

**The Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society is pleased to announce the nominees and Bands
for the 33rd Annual Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards (in alphabetical order)**

Banjo Player of the Year:

Darren Richard (Bluegrass Tradition)
Greg Hamilton (Oxbow Mountain Boys)
Justin Nauss (The Bluegrass Unit)

Bass Player of the Year:

Brian Hazlett (Shadow River)
Karen DeCoste (Bluegrass Tradition)
Kenny Collins (The Bluegrass Unit)

Dobro Player of the Year:

Frank Doody (Acoustic Horizon)
George Grant (The Good Old Boys)
Phil Harris (Mountain Willow)

Fiddle Player of the Year:

Lukas Munroe (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)
Matt Hayes (Monroe)
Rod Blair (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Guitar Player of the Year:

Charlie Bourque (Oxbow Mountain Boys)
David Doyle (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)
Ron Savoie (Acoustic Heartstrings)

Mandolin Player of the Year:

Al Ryan (Oxbow Mountain Boys)
Ron Savoie (Acoustic Heartstrings)
Waylon Robicheau (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)

Male Vocalist of the Year:

Greg Hamilton (Oxbow Mountain Boys)
Trevor Boutilier (Bluegrass Tradition)
Waylon Robicheau (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)

Female Vocalist of the Year:

Karen DeCoste (Bluegrass Tradition)
Lisa Selig (Mountain Willow)
Vicki Vautour (Acoustic Heartstrings)

Individual Entertainer of the Year:

Brian Hazlett (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River & Oxbow Mountain Boys)
Serge Bernard (Janet McGarry & Wildwood)
Vincent Cormier (Bluegrass Diamonds)

Vocal Group of the Year:

Bluegrass Diamonds
Bluegrass Tradition
Bluegrass Unit

Gospel Performance of the Year:

Janet McGarry & Wildwood
Mountain Willow
Ryan Dillman & Shadow River

Most Promising Band of the Year:

Bluegrass Unit
Free Wheelin'
Matt Lunn & Echo Mountain
New Vintage

Band of the Year:

Bluegrass Tradition
Bluegrass Unit
Oxbow Mountain Boys

Recording of the Year:

Bluegrass Unit
Janet McGarry
Ryan Dillman

Composer of the Year:

Karen DeCoste
Ryan Dillman
Waylon Robicheau

Promoter of the Year:

Heather Crossland
Serge Bernard
Ward Robicheau

Emcee of the Year:

Brian Hazlett
Kyle Smith
Marilyn Singer

Radio / TV DJ of the Year:

Charlie Hansen (CFCY 95.1 Charlottetown, PEI)
Jonathan Crouse – (CJHK 100.7 Bridgewater, NS)
Nancy Keddy – Bluegrass Atlantic (CIOE 97.5FM Sackville, NS)

Congratulations to all nominees! Good luck, and see you on October 21st!

Bands for the 2017 Awards Show in alphabetical order will be:

Free Wheelin'

Janet McGarry & Wildwood

Matt Lunn & Echo Mountain

Ray Legere & Acoustic Horizon

Ryan Dillman & Shadow River

The Doughwrights

