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**SOCAN SUPPORTS THE EAST COAST MUSIC AWARDS AND CONFERENCE;  
SPONSORS POPULAR SONGWRITER'S CIRCLE ON MARCH 1 AT PEPSI STUDIO**

**(Toronto - February 24, 2009)** SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) is a proud sponsor of the East Coast Music Association Awards, Festival and Conference and is, once again the sponsor of the Songwriter of the Year Award, which will be presented during the gala ceremony on March 1 at the Canada Games Arena in Corner Brook, NL. SOCAN members Damhnait Doyle and Jian Ghomeshi are confirmed to host the show and Jill Barber, David Myles and Hey Rosetta! are among the talented artists set to perform.

SOCAN will also present "Breaking Nashville with SOCAN" on February 26 at 3:00 p.m.

In addition, the SOCAN-sponsored Songwriter's Circle is a much-anticipated event that gives aspiring songwriters the opportunity to hear how some of their peers have successfully tackled the songwriting process. This year's SOCAN Songwriter's Circle will take place on Sunday, March 1, at the Pepsi Studio from 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Host, Ron Hynes, will be joined by SOCAN members: Maureen Ennis, Dave Carroll, Chris Colepaugh and Steven MacDougall who will without a doubt make this an unforgettable event.

Each year, SOCAN presents the SOCAN-sponsored Songwriter of the Year Award at the ECMAs gala. The nominees to win the prestigious award this year are:

- Asif Ilyas - "U Dream" (performed by MIR)
- Christina Martin - "Two Hearts" (performed by Christina Martin)
- Gordie Sampson and Jay Smith (with JT Harding) - "We Are Young and So Is The Night" (performed by Gordie Sampson)
- Matt Mays - "Terminal Romance" (performed by Matt Mays & El Torpedo)
- Tim Baker - "New Goodbye" (performed by Hey Rosetta!)

"The ECMA Awards, Festival and Conference plays an important role in the growth of the industry and SOCAN's continuous support is just one example of our proven commitment to our members," says André LeBel, CEO of SOCAN. Throughout the year, SOCAN sponsors several music industry events and takes



part in programs, seminars and workshops that assist and educate songwriters, composers, lyricists and music publishers in Canada.

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. For more information about how we're doing what's right for music, please visit us at [www.socan.ca](http://www.socan.ca).

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