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**DONNY PARENTEAU LEAD NOMINEE FOR THE 2011 CANADIAN
ABORIGINAL MUSIC AWARDS**

TORONTO (October 24, 2011) Marking its 13th Anniversary in 2011, the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards today announced nominees in 17 categories honouring the top Aboriginal recording artists and music industry professionals working in Canada's Aboriginal music scene.

Leading the list of juror's top picks with seven nominations is Danny Parenteau from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the most ever nominations in the history of the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, followed by Mike Gouchie from Kelowna, B.C. with five and Wayne Restoule of Weaselhead from Ottawa, Ontario with four.

The awards will be handed out as part of an exciting live event taking place Friday, November 18th, 2011, 8 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Exhibition Place in Toronto, Ontario.

The live show will feature many of the top Aboriginal performers in North America.

Advance tickets for the 2011 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards go on sale at www.canab.com. Reserved floor seats are \$35.00 in advance (\$40. at the door) and general admission seats are \$20. Tickets may also be purchased day of the show at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre box office. Tickets for the 18th annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival, November 18th to 20th are also available at www.canab.com.

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

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