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THE 21st SOCAN AWARDS:
Celebrating music creators

Montreal, November 16, 2010 — SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) proudly saluted its members' outstanding achievements at the **21st annual SOCAN Awards**, held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Montreal Hotel.

“Our annual awards of excellence are providing us with an opportunity to realize that, in spite of our industry’s current challenges, musicians of talent, passion and creativity are far from becoming extinct in our community! Tonight, let’s pause for a moment to show our winners the appreciation they deserve in the company of our three wonderful hosts **Marie-Mai, Jim Corcoran and Jean-Claude Marsan**,” SOCAN president **Earl Rosen** said as he opened the festivities.

As part of this 21st edition, SOCAN awards were presented to authors, composers and music publishers for their 2009 accomplishments in the pop, concert, instrumental, film and television music genres. **Édith Butler**, the fiery performer and best-known ambassador of Acadian poetry and resilience, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Cœur de pirate**, the young Quebec singer-songwriter who stole the hearts of music fans in France and throughout the Francophonie, received the International Achievement Award. The Chanson Révélation award went to the five songwriters of **Chinatown**, while the internationally known lyricist extraordinaire **Luc Plamondon** was presented with this year’s Special Achievement Award.

Several Quebec songs having achieved more than 25,000 radio plays received SOCAN Classics awards, and their creators **Louky Bersianik, Richard Séguin, Jim Corcoran, François Cousineau, Jean-Pierre Ferland, Michel Hinton, Pierre Huet, Paul Piché and Stéphane Venne** were warmly applauded by their peers.

The songwriters being honoured also included the creators of the 10 most performed Francophone rock and pop songs of 2009 in Quebec. They included **Steve Veilleux; Yann Perreau; Les Cowboys Fringants members Jérôme Dupras, Marie-Annick Lépine and Jean-François Pauzé; Jonathan Painchaud; Jean Leloup; Marc Dupré** and his co-writers **Jean-François Breau and Fred St-Gelais; Fred Fortin; Marie-Pierre Arthur** and her co-writers **Gaële and François Lafontaine**; and Mes Aïeux members **Benoît Archambault, Stéphane Archambault, Éric Desranleau, Marie-Hélène Fortin, Frédéric Giroux and Marc-André Paquet**.

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The young instrumental music veteran **Steve Barakatt** received the Hagood Hardy Award while the internationally renowned concert music composer **Gilles Tremblay** was presented with the Jan V. Matejcek New Classical Music Award. **K.Maró** and his co-writer **Louis Côté** received the Chanson Internationale award for the most internationally successful song of the past year. Film and television music awards were presented to AV composers **Normand Corbeil, Raymond Fabi, Éric Ranzenhofer, Kevin Tighe, Philippe Leduc, Rudy Toussaint** and **Guy Trépanier**. **Karl Wolf** received the Chanson Anglophone award for the Quebec-written English-language song having received the most airplay across the country in the past year, and the Partner in Music award went to **postedecoute.ca**.

A separate awards presentation for Anglophone music creators will be held in Toronto on Monday, November 22.

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' livelihood 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 societies 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. For more information on what's right for music, please visit www.socan.ca.

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