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THE 20th SOCAN AWARDS:
A 20th Anniversary Celebration

Montreal, November 24, 2009 — SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) proudly saluted its members' outstanding achievements at the **20th annual SOCAN Awards**, held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Montreal Hotel.

“This year’s award presentation will be hosted by **Michel Rivard**, a multitalented artist who is a SOCAN Classic in his own right. Members being honoured this evening hail from every age group and musical trend, but they all have one thing in common: an outstanding talent and a passion for music,” SOCAN president **Earl Rosen** said as he opened the festivities.

As part of this special 20th anniversary edition, SOCAN Awards were presented to authors, composers and music publishers for their 2008 accomplishments in the **pop, concert, instrumental, film** and **television** music genres. **Clémence DesRochers**, who made her mark as a singer-songwriter, a poet, a delightful comedienne and more, collecting fans of all ages, was presented with the **Life Achievement Award**, while **Marc Antoine** and his coauthor **Sonny Black**, who have become household names throughout the French-speaking world, collected the **International Achievement Award**. The **Revelation Song** award went to **François Lafontaine** and **Louis-Jean Cormier**, of the most popular group **Karkwa**, and the **Special Achievement Award** was presented to musical pioneer **Robert Vinet**.

The creators of several Quebec songs having achieved more than 25,000 radio plays received **SOCAN Classics** awards. They included **Luc De Larochellière** and **Marc Pérusse**, **Paul Piché**, **Patrick Bourgeois** and his coauthors **Pierre Houle**, **Maryse Aumais** and **Geneviève Lapointe**, **Luc Plamondon**, **Michel Pagliaro** and **Jimmy James**, all still very active on the music scene.

The songwriters being honoured also included rock and pop music creators such as **Éric Lapointe**, **Daniel Lavoie**, **Louise Forestier**, **David Bussièrès** and **Justine Laberge**, of **Alfa Rococo**, **Ariane Moffatt**, **Jonathan Painchaud**, **Jean-François Breau**, **Marie-Mai** and **Marc Dupré**, **Jonathan Painchaud**, **Sylvain Cossette** and his coauthor **Andrée Watters**, dual award winner **Steve Veilleux** (Kaïn), and **K.Maró** and his coauthor **Louis Côté**. The veteran instrumental composer **Germain Bourque** received the **Hagood Hardy Award** while the internationally known **Jacques Héту** was honoured with the **New Classical Music Award**.

A separate awards presentation for Anglophone music creators was held in Toronto a day earlier on Monday, November 23.



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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Encl.: Complete list of the 20th SOCAN Awards winners

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