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CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC AWARDS ANNOUNCE NOMINEES FOR 2011!
– **BRUCE COCKBURN AND DAVE GUNNING EACH GARNER FOUR NOMINATIONS**
– **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**



TORONTO – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011 – The Canadian Folk Music Awards (CFMAs) is pleased to announce the nominees for its 2011 awards gala. As part of a celebration of musical excellence in Canada, artists representing Atlantic Canada to British Columbia will vie for the SEVENTH ANNUAL CFMAs, which will be held in Toronto on **Sunday, December 4** at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. West. Admission for the event is \$40 for gala and reception, with added workshops \$50, and for workshops alone \$15. Tickets are available now at U of T tix Box Office, 416-978-8849 or online at <http://uofttix.ca>.

Tickets for the world premiere of *A Walk in my Dream* also go on sale Friday, Oct 21 and can be purchased at www.tiff.net or by calling 416.599.8433 | 1.888.599.8433. For more information please visit www.folkawards.ca

Created in 2005 to bring greater exposure to the wealth of Canadian folk music, the CFMAs, now in its seventh year, honours outstanding achievements in 19 categories plus a brand new category called "Unsung Hero." This new award is still accepting submissions until Oct 31st and will be announced at the Gala event.

In the lead this year with four nominations each are the lyrically gifted veteran **Bruce Cockburn** and Pictou County Nova Scotia's **Dave Gunning**. Cockburn's latest offering ***Small Source of Comfort*** is nominated for Contemporary Album of the Year, Contemporary Singer of the Year, Solo Artist of the Year and English Songwriter of the Year. Gunning, whose immense talent is rooted in his Nova Scotian upbringing, recently released ***A tribute to John Allan Cameron*** which has garnered four nods as well for Traditional Album of the Year, Traditional Singer of the Year, New/Emerging Artist of the Year and Producer of the Year. Next with three nominations each are the dynamic and energetic francophone foot-stompers **Genticorum (*Nagez Rameurs*)** and world music francophone group **Maz (*Télescope*)**, as well as Western Canada's sweethearts **The Wailin' Jennys (*Bright Morning Stars*)**. Following closely are a handful of artists with two nominations each: sweet harmonizers **Finest Kind**, **The Good Lovelies** and **Twilight Hotel**; veteran folk artists **Lynn Miles**, **Ron Hynes**, **Mae Moore** and **David Francey** – all have garnered nominations in the English Songwriter of the Year category; instrumental Americana/bluegrass troupe **Creaking Tree String Quartet**; fiery fiddling sensation **Jaron Freeman-Fox**; and the captivating Winnipeg-born songstress **Ruth Moody** of The Wailin' Jennys.

Other nominees who are currently creating a buzz on Canada's music scene include the outlaw indie country band **New Country Rehab**, touring enthusiast and expert **Andrea Ramolo** and PEI's **Ashley Condon** who is also up for an ECMA for "Country Recording of the Year".

Nominee showcase performances and special events will run from Friday, December 2 - Sunday, December 4 as part of the CFMAs extravaganza. Details will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

MORE ABOUT CFMAs

The mission of the Canadian Folk Music Awards is to celebrate and promote Canadian Folk Music in all its forms. Until their creation in 2005, there existed no awards to celebrate the breadth and depth of folk music in Canada. Awards such as the Junos, East Coast Music Awards or the Western Canada Music Awards include a few categories that apply to folk and roots music, but without as broad a view of the genre. The judging process is similar to that of the two-stage elimination model used by the Junos via a randomly selected jury drawn from the folk music community.

2011 CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC AWARDS NOMINEES

TRADITIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR / ALBUM TRADITIONNEL DE L'ANNÉE

Dave Gunning - *a tribute to John Allan Cameron*
Finest Kind - *For Honour & For Gain*
De Temps Antan - *Les Habits de Papier*
La Volée d'Castors - *Le Retour*
Genticorum - *Nagez Rameurs*

CONTEMPORARY ALBUM OF THE YEAR / ALBUM CONTEMPORAIN DE L'ANNÉE

Twilight Hotel - *When the Wolves Go Blind*
Les Charbonniers de l'Enfer - *Nouvelles fréquentations*
Lynn Miles - *Fall for Beauty*
Bruce Cockburn - *Small Source of Comfort*
Good Lovelies - *Let The Rain Fall*

CHILDREN'S ALBUM OF THE YEAR / ALBUM JEUNESSE DE L'ANNÉE

Kathy Reid-Naiman - *I Love to Hear the Sounds*
Benoît Archambault - *Les pourquoi*
Marky Weinstock - *Songs For Dreamers*
Colleen Power with Crooked Stovepipe - *For Little Ones*
Will Stroet - *Walk & Roll*

TRADITIONAL SINGER OF THE YEAR / CHANTEUR TRADITIONNEL DE L'ANNÉE

Enoch Kent - *Take A Trip With Me*
Dave Gunning - *a tribute to John Allan Cameron*
Lizzy Hoyt - *Home*
Eileen McGann - *Pocketful Of Rhymes*
Joel Fafard - *Cluck Old Hen*

CONTEMPORARY SINGER OF THE YEAR / CHANTEUR CONTEMPORAIN DE L'ANNÉE

David Myles - *Live at the Carleton*
Suzie Vinnick - *Me 'n' Mabel*
Cat Jahnke - *The Stories are Taking Their Toll*
Bruce Cockburn - *Small Source of Comfort*
Matthew Barber - *Matthew Barber*

