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Hottest Rising Radio Stars Honoured Nominations for the 2004 Annual Canadian Radio Music Awards Announced

Toronto, Ontario (January 7, 2004) – Canada’s hottest music stars will be honoured at the 7th Annual Canadian Radio Music Awards (CRMA) on March 6, 2004. *Billy Talent, In Essence, Fefe Dobson, Michael Bublé, Lillix* and *Ryan Malcolm* are only some of the hot artists nominated in many categories honouring the best new radio music stars in Canada. In previous years, the CRMAs introduced rookies such as Avril Lavigne, Remy Shand, Nickelback and Sum 41.

Presented by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB), the 7th Annual Canadian Radio Music Awards honour Canada’s hottest rising radio music stars. The awards will be handed out at a gala luncheon on Saturday, March 6, 2004, 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre, Toronto, as part of Canadian Music Week celebrations.

“It’s great to see our music stars realize their dreams,” said Glenn O’Farrell, President and CEO of the CAB. “I congratulate this year’s nominees and applaud Canada’s private radio broadcasters for their constant commitment to cultivate and promote up-and-coming artists in this country.”

“The impressive list of nominees represents Canada’s best artists, heard this year on Canadian private radio,” said Gary Slight, President and CEO of Standard Broadcasting Corporation and one of the founders of the awards. “Paying tribute and recognizing artists who launch their careers with the help of private radio is at the heart of the CRMAs. It’s a great way to celebrate the important relationship between music artists and Canadian private radio.”

Again this year, the CRMA Fans’ Choice Award will be presented. Radio listeners from across the country can vote online for their favourite radio artist at the Canadian Music Week Web site (www.cmw.net).

This year’s Canadian Radio Music Awards gala luncheon is hosted by radio personality Carla Collins and includes live performances by *Barlow, Three Days Grace, In Essence, Ryan Malcolm, Deric Ruttan* and *Shayne*. Ticket and registration information is available at <http://www.cmw.net/>.

CRMA nominees include artists who have hit the Canadian charts for the first time and who have achieved top airplay in different formats based on radio “spins” as recorded by Nielson Broadcast Data Systems (BDS) in 2003. Votes cast by music directors, program directors and on-air personalities determine the winners. Three additional non-voting awards will also be presented at this year’s ceremony: The FACTOR Breakthrough Award for top airplay for a new FACTOR-supported artist; The Songwriter Award sponsored by SOCAN for top airplay for a songwriter; and The Chart Topper Award for top overall airplay.

About Canadian Music Week

Canadian Music Week is the single largest entertainment initiative in Canada dedicated to the expression and growth of the country’s media and entertainment industries. CMW combines two information-intensive conferences; a cutting-edge trade exposition; five awards shows and the Canadian Music Week Festival. Held over a four-day period from March 3 to 6 in Toronto Canada, the event attracts participants from across the country and around the world.

About the Canadian Association of Broadcasters

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) is the national voice of Canada’s private broadcasters, representing the vast majority of Canadian programming services, including private radio and television stations, networks, specialty, pay and pay-per-view services.

Related Web Links:

Canadian Music Week: <http://www.cmw.net>

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters: <http://www.cab-acr.ca>

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FINAL NOMINEES 2004

<p>Best New Group or Solo Artist (ROCK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BILLY TALENT – TRY HONESTY • CLOSURE – LOOK OUT BELOW • FORTY FOOT ECHO – SAVE ME • PILATE – INTO YOUR HIDE OUT • THREE DAYS GRACE – (I HATE) EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU 	<p>Best New Solo Artist (CHR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEFE DOBSON – TAKE ME AWAY • KESHIA CHANTE – SHOOK (THE ANSWER) • MELANIE DURRANT – WHERE I'M GOIN' • NASRI – GO • THREAT – DIRTY GIRL
<p>Best New Group (CHR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLETON – DON'T WORRY • BIG BLACK LINCOLN – PIMPIN' LIFE • HIPJOINT INC. – WHAT WENT ON • IN ESSENCE – I.E. • LILLIX – IT'S ABOUT TIME 	<p>Best New Group or Solo Artist (COUNTRY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAMIAN MARSHALL – DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL • DERIC RUTTAN – WHEN YOU COME AROUND • HEATHER DAWN – BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE • JASON BLAINE – THAT'S WHAT I DO • TEBEY – WE SHOOK HANDS
<p>Best New Group or Solo Artist (HOT AC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLETON – DON'T WORRY • BARLOW – WALK AWAY • DAKONA – GOOD (I'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN) • HIPJOINT INC. – WHAT WENT ON • LILLIX – IT'S ABOUT TIME 	<p>Best New Group or Solo Artist (MAINSTREAM AC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLETON – DON'T WORRY • MICHAEL BUBLÉ – KISSING A FOOL • LILLIX – IT'S ABOUT TIME • RYAN MALCOLM – SOMETHING MORE • SHAYE – HAPPY BABY
<p>Best New Group or Solo Artist (DANCE URBAN RHYTHMIC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIG BLACK LINCOLN – PIMPIN' LIFE • BRASSMUNK – BIG • IN ESSENCE – I.E. • JENNA G. – GENTLEMAN • KESHIA CHANTE – SHOOK (THE ANSWER) 	<p>FACTOR "BREAKTHROUGH" AWARD Most Airplay for a New Artist (non-voting)</p>
<p>SONGWRITER AWARD Sponsored by SOCAN Most Airplay for a Songwriter (non-voting)</p>	<p>FANS' CHOICE AWARD (Radio Listeners Vote Online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avril Lavigne • Celine Dion • Nickelback • Our Lady Peace • Shania Twain
<p>"CHART TOPPER" AWARD Most Airplay Overall (non-voting)</p>	