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### **Thirty-two Awards Handed Out at 2007 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, March 31, 2007** – Thirty-two Awards were handed out this evening at The 2007 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony attended by over 1,200 artists, industry executives, CARAS members, sponsors, VIPS and Saskatchewan dignitaries.

Hosted by Quebec superstar and double-platinum recording artist **Gregory Charles**, the evening celebrated an amazing year in Canadian music at TCU Place in Saskatoon and featured a series of collaborative performances by twenty JUNO Award nominees.

Highlights from the winners circle include a double win for **Nelly Furtado** (*Artist of the Year*, *Pop Album of the Year*) who tomorrow hosts *The JUNO Awards* broadcast on CTV, **City and Colour** (*Alternative Album of the Year*), **Gordie Sampson** (*Songwriter of the Year*), **Jim Cuddy** (*Adult Alternative Album of the Year*) and **Mobile** (*New Group of the Year* sponsored by FACTOR and Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters).

Other wins of the evening include: **Dianna Krall** (*Vocal Jazz Album of the Year*), **Dixie Chicks** (*International Album of the Year*), **George Canyon** (*Country Recording of the Year* sponsored by SIRIUS Satellite Radio), **Jim Byrnes** (*Blues Album of the Year*), **Swollen Members** (*Rap Recording of the Year*) and **Sam Roberts** (*Video of the Year* sponsored by VideoFACT).

**A complete list of The 2007 JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards winners including biographies and images, can be found at <http://www.junoawards.ca>**

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Two special honours were bestowed at the JUNO Gala Dinner & Awards: the Humanitarian Award and the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award.

Receiving the *Humanitarian Award* is **Tom Jackson**, accomplished musician, actor and philanthropist honoured for his outstanding contributions to the social landscape of Canada. Tom Jackson founded the Huron Carole Benefit Concert Tour that became an annual cross-country Christmas concert that has successfully raised millions to support Canada's food banks since 1987.

The tour wrapped up after 18 years in 2005; however, Tom Jackson continues to initiate and participate in benefit fundraisers to raise awareness for food and family service agencies as well as disaster relief. He established the Christmas & Winter Relief Association, *Singing for Supper* and *Golfing for Supper* to raise funds for community food banks.

*The Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award* recipient is one of Canada's most successful concert promoters, record label executives and influential music industry entrepreneurs, **Donald K Tarlton**.

Friend and colleague, Michael Cohl honoured Tarlton at the ceremony citing many of the 5,000 events he promoted and produced for some of the world's most iconic musicians including record-breaking concerts for the Bee Gees, Bryan Adams, David Bowie, Elton John, Genesis, KISS, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Tina Turner and U2 to name a few. His most recent involvement was the record-breaking two-night sellout of The Rolling Stones *A Bigger Bang Tour* concert at the Mosaic Stadium in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Winners of the remaining seven JUNO Award categories will be announced tomorrow during ***The 2007 JUNO Awards*** broadcast, hosted by Nelly Furtado on CTV from the Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon, SK.

Sponsors of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual JUNO Awards include FACTOR, Canada's Private Radio Broadcasters and the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage's "Canada Music Fund", the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon, SaskTel and Radio Starmaker Fund.

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Broadcast sponsors of *The 2007 JUNO Awards* are Acuvue, Bombardier, Doritos, Pontiac and TD Canada Trust.

**About CARAS:**

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/L'academie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enregistrement (CARAS) is a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and enhance the Canadian music and recording industries and to contribute toward higher artistic and industry standards. The main focus of CARAS is the exploration and development of opportunities to showcase and promote Canadian artists and music through television vehicles such as the JUNO Awards. For more information on the 36th annual JUNO Awards, visit [www.junoawards.ca](http://www.junoawards.ca).

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