

East Coast Music Awards Nominees

The nominations for the 1996 East Coast Music Awards were announced at a media conference on Wednesday, January 3 here in Charlottetown. Winners are chosen by a vote of the East Coast Music Association and will be announced on February 11 at the ECMA ceremonies. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

FEMALE ARTIST:

- Holly Cole
- Rita MacNeil
- Doris Mason
- Kim Stockwood
- Laura Smith

RECORDING GROUP/DUO:

- Great Big Sea
- Irish Descendants
- Modabo
- The Rankin Family
- Sandbox

POP/ROCK ARTIST:

- The Barra MacNeils
- Great Big Sea
- Sloan
- Laura Smith
- Kim Stockwood

CLASSICAL RECORDING:

- Haydn: Piano Sonatas: Peter Allen
- S.L. Weiss: Michel Cardin
- Sigismund Thalberg: Ian Hominick
- Organ Works: David MacDonald
- Glazunov/Shostakovitch: Saint John String Quartet

ALTERNATIVE ARTIST:

- Hardship Post
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- Rebecca West
- Sloan
- Super Friendz

CHILDREN'S ARTIST:

- Les Habitants
- Heather & Eric
- Razzmatazz for Kids
- Roland & Johnny
- Duncan Wells

FRANCOPHONE RECORDING:

- Le Vieux Hippy*: Cayouche
- River of Love*: Annick Gagnon
- Pays De Barbarie*: Isabelle et la Bete
- Musique De La Nouvelle Acadie*: Various
- Contes du Coude - Tales*: Zero Celsius

MALE ARTIST:

- Ron Bourgeois
- Bruce Guthro
- Dave MacIsaac
- Bob Snider
- Al Tuck

COUNTRY ARTIST:

- Cindy Church
- Stompin' Tom Connors
- Bruce Guthro
- Rita MacNeil
- The Rankin Family

INSTRUMENTAL ARTIST:

- Lee Cremo
- Tracey Dares
- Ray Legere
- Dave MacIsaac
- Richard Wood

JAZZ ARTIST

- Jeri Brown
- Goodspeed/Staples Quartet
- Jerry Granelli
- Kirk MacDonald
- Maritime Jazz Orchestra

BLUEGRASS ARTIST:

- Bluegrass 4
- Crooked Stovepipe
- Exit 13
- Ray Legere
- Rustic Harmony

FIRST NATIONS RECORDING:

- The Champion Returns*: Lee Cremo
- Mi'knaq Chants*: Denny Family
- No Boundries*: Eagle Feather
- Flowers In Bloom*: Sarah Michael
- Wapna'kik*: Sons of Membertou

CELTIC RECORDING:

- The Thunder God's Wife*: Adshade Cafe
- Ancestral Voices - Celtic Christmas*: The College of Piping and Celtic Arts
- Up*: Great Big Sea
- Nimble Fingers*: Dave MacIsaac
- Endless Seasons*: The Rankin Family

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR:

- Great Big Sea
- Ashley MacIsaac
- The Barra MacNeils
- The Rankin Family
- Laura Smith

VIDEO:

Title	Artist
- "You Feel The Same Way Too"	- The Rankin Family
- "Reel and Roll"	- Rawlins Cross
- "People of the Sky"	- Sloan
- "Shade of Your Love"	- Laura Smith
- "Darn Folksinger"	- Bob Snider

ALBUM:

Album	Artist
- <i>Up</i>	- Great Big Sea
- <i>Modabo</i>	- Modabo
- <i>Endless Seasons</i>	- The Rankin Family
- <i>Bionic</i>	- Sandbox
- <i>B'tween The Earth and My Soul</i>	- Laura Smith

SOCAN SONG:

Song	Artist
- "Peter's Dream"	- Lennie Gallant
- "You Feel The Same Way Too"	- The Rankin Family
- "Long Night"	- Rawlins Cross
- "Curious"	- Sandbox
- "Shade of Your Love"	- Laura Smith

Music fans have an opportunity to vote for the 1996 Entertainer of the Year. The East Coast Music Association has set up a 1-900 line that will accept calls from anywhere in Atlantic Canada. The public is invited to call 1-900-870-3262 (ECMA) up until 4:00 pm Atlantic time on February 8 to vote (\$1.49/minute charge).

Also at this year's ceremony, the late Gene MacLellan will be posthumously awarded with the Dr. Helen Creighton Lifetime Achievement Award. Representatives of Mr. MacLellan's family will accept the award during the ECMA show. They will join others in a tribute to the singer songwriter who made his home here in PEI. MacLellan is best known for writing two of the most popular songs ever written: "Snowbird" and "Put Your Hand In The Hand."

The Panther Prints would like to congratulate all of the ECMA nominees