

2006 CCMA AWARDS
NOMINEES



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CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

KRAFT CHEEZ WHIZ FANS' CHOICE AWARD

Paul Brandt • George Canyon • Terri Clark • Aaron Lines • The Road Hammers

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

Big Wheel – Aaron Pritchett
East Bound And Down – The Road Hammers
It's Okay To Cry – Amanda Wilkinson
Missing An Angel – Johnny Reid
Somebody Wrote Love – George Canyon

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Amanda Wilkinson – Amanda Wilkinson
Big Wheel – Aaron Pritchett
Hair In My Eyes Like A Highland Steer – Corb Lund
Life Goes On – Terri Clark
Summertown Road – Brad Johner
The \$#!t Hits The Fans – Wendell Ferguson

SOCAN SONGWRITER(S) OF THE YEAR

Big Wheel (written by Daryl Burgess / Mitch Merrett / Aaron Pritchett; recorded by Aaron Pritchett)
Crybaby (written by Carolyn Dawn Johnson / Gordie Sampson / Troy Verges;
recorded by Carolyn Dawn Johnson)
Jesus, Take The Wheel (written by Brett James / Hillary Lindsey / Gordie Sampson;
recorded by Carrie Underwood)
Missing An Angel (written by Craig Headon / Johnny Reid; recorded by Johnny Reid)
She Ain't Missin' Missin' Me (written by Odie Blackmon / Jason McCoy
recorded by Jason McCoy)

CMT VIDEO OF THE YEAR

A Good Man – Emerson Drive
East Bound And Down – The Road Hammers
It's Okay To Cry – Amanda Wilkinson
I've Got It Good – Brad Johner
She Didn't Have Time – Terri Clark

TOP SELLING ALBUM

(This is a non-voting category)
The Legend Of Johnny Cash – Johnny Cash
Me And My Gang – Rascal Flatts
Reflected, Hits Volume 2 – Tim McGraw
The Road Hammers – The Road Hammers
Timeless – Martina McBride

FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Lisa Brokop • Terri Clark • Patricia Conroy • Carolyn Dawn Johnson • Amanda Wilkinson

MALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

George Canyon • Brad Johner • Corb Lund • Jason McCoy • Aaron Pritchett

GROUP OR DUO OF THE YEAR

The Cruzeros • Doc Walker • Emerson Drive • The Poverty Plainsmen • The Road Hammers

ROOTS ARTIST OR GROUP OF THE YEAR

The Cruzeros • Kathleen Edwards • Sean Hogan • Corb Lund • Charlie Major

CHEVY TRUCKS RISING STAR AWARD

Gord Bamford • Jason Blaine • Brett Kissel • Damian Marshall • Johnny Reid

2006 CCMA Independent Award Nominees

INDEPENDENT MALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Gord Bamford • Brad Johner • Corb Lund • Aaron Pritchett • Johnny Reid

INDEPENDENT FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Diane Chase • Patricia Conroy • Lisa Hewitt • Samantha King • Beverley Mahood

INDEPENDENT GROUP OR DUO OF THE YEAR

Ambush • The Cruzeros • Desert Heat • The Poverty Plainsmen • The Wilkinsons

INDEPENDENT SINGLE OF THE YEAR

All About Her – Gord Bamford

Big Wheel – Aaron Pritchett

I've Got It Good – Brad Johner

Load Me Up – The Cruzeros

Missing An Angel – Johnny Reid

INDEPENDENT RECORD COMPANY OF THE YEAR

306 Records • ICON Records DG • Open Road Recordings • Royalty Records Inc.
Stony Plain Recording Co. Ltd.

2006 CCMA Industry Award Nominees

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Dean Brokop (*Lisa Brokop*)

Ron Kitchener (*Doc Walker / Corb Lund / Jason McCoy / Johnny Reid / The Road Hammers*)

Gerry Leiske (*Emerson Drive*) • Mitch Merrett (*Aaron Pritchett*)

Louis O'Reilly (*Patricia Conroy / Brad Johner / Marlee Scott / Shane Yellowbird*)

BOOKING AGENT OF THE YEAR

Jim Cressman (*Cressman / Sakamoto Agency Inc.*) • Nick Meinema (*LiveTourArtists*)

Julien Paquin (*Paquin Entertainment Agency*) • Mark Smith (*Big Dog Entertainment*)

Ron Sparling (*Laurie-Ann Entertainment Agency*)

TALENT BUYER OR PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

Kelly Berehulka (*Casinos of Winnipeg*) • Jack Blakely (*Havelock Country Jamboree Inc.*)

Jan Campbell (*Calgary Stampede*) • Ron Sakamoto (*Gold & Gold Productions Ltd.*)

Ron Sparling (*Laurie-Ann Entertainment Agency*) • Larry Werner (*Panhandle Productions Ltd.*)

2006 CCMA Industry Award Nominees Continued

COUNTRY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Cook County Saloon — Edmonton, AB • Lil Big Horn Bar and Grill — Cambridge, ON
The Pump Roadhouse — Regina, SK • Ranchman's Restaurant — Calgary, AB
Stampede Ranch — Guelph, ON

