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## **BreakOut West Announces The 2011 Western Canadian Music Awards Nominees**

BreakOut West is proud to announce the nominees for the 2011 Western Canadian Music Awards. The awards will be presented at the Yukon Arts Centre in Whitehorse YT during BreakOut West 2011 on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Western Canadian Music Industry Awards will be presented on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The BreakOut West festival and conference runs from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Whitehorse, YT.

### **2011 Western Canadian Music Award Nominees**

#### **Blues Recording of the Year**

Bill Johnson - *Still Blue*  
Brent Parkin - *Vintage Rhythm*  
Jim Byrnes - *Everywhere West*  
Kat Danser - *Passin'-A-Time*  
Little Miss Higgins - *Across The Plains*

#### **Children's Recording of the Year**

Bobs & LoLo - *Connecting the Dots*  
Music with Marnie - *Super Kids*  
Salteens - *Kid Songs*  
The Kerplunks - *Number 3*  
Will Stroet - *Walk 'n' Roll*

#### **Contemporary Christian/Gospel Recording of the Year**

Cities Under Fire - *Lukewarm Love*  
Dan Bremnes - *Your Strength*  
High Valley - *High Valley*  
Jaylene Johnson – *Happiness*  
The Sojourners - *The Sojourners*

#### **Classical Composition of the Year**

David McIntyre - *Sonata for Violin and Piano "Sprints"*  
Diana McIntosh - *Uhuru Kamili*  
Elizabeth Raum - *Sonata for Violin and Piano*  
Jeffrey Ryan - *Angeline on Ossabaw*  
Marcus Goddard - *Allaqi*  
Peter Hannan - *Rethink Forever*  
Robert Turner - *Suite for Harp*

#### **Classical Recording of the Year**

Diana McIntosh - *Pinnacles*  
Ensemble Resonance - *Electrospectives*  
Erika Raum and David Moroz - *From the Heartland*  
Peter Hannan - *Rethink Forever*  
Rachel Kiyo Iwaasa – *Cosmophony*

#### **Country Recording of the Year**

Aaron Pritchett - *In The Driver's Seat*  
gomie - *You Are Here*  
Gord Bamford - *Day Job*  
Hey Romeo - *That's What I Am*  
High Valley - *High Valley*  
Ridley Bent - *Rabbit On My Wheel*

**Instrumental Recording of the Year**

Dave Babcock and his Jump Orchestra - *Jump To It*  
Five Alarm Funk - *Anything is Possible*  
Fond of Tigers - *Continent & Western*  
Karrnel & Koulack - *Fiddle & Banjo*  
Richard Moody - *Woodcuts*

**Jazz Recording of the Year**

Karl Schwonik Jazz Ensemble - *1+4*  
Michelle Grégoire - *Diversity*  
Night Crawlers with The Big Band Sound - *Down In The Bottom*  
Peter Belec - *Melodic Miner*  
Tyler Hornby - *A Road To Remember*

**Pop Recording of the Year**

Ash Koley - *Inventions*  
David Vertesi - *Cardiography*  
Imaginary Cities - *Temporary Resident*  
Stef Lang - *The Underdog*  
The Liptonians - *Let's All March Back Into the Sea*

**Urban Recording of the Year**

Absofunkinlutely - *Blues Kid City*  
BJ Block and Dawn Pemberton - *The Land of Make Believe*  
Chantel Upshaw - *I Feel Like a Lady*  
MANUELA - *A Different Kind of Fire*  
Souljah Fyah - *I Wish*

**Rap/Hip-Hop Recording of the Year**

Evil Ebenezer - *Evil Eye*  
Pigeon Hole - *Age Like Astronauts*  
SonReal - *Where's Waldo?*  
Sweatshop Union - *The Bill Murray EP*  
The Happy Unfortunate - *No Time To Sleep*

**Rock Recording of the Year**

Brasstronaut - *Mount Chimaera*  
Jordan Cook - *Seven Deadly Sins*  
Rah Rah - *Breaking Hearts*  
The Pack a.d. - *We Kill Computers*  
The Sheepdogs - *Learn & Burn*  
We Are The City - *High School*  
Wool on Wolves - *Grey Matter*

**Roots Duo/Group Recording of the Year**

Chic Gamine - *City City*  
Fish & Bird - *Every Whisper Is A Shout Across The Void*  
Jon and Roy - *Homes*  
Shuyler Jansen - *Voice from the Lake*  
The Wailin' Jennys - *Bright Morning Stars*

**Roots Solo Recording of the Year**

Del Barber - *Love Songs For The Last Twenty*  
Jen Lane - *For the Night*  
Kim Beggs - *Blue Bones*  
Romi Mayes - *Lucky Tonight*  
Ruth Moody - *The Garden*  
Steve Dawson – *Nightshade*

**World Recording of the Year**

Cassius Khan - *Mushtari a live concert*  
Matthew Lien and Yin-chung Huang - *Orchid Island*  
Pacifika – *Supermagique*  
Tambura Rasa – *Adsum*  
Trio Bembe - *Oh my soul*

**Aboriginal Recording of the Year**

Black Rain - *Under The Gun*  
Colette Trudeau - *Colette Trudeau*  
Cris Derksen - *The Cusp*  
Don Amero - *The Long Way Home*  
FEENIX – *Collabanation*  
Vince Fontaine - *Songs For Turtle Island*

**Francophone Recording of the Year**

Annette Campagne - *J'peux pas demander mieux*  
KIN – *KIN*  
Les Surveillantes - *La racine carrée du coeur*  
Marie-Josée Ouimet - *L'heure bleue*  
Raphaël Freynet - *Le monde à voir*

**Independent Album of the Year**

Chic Gamine - *City City*  
Del Barber - *Love Songs For The Last Twenty*  
Jordan Cook - *Seven Deadly Sins*  
Rah Rah - *Breaking Hearts*  
We Are The City - *High School*

**Songwriter(s) of the Year**

Christine Fellows – *Mlle. Steno*  
David Vertesi – *All Night, All Night, All Night*  
Donny Parenteau – *Play On*  
Rob Shapiro/Darren Gusnowsky/Stacie Roper/Byron Hill – *Searchin' For You*  
Jay Semko – *Before You Leave Canada*  
Romi Mayes – *Ball and Chain*

**2011 Western Canadian Music Industry Award Nominees****Agency of the Year**

Magnum Opus Management  
Paquin Entertainment Group  
PM GIGS Inc.  
S.L. Feldman & Associates

**Producer of the Year**

Arun Chaturvedi  
Dave Ogilive  
Steve Dawson  
Tom Dobrzanski  
Vince R. Ditrich

**Engineer of the Year**

Cameron Loeppky  
Carlin Lemon  
Doug Naugler  
Sheldon Zaharko  
Steve Dawson/Sheldon Zaharko

**Manager of the Year**

Bruce Allen - *Bruce Allen Talent*  
Louis O'Reilly - *O'Reilly International Entertainment Management*  
Gilles Paquin - *Paquin Entertainment Group*  
Jonathan Simkin - *Simkin Artist Management*  
Stephen Carroll - *Empirical Artist Services*

**Talent Buyer of the Year**

Chris Frayer - *Winnipeg Folk Festival*  
Brent Oliver - *Foundation Concerts*  
Harvey Cohen – *The Union Ltd.*  
Entertainment Committee - *Ness Creek Music Festival*  
Nhaelan McMillan – *The Union Ltd.*

**Live Music Venue of the Year**

Beat Niq Jazz & Social Club  
Habitat  
The Starlite Room  
The Exchange  
West End Cultural Centre

**Independent Record Label**

Black Hen Music  
Chronograph Records  
File Under Music  
CamoBare Records  
Head In The Sand

**Best Album Design**

Jolene Higgins - *Across the Plains*  
Derek Bachman - *Blue Sky Girl*  
Ron Sawchuk - *Bright Morning Stars*  
Ron Sawchuk - *The Garden*  
Ron Sawchuk - *Woodcuts*

**Multi-Media Award**

Reliquary/Reliquaire – *Performance Film (Christine Fellows)*

Passing Me By - *Video by Stuey Kubrick (Cityreal)*

Longest Dream – *Video by Kim Beggs (Kim Beggs)*

Live at the West End- *Television Show by Johnny Marlow (Low Budget Productions)*

The Mississippi Sheiks Tribute Project – *Concert Video by - Steve Dawson/Fiona Black/Jeff Bonner*