.

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