

# **EASTERN CANADA BLUEGRASS MUSIC AWARDS**

## **WINNERS & NOMINEES FOR 2017**

**33RD ANNUAL - HELD AT THE CEC IN TRURO ON OCTOBER 21**

**BANJO PLAYER OF THE YEAR – GREG HAMILTON** (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Also nominated: Justin Nauss (The Bluegrass Unit) & Darren Richard (Bluegrass Tradition)

**BASS PLAYER OF THE YEAR – BRIAN HAZLETT** (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River and Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Also nominated: Karen Decoste (Bluegrass Tradition) & Kenny Collins (The Bluegrass Unit)

**BRIAN HAZLETT** also received his **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE** in this category

**DOBRO PLAYER OF THE YEAR – GEORGE GRANT** (The Good Old Boys)

Also nominated: Frank Doody (Acoustic Horizon) & Phil Harris (Mountain Willow)

**GEORGE GRANT** also received his **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE** in this category

**FIDDLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – LUKAS MUNROE** (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)

Also nominated: Rod Blair (Oxbow Mountain Boys) & Matt Hayes (Monroe)

**LUKAS MUNROE** also received his **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE** in this category

**GUITAR PLAYER OF THE YEAR – CHARLIE BOURQUE** (Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Also nominated: David Doyle (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River) & Ron Savoie (Acoustic Heartstrings)

**MANDOLIN PLAYER OF THE YEAR – WAYLON ROBICHAUD** (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River and The Bluegrass Unit)

Also nominated: Al Ryan (Oxbow Mountain Boys) & Ron Savoie (Acoustic Heartstrings)

**MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR – TREVOR BOUTILIER** (Bluegrass Tradition)

Also nominated: Greg Hamilton (Oxbow Mountain Boys) & Waylon Robichaud (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River and The Bluegrass Unit)

**FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR – VICKI VAUTOUR** (Acoustic Heartstrings)

Also Nominated: KAREN DECOSTE (Bluegrass Tradition) & Lisa Selig (Mountain Willow)

**INDIVIDUAL ENTERTAINER – BRIAN HAZLETT** (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River and Oxbow Mountain Boys)

Also nominated: and Serge Bernard (Janet McGarry & Wildwood) & Vincent Cormier (Bluegrass Diamonds)

**VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR – BLUEGRASS TRADITION**

Also nominated: Bluegrass Diamonds & The Bluegrass Unit

**BLUEGRASS TRADITION** also received their **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE** in this category

**GOSPEL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR – JANET MCGARRY & WILDWOOD**

Also nominated: Mountain Willow & Ryan Dillman & Shadow River

**MOST PROMISING BAND – MATT LUNN & ECHO MOUNTAIN**

Also nominated: Free Wheelin', New Vintage & The Bluegrass Unit

**BAND OF THE YEAR – BLUEGRASS TRADITION**

Also nominated: Oxbow Mountain Boys & The Bluegrass Unit

**RECORDING OF THE YEAR – THE BLUEGRASS UNIT**

Also nominated: Janet McGarry & Ryan Dillman

**COMPOSER OF THE YEAR – RYAN DILLMAN (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River)**

Also nominated: Karen Decoste (Bluegrass Tradition) & Waylon Robichaud (Ryan Dillman & Shadow River and The Bluegrass Unit)

**PROMOTER OF THE YEAR – SERGE BERNARD**

Also nominated: Heather Crossland and Ward Robichaud

**EMCEE OF THE YEAR – BRIAN HAZLETT**

Also nominated: Marilyn Singer and Kyle Smith

**BRIAN HAZLETT** also received his **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE** in this category

**RADIO/TV DJ OF THE YEAR - NANCY KEDDY – (Bluegrass Atlantic (CIOE 97.5 FM Sackville, NS)**

Also nominated; Jonathan Crouse – (CJHK 100.7 FM Bridgewater, NS) & Charlie Hansen (CFCY 95.1 Charlottetown, PEI)

The **PARTICIPATION AWARD** went to the **TRURO & AREA BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC SOCIETY**.

The **LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD** this year went to **SHIRLEY JAY** from Charlottetown, PEI.

The **FANS OF THE YEAR** award went to **BOB & ESTHER LEBLANC** of the Minto, NB

The fans had a chance to meet and congratulate the Award Winners and nominees during a free Awards Reception and Pickin' Party at the Best Western Glengarry Plus.

**Congratulations to all the Winners and Nominees – Job Well Done.**