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Quebec's Music Industry Came Out In Full Force Tonight to Celebrate the 19th Annual SOCAN Awards Gala in Montreal

(Montreal, November 25, 2008) – SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) and the best of Quebec's music industry came together tonight at the Omni Mont-Royal to honour some of our most talented songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers at the 19th annual SOCAN Awards Gala. Hosted by rocker **France D'Amour**, the SOCAN Awards acknowledged members' and other music industry influencers' outstanding achievements from the previous year. SOCAN members **Claude Dubois, Michel Rivard, René Dupéré, Mes Aïeux** and **François Dompierre**, among many others, were in attendance to accept their award.

Other awards recipients included the great **Gilles Vigneault**, Alfa Rococo's **David Bussièrès** and **Justine Laberge, Jonathan Painchaud, Stefie Shock, Steve Veilleux** (Kain), **Arcade Fire, Pierre Huet** and **Breen LeBoeuf, Renée Martel**, and the late **Georges Thurston** and **Oscar Peterson**.

A complete list of winners for the 2008 SOCAN Awards is attached and can also be found at www.socan.ca

"The SOCAN Awards are a very important evening for us at SOCAN. Not only does this special evening provide a unique opportunity for the industry to celebrate some of Quebec's great musical success stories – from songwriter-artists to other industry leaders – it also serves as an inspiring evening for many," says André LeBel, CEO of SOCAN. "At SOCAN, the awards signify just how much we truly value the contributions of our members and individuals to our music industry, which is why we have dedicated ourselves to presenting the SOCAN Awards for almost twenty years now." The SOCAN Awards is just one example of how SOCAN strives to advance the efforts of its members and our thriving music industry.

Each year, SOCAN celebrates music industry pioneers for their involvement in our music industry and their outstanding successes throughout their careers. Recipients of SOCAN's major achievement awards this year went to **Oscar Peterson**, who received the **Special Achievement Award**; **François Dompierre**, who received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**; and **K-Marco** and **Louis Côté**, who received the **International Achievement Award**.

SOCAN also recognized outstanding Anglophone music creators and publishers at an awards gala held on Monday, November 17 at the Carlu, in Toronto.

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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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