ALBUM DESIGN OF THE YEAR

Patrick Duffy / Denise Grant, Design Team — *Getaway* (Colin Amey)
Richard Beland / Sean Bryson, Design Team — *Greatest Hits 1995 - 2005* (Jason McCoy)
Dustin Delfs / Jeff Sylvester, Design Team — *Hair In My Eyes Like A Highland Steer* (Corb Lund)
Barry Mathers / The Merry Bathers / Guenter Schulz, Design Team — *Scandalosa* (The Cruzeros)
Greg Hargaten / Kevin Hogarth, Design Team — *Summertown Road* (Brad Johner)

WEB SITE OF THE YEAR

Amrik Randhawa, Web Master — *aaronpritchett.com* (Aaron Pritchett)
Mahmoud Hayawan / Hassan Kurabi / Louis O'Reilly, Web Masters — *bradjohner.com* (Brad Johner)
Deb Dilworth, Web Master — *corblund.com* (Corb Lund)
Wendy Gilmour, Web Master — *georgecanyon.com* (George Canyon)
Dana Bisset, Web Master — *johnnyreid.com* (Johnny Reid)

VIDEO DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Margaret Malandrucolo, Director — *Crybaby* (Carolyn Dawn Johnson)
Margaret Malandrucolo, Director — *East Bound And Down* (The Road Hammers)
Joel Stewart, Director — *Hair In My Eyes Like A Highland Steer* (Corb Lund)
Margaret Malandrucolo, Director — *One Good Friend* (George Canyon)
Joel Stewart, Director — *The Truck Got Stuck* (Corb Lund)

MUSIC PUBLISHING COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Blue Leaf Music Ltd. • Cruzaroo Music Corporation • EMI Music Publishing Canada
ole • Universal Music Publishing Group

RECORD PRODUCER(S) OF THE YEAR

Tom McKillip / Mitch Merrett — *Big Wheel* (Aaron Pritchett)
Steve Fox — *Lunch With Chet* (Steve Fox)
Chris Butlin / The Cruzeros / Joe Hardy — *Scandalosa* (The Cruzeros)
Joel Feeney / Gil Grand — *Somebody's Someone* (Gil Grand)
Chris Farren / Brad Johner / Bart McKay — *Summertown Road* (Brad Johner)

RECORDING STUDIO OF THE YEAR

The Armory Studio — Vancouver, BC • Bart McKay Productions — Saskatoon, SK
Cedartree Recording Studio — Kitchener, ON • Louis Sedmak Productions — Edmonton, AB
Music Centre Canada — Calgary, AB

2006 CCMA Industry Award Nominees Continued

MAJOR RECORD COMPANY OF THE YEAR

EMI Music Canada • Sony BMG Music (Canada) Inc.
Universal Music Canada • Warner Music Canada Ltd.

RECORD COMPANY PERSON OF THE YEAR

Rui Da Silva (ICON Records DG) • Ed Harris (Royalty Records Inc.)
Ron Harwood (Universal Music Canada) • Ron Kitchener (Open Road Recordings)
Louis O'Reilly (306 Records)

COUNTRY FESTIVAL, FAIR, OR EXHIBITION OF THE YEAR

Big Valley Jamboree — Camrose, AB • Calgary Stampede — Calgary, AB
Dauphin's Countryfest — Dauphin, MB • Havelock Country Jamboree — Havelock, ON
Merritt Mountain Music Festival — Merritt, BC

2006 CCMA Broadcast Award Nominees

COUNTRY MUSIC PROGRAM OR SPECIAL OF THE YEAR

Canadian Coast to Coast (CJVR-FM)
Central (CMT)
George Canyon's Christmas (CMT)
Live From Studio B (CKBY-FM)
The Wilkinsons (CMT)

MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Major Market

Karen Black — CFQX-FM, Winnipeg, MB • Larry Donohue — CFCW, Edmonton, AB
Mark Patric — CJJR-FM, Vancouver, BC • Scott Phillips — CKRY-FM, Calgary, AB
Dawn Woroniuk — CJWW, Saskatoon, SK

2006 CCMA All-Star Band Award Nominees

DRUMS

Mark Branconnier (Gord Bamford)
Corbett Frasz (The Road Hammers)
Brad Johnson (The Poverty Plainsmen)
Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive)
Chris Sutherland (Doc Walker)

BASS

Joe Butcher (George Canyon)
Chris Byrne (The Road Hammers)
John Dymond (Lisa Brokop)
Brian Kelly (The Poverty Plainsmen)
Derek Stremel (Aaron Lines / Duane Steele / Tracy Millar)

GUITAR

Jason Barry (Jason Blaine / Aaron Lines / Charlie Major)
Danick Dupelle (Emerson Drive)
Johnny Gasparic (The Poverty Plainsmen)
Tom McKillip (Lisa Brokop)
Mitch Merrett (Aaron Pritchett)

KEYBOARDS

Don Jorgensen (The Poverty Plainsmen)
Mike Little (The Road Hammers)
Bart McKay (Brad Johner)
Mike Norman (Aaron Pritchett)
Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive)

FIDDLE

Denis Dufresne (PEAR)
Donny Parenteau (Donny Parenteau)
David Pichette (Emerson Drive)
Benjamin Rutz (Johnny Reid)
Mike Sanyshyn (Aaron Pritchett / Session)
Tyler Vollrath (Adam Gregory)