

2008 CCMA AWARDS
NOMINEES



CCMA

CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

FANS' CHOICE AWARD

Paul Brandt • George Canyon • Doc Walker • Emerson Drive • Jessie Farrell

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

Beautiful Life — Doc Walker
Best Of Me — Jessie Farrell
Blame It On That Red Dress — Gord Bamford
Risk — Paul Brandt
You Can Let Go — Crystal Shawanda

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Beautiful Life — Doc Walker
First Time In A Long Time — Deric Ruttan
Kicking Stones — Johnny Reid
Nothing Fancy — Jessie Farrell
Risk — Paul Brandt

SONGWRITER(S) OF THE YEAR

Beautiful Life (written by Murray Pulver / Chris Thorsteinson / Dave Wasyliv; recorded by Doc Walker)
Best Of Me (written by Jessie Farrell / Jared Kuemper / Jesse Tucker; recorded by Jessie Farrell)
Blame It On That Red Dress (written by Gord Bamford / Byron Hill / Zack Turner; recorded by Gord Bamford)
First Time In A Long Time (written by Jimmy Rankin / Deric Ruttan; recorded by Deric Ruttan)
Risk (written by Paul Brandt; recorded by Paul Brandt)

CMT VIDEO OF THE YEAR

Beautiful Life – Doc Walker
Best Of Me – Jessie Farrell
Blame It On That Red Dress – Gord Bamford
In This Room - Ambush
Ring Of Fire – George Canyon

FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Lisa Brokop • Terri Clark • Jessie Farrell • Carolyn Dawn Johnson • Crystal Shawanda

MALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Paul Brandt • George Canyon • Johnny Reid • Deric Ruttan • Shane Yellowbird

GROUP OR DUO OF THE YEAR

Ambush • Doc Walker • Emerson Drive • The Higgins • The Wilkinsons

ROOTS ARTIST OR GROUP OF THE YEAR

Ridley Bent • The Cruzeros • Sean Hogan • Corb Lund • Prairie Oyster

TOP NEW TALENT OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Jessie Farrell • Amber Nicholson • Alex J. Robinson

TOP NEW TALENT OF THE YEAR - MALE

Gord Bamford • Ridley Bent • Jason Blaine

TOP NEW TALENT OF THE YEAR – GROUP OR DUO

Desert Heat • Hey Romeo • Jo Hikk

2008 CCMA All-Star Band Award Nominees

DRUMS

Mark Branconnier (Gord Bamford)
Steve Broadhurst (Doc Walker)
Jesse Godin (Jessie Farrell)
Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive)
Jim Wright (Ambush)

GUITAR

Jason Barry (Aaron Lines)
Mark McDonell (Ambush)
Murray Pulver (Doc Walker)
Grant Siemens (Corb Lund)
Jesse Tucker (Jessie Farrell)

FIDDLE

Denis Dufresne (Aaron Pritchett)
Shane Guse (George Canyon)
Donny Parenteau (Donny Parenteau)
David Pichette (Emerson Drive)
Mike Sanyshyn (Aaron Pritchett)

BASS

John Dymond (Aaron Lines, The Wilkinsons)
Ryland Haggis (Jessie Farrell)
Sue Levesque (Gord Bamford)
Brent Pearen (Doc Walker)
Riq Turner (Ambush)

KEYBOARDS

Dave Cohen (Johnny Reid)
Mike Little (George Canyon, The Road Hammers)
Bart McKay (Brad Johner)
Mike Norman (Aaron Pritchett, Session)
Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive)

STEEL GUITAR

Jeff Bradshaw (Gord Bamford)
Evan Ehgoetz (Shane Yellowbird)
Kenny Greer (The Road Hammers)
Grant Siemens (Corb Lund)
Steve Smith (The Wilkinsons)

SPECIAL INSTRUMENT

Craig Bignell – Banjo (Beverley Mahood)
Eileen Higgins – Mandolin (The Higgins)
Grant Siemens - Banjo (Corb Lund)
Curtis Tulman - Harmonica (The Cruzeros)
Tyler Wilkinson – Mandolin (The Wilkinsons)

2008 CCMA Industry Award Nominees

MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Big Ride Management • High Note Marketing • O'Reilly International Entertainment Management
RGK Entertainment Group Inc. • Stark Ravings

BOOKING AGENCY OF THE YEAR

The Agency Group • Cressman Sakamoto Agency • LiveTourArtists
Paquin Entertainment • PM Gigs

TALENT BUYER OR PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

Don Adams (Active Mountain Entertainment Corp.) • Kelly Berehulka (Casinos of Winnipeg) •
Jan Campbell (Calgary Stampede) • Paul Haagenon (HOB Concerts of Canada)
Ron Sakamoto (Gold & Gold Productions Ltd.)

COUNTRY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Cook County Saloon — Edmonton, AB • Cowboys – Calgary, AB
Jackhammers — Brantford, ON • The Pump Roadhouse — Regina, SK
Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall — Calgary