

TOP CANADIAN ARTISTS OF 2007

1. The Duhks (396)
2. The Wailin' Jennys (359)
3. David Francey (330)
4. Loreena McKennitt (289)
5. Eve Goldberg (278)
6. Jory Nash (272)
7. Joni Mitchell (259)
8. Stan Rogers (233)
9. James Keelaghan (221)
10. Neil Young (185)
11. Garnet Rogers (166)
12. Bruce Cockburn (163)
13. Devon Sproule (159)
14. Leonard Cohen (149)
15. Gordon Lightfoot (147)
16. John Wort Hannam (143)
17. Natalie MacMaster (140)
18. April Verch (139)
19. Harry Manx (136)
- 20. Kim Beggs (133)**
21. The McDades (130)
22. Crabtree And Mills (128)
23. Fred Eaglesmith (127)
24. Tanglefoot (124)
25. Stephen Fearing (123)
26. Lynn Miles (120)
27. Le Vent Du Nord (108)
28. Finest Kind (107)
29. Po' Girl (105)
30. The Be Good Tanyas (104)
31. Nathan (99)
32. John Reischman & The Jaybirds (97)
33. Blackie & The Rodeo Kings (85)
34. Steve Fisher (84)
35. Dan McKinnon (83)
36. Kate & Anna McGarrigle (80)
37. Sarah Harmer (76)
38. Erynn Marshall & Chris Coole (75)
39. Shelley Posen (74)
40. The Band (70)
- Michael Jerome Browne (70)

41. Rob Lutes	(68)
42. The Bills	(66)
43. Great Big Sea	(65)
44. Ian & Sylvia	(63)
44. Buffy Sainte-Marie	(60)
45. Cara Luft	(59)
Ian Tyson	(59)

To be continued....

This posting is the first of three that examines Canadians' 2007 airplay based on playlists submitted to the Folkdj-1 listserve. If I have inadvertently left someone out, in the lists to follow I offer advance apologies and cite my aging eyes.

The end of December 2007 will mark 142 months of keeping these records. In that time 198 Canadian performers have made an appearance in the top ten of a monthly top artists list. Performer appearances are significantly influenced by how thoroughly they or their record companies have serviced international folk dj's and their stations.

Richard Gillmann has consented to my using his posted playlist information for the reports to follow. Richard's dedication to providing this information is greatly appreciated and, as always, I offer the usual well-deserved tip of the hat for all his labour.

Richard compiles monthly surveys of international airplay on the folkdj-1 listserve. Archives of these can be found at <http://folkradio.org> Richard's complete lists can be found on his

own website at <http://www.nwfolk.com> and I have used this latter source for the information to follow.

Richard created a couple of programs to analyze all playlists posted to the Folkdj-1 list. These programs require that playlists be submitted in a particular format to be counted. Because of this he estimates his programs pick up 60-80% of the total airplays posted. Richard tallies the most popular albums and songs as well as total play for individual performers to create a top artists list.

It should go without saying that these tallies are utterly meaningless in the context of mainstream airplay. The stats simply list those Canadians whose music was played and reported to the Folkdj-1 listserve. Folk dj's pick and choose from the vast catalogue of international folk recordings and select songs and performers they enjoy. I believe that those folk dj's who do report, are our musical peers and that the songs and musicians they choose to air provide a rough guide to current and longterm folk popularity.

Here are the top Canadian artists of 2007 based on total airplay for the year with 162420 airplays from 197 different DJs. Richard Gillmann cut his list off at 57 plays. The Duhks were the top Canadian artists on the international charts for the third year in a row, coming in at #13 overall. The Wailin' Jennys came in at #2 for

the second year in a row.