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SOCAN – PROUD SPONSOR AND PARTICIPANT AT WCMAs

(Toronto – September 16, 2009) The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) is recognizing and celebrating Western Canada's music scene through sponsorship and participation at this year's Western Canadian Music Awards (WCMAs), conference and festival, September 17-20 in Brandon, Manitoba. SOCAN will be front and centre at many events including the **“Breaking the USA”** panel presented by SOCAN on September 19 and the **“SOCAN Songs & Stories”** showcase September 20. The SOCAN-sponsored Songwriter of the Year Award will be announced during The WCMA awards show on September 20 at 8:00 p.m., at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.

“The WCMAs and its related events are valuable to Western Canada's music scene and SOCAN is proud of its continued commitment to sponsor and participate again this year” said André LeBel, CEO of SOCAN. “WCMAs are instrumental in shaping the growth of Western Canada's music industry and SOCAN's involvement is one of many initiatives we undertake each year to serve our members the best way possible.”

Throughout the year, SOCAN takes part in a variety of sponsorship programs, educational seminars, workshops and partnerships that contribute to the success of its members – over 90,000 songwriters, lyricists, composers and their music publishers.

SOCAN is sponsor of the **“Breaking the USA,”** an informative panel discussion with moderator and SOCAN Education & Outreach Manager Rodney Murphy, and panelists Rob Lanni (Coalition Entertainment), Dan Mangan, Jaylene Johnson and others, that will be held Canad Inns' Salon B on September 19, from 3:15-4:30 p.m. This SOCAN panel brings together a wealth of knowledge from songwriting experts and savvy music industry insiders to help delegates in attendance prepare to bring their music to audiences in the USA.

An event favourite – **“SOCAN Songs & Stories”** – will be held at the Canad Inns' Roadhouse on Sept. 20, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Hosted by Gordie Tentrees, fellow performers Carly Rae Jepsen, Romi Mayes and Codie Prevost will entertain the crowd with their music and share stories of their individual songwriting experiences collected throughout their careers. Tickets for this event are \$10 at the door or available in advance through the Brandon University Students' Union office at 727-9660.

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The 7th annual WCMA awards show will take place at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium at Brandon University on September 20 at 8:00 p.m. local time. SOCAN congratulates the following Songwriter of the Year nominees:

Romi Mayes: *'Achin' In Yer Bones'*

The Duhks: *'Fast Paced World'*

(Jordan McConnell, Leonard Podolak, Sarah Dugas, Christian Dugas, Tania Elizabeth)

Scott Nolan: *'Receiver/Reflector'*

Chad VanGaalén: *'Soft Airplane'*

JP Hoe: *'The Dear John Letters'*

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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