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SOCAN'S FIFTH ANNUAL ECHO SONGWRITING PRIZE – VOTING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

(Toronto – August 31, 2010) SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) announced today the songs nominated for the fifth annual ECHO Songwriting Prize, a prize that highlights and celebrates the songwriting talents of some of the best independent songwriters in Canada. The five nominated songs, as selected by an independent panel of 10 music community tastemakers, are:

“**Albatross**” written by Olga Goreas, Kevin Laing, Jace Lasek and Richard White, performed by The Besnard Lakes

“**Celestica**” written by Claudio Palmieri and Margaret Osborn, performed by Crystal Castles

“**Destroyer**” written by Catherine McCandless and Stephen Ramsay, performed by Young Galaxy

“**Hearts Trompet**” written by Edo Van Breeman, Bryan Davies, Richard Saul and John Walsh, performed by Brasstronaut

“**Odessa**” written by Dan Snaith, performed by Caribou

Panelists each nominated three songs and from there they reviewed these songs and, using a point-value system, determined the five songs to present to the public for voting.

SOCAN invites the public to vote for their favourite song by logging onto www.echoprize.ca. The winning songwriter will be awarded a \$5000 cash prize. The contest runs from September 1 until September 30. Also, one lucky voter will win an Epiphone Ultra II Les Paul electric guitar.

“There is no individual art form I enjoy more than the song. A single track, separated from an album, standing alone, on the strength of its own parts. There is something eternally classic in a special, unforgettable song that taps into our collective consciousness,” says Grant Lawrence, CBC Radio 3 host. “The ECHO Songwriting Prize perfectly understands and celebrates the genius of the perfect song.”

The Prix de la chanson ECHO, celebrating the songwriting talents of some of the best independent, up-and-coming Francophone songwriters in Canada, is launching concurrently.

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