



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **NOMINEES FOR THE 2009 CANADIAN ABORIGINAL MUSIC AWARDS SHOWCASE NEW AND ESTABLISHED ARTISTS**

Hamilton, Ontario - September 30, 2009 - Marking its 11th Anniversary in 2009, the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards today announced nominees in 25 categories, honouring Canada's top recording artists, videographers and music industry professionals working in the Aboriginal music scene.



*5-time Canadian Aboriginal Music Award Nominee Digging Roots*

*High Res photo attached*



*4-time Canadian Aboriginal Music Award Nominee Buffy Sainte-Marie*

*High Res photo attached*

Leading the way with six nominations, is Digging Roots, who's nominated album "We Are", has been described as "funky, native music fuelled by a sexy blend of reggae and blues". After 40 years in the music business, Buffy Sainte-Marie proves she is still a musical force to be reckoned with, garnering four nominations, including Best Album of the Year with "Running for the Drum", which draws on her vast musical influences from modern to traditional.

This year's awards are highlighted by an evening of live performances and will take place Friday, November 27, 2009 at Hamilton Place Theatre in Hamilton, Ontario in conjunction with the 16th annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival.

"This is an incredible mosaic of talent. All of the nominees deliver a unique interpretation of aboriginal heritage and music. Many will ultimately make their mark in the mainstream music scene," says Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards Co-Executive Producer Catherine Cornelius.

Past winners of the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, such as Crystal Shawanda and Shane Yellowbird, have had great follow-up success in the

mainstream country and rock markets, so this is your chance to see emerging Canadian stars "up-close and personal".

Advance tickets for the 2009 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards go on sale October 5th through Ticketmaster by phone or online at [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca). Reserved tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door.

A full list of nominees is available at [www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com).

The Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards are generously sponsored by Scotiabank, Newcap Radio, Casino Rama, FACTOR, Radio Starmaker Fund, Canada Council for the Arts and KPMG.

-30-

Media inquiries and interviews: Zsolt Palfy, [zpalfy@okd.com](mailto:zpalfy@okd.com) (905) 632-8850 ext: 244