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Digging Roots is the CAMA Best Group for 2009



Buffy Sainte-Marie took home Album of The year, Best Female Artist, Best Song Writer and Best Song Single.

High Res photos attached

and the Pappy John Band for Best Blues Album.

Buffy Sainte-Marie and Digging Roots Big Winners in Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards

Twenty-five awards recognizing Canada's top aboriginal artists were presented at the 11th Annual Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards held last Friday in Hamilton, Ontario.

The evening began with an exciting "Red Carpet" reception welcoming performers to Hamilton Place Theatre, where a sold-out audience was treated to some incredible performances, including multiple nominees and award-winners Buffy Sainte-Marie and Digging Roots.

Buffy treated the audience to an electrifying version of No No Keshegesh from her award-winning album, Running for the Drum, which garnered her the most awards of any performer, for Best Female Artist, Best Song Single and Best Song Writer awards.

Digging Roots were also multiple nominees and won Best Group Award. Special honours went to Darryl S. Hester for the Music Industry Award, founder of the Waskaganish CreeYouth Music Program.

Also honoured were Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson for Best Female Traditional/Cultural Roots Album, Cheevers, Toppah and Kevin Yazzie for Best International Album, Lucie Idlout for Best Rock Album, R. Carlos Nakai for Best Traditional Flute Album, Northern Cree for Best Pow Wow Contemporary Album, Don Amero for Best Male Artist, country singer/songwriter Shane Yellowbird for Best Music Video, Feenix for Best Rap or Hip Hop Video

and the Pappy John Band for Best Blues Album.

Other CAMA award winners included; Best Album Cover Design by Garrison Parker, RyMoran for Best Original Score in Aboriginal Theatre, Dance or Film and producer, JoelGoldberg for Best Television Program for last year's CAMA Awards broadcast.

Several performers were also honoured at the CAMA Gala Dinner and Pre-Awards on Thursday, November 26, including double-award winner Arvel Bird for Best Instrumental Album-Journey of a Paiute and co-producing honours with Tom Wasinger and Chas Williams for Tribal Music Suite. Lakota Jonez for Best Hip Hop Album, Eagle River for Best Hand Drum Album, Whitefish Bay Singers for Best Traditional Pow Wow Album, Eric Ashdown for Best Fiddle Album and Art

Napoleon, who also took home two awards for Best Album and Best Folk Album, Siskabush Tales.

Kenny Mianscum was honoured with The Keeper of Traditions in Aboriginal Music Award.

2009 CAMA WINNERS

Best Female Artist - Buffy Sainte-Marie - Running For The Drum

Best Female Traditional/Cultural Roots Album - Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson - Lalaxaaygans Beautiful Sound

Best Male Artist - Don Amero - Deepening

Best Group or Duo - Digging Roots - We Are

Best Rock Album - Lucie Idlout- Swagger

Best Song Single - Buffy Sainte-Marie - Running For The Drum - No No Keshegesh

Best Producer Engineer - Arvel Bird, Tom Wasinger, Chas Williams - Tribal Music Suite

Best Fiddle Album - Eric Ashdown - Back Home Fiddle

Best Folk Acoustic Album - Art Napoleon - Siskabush Tales - Little Molly

Best Instrumental Album - Arvel Bird - Tribal Music Suite: Journey of a Paiute

Best International Album - Cheevers Toppah & Kevin Yazzie - Awakening of Life

Best Album Cover Design - Out of the Blue - Garrison Parker

Best Song Writer - Buffy Sainte-Marie - Running For The Drum - No No Keshagesh

Best Television Program or Special Promoting Aboriginal Music - Joel Goldberg - Dreamcatcher: The 10th Annual Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards

Best Traditional Flute Album - R. Carlos Nakai - Talisman - Song of Darkness

Best Blues Album - Pappy John Band - Havin' A Good Time Now

Best Pow Wow Contemporary Album - Northern Cree - True Blue

Best Music Video - Shane Yellowbird - Life is Calling My Name - Summer Day

Best Rap or Hip Hop Album - Lakota Jonez - Beautiful

Best Country Album - Art Napoleon - Siskabush Tales

Best Traditional Pow Wow Album - Whitefish Bay Singers - Way 2 Expensive

Best Hand Drum Album - Eagle River - Campfire Blues - Forbidden

Best Album of The Year - Buffy Sainte-Marie - Running For The Drum

Best Original Score In Aboriginal/Indigenous Theatre, Dance or Film/Video Pdn - Ry Moran

- Tiga Talk! Season 1-

Best Rap or Hip Hop Music Video - Feenix - Shawn Bernard - On Tha Rise

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A full list of winners and nominees is available at www.canab.com.

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