**INSTRUMENTAL SOLO ARTIST OF THE YEAR /
ALBUM INSTRUMENTAL DE L'ANNÉE - SOLO**

Jayne Stone - *Room of Wonders*
Jaron Freeman-Fox - *Manic Almanac : Slow Möbius*
Anne Lindsay - *Hurry On Home*
April Verch - *That's How We Run*
Don Ross - *Breakfast for Dogs*

**INSTRUMENTAL GROUP OF THE YEAR /
ALBUM INSTRUMENTAL DE L'ANNÉE - GROUPE**

The Creaking Tree String Quartet - *Sundogs*
Kristina & Quinn Bachand - *Family*
MAZ - *Télescope*
Eh?! - *Eh?!*
RAZ-DE-MARÉE/TIDAL WAVE - *Marche du St-Laurent*

**VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR /
GROUPE VOCAL DE L'ANNÉE**

Finest Kind - *For Honour & For Gain*
Les Charbonniers de l'Enfer - *Nouvelles fréquentations*
The Wailin' Jennys - *Bright Morning Stars*
Good Lovelies - *Let The Rain Fall*
Genticorum - *Nagez Rameurs*

**ENSEMBLE OF THE YEAR /
GROUPE DE L'ANNÉE**

The Creaking Tree String Quartet - *Sundogs*
MAZ - *Télescope*
The Wailin' Jennys - *Bright Morning Stars*
Harry Manx & Kevin Breit - *Strictly Whatever*
Genticorum - *Nagez Rameurs*

**SOLO ARTIST OF THE YEAR /
ARTISTE SOLO DE L'ANNÉE**

Ken Whiteley - *Another Day's Journey*
Mae Moore - *Folklore*
David Francey - *Late Edition*
Bruce Cockburn - *Small Source of Comfort*
Ruth Moody - *The Garden*

**ENGLISH SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR /
AUTEUR-COMPOSITEUR ANGLOPHONE DE L'ANNÉE**

Ron Hynes - *Stealing Genius*
David Francey - *Late Edition*
Mae Moore - *Folklore*
Lynn Miles - *Fall for Beauty*
Bruce Cockburn - *Small Source of Comfort*

**FRENCH SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR /
AUTEUR-COMPOSITEUR FRANCOPHONE DE L'ANNÉE**

Jean-François Lessard - *Jean-François Lessard*
Alexandre Poulin - *Une lumière allumée*
Claude Cormier - *Acoustique*
Les Surveillantes - *La racine carrée du coeur*

**ABORIGINAL SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR /
AUTEUR-COMPOSITEUR AUTOCHTONE DE L'ANNÉE**

Vince Fontaine - *Songs For Turtle Island*

Robert Davidson & Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson - *New Journeys*

janet panic - *Samples*

Don Amero - *The Long Way Home*

Kristi Lane Sinclair - *I Love You*

**WORLD ARTIST OF THE YEAR - SOLO /
ARTISTE DE MUSIQUES DU MONDE DE L'ANNÉE - SOLO**

Lenka Lichtenberg - *Fray*

Massiel Yanira - *Una Voz*

Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson - *New Journeys*

Zekuhl - *I BOLO*

Kiran Ahluwalia - *aam zameen : common ground*

**WORLD ARTIST OF THE YEAR - GROUP /
ARTISTE DE MUSIQUES DU MONDE DE L'ANNÉE - GROUPE**

Ouzo Power - *Greatest Hits (Volume 1)*

Nizar Tabcharani & The Backstrings - *Bayati Ana*

Trio Bembe - *Oh My Soul*

MAZ - *Télescope*

Minor Empire - *Second Nature*

**NEW/EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR /
ARTISTE DE LA RELÈVE DE L'ANNÉE**

Dave Gunning - *a tribute to John Allan Cameron*

Andrea Ramolo - *The Shadows and the Cracks*

Ruth Moody - *The Garden*

Ashley Condon - *Come In From The Cold*

Joe Nolan - *Goodbye Cinderella*

**PRODUCER OF THE YEAR /
RÉALISATEUR DE L'ANNÉE**

Dave Gunning w/ Allie Bennett & John Meir - *a tribute to John Allan Cameron* (Dave Gunning)

Paul Mills - *Stealing Genius* (Ron Hynes)

Steve Bell, Dave Zeglinski, Murray Pulver - *Kindness* (Steve Bell)

David Travers-Smith - *Soon The Birds* (Oh Susanna)

Mark Howard - *Bright Morning Stars* (The Wailin' Jennys)

**PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES /
PRIX INNOVATION MUSICALE**

New Country Rehab - *New Country Rehab*

Twilight Hotel - *When the Wolves Go Blind*

Jaron Freeman-Fox - *Manic Almanac : Slow Möbius*

Ruth Moody - *The Garden*

Evalyn Parry - *SPIN*

Geoff Berner - *Victory Party*

**YOUNG PERFORMER OF THE YEAR /
JEUNE ARTISTE DE L'ANNÉE**

Kristina & Quinn Bachand - *Family*
Olivia Korkola - *Playing in Traffic*
Rebecca Lappa - *Not in Neverland*
Molly Thomason - *Beauty Queen*
The Doll Sisters - *The Road - EP*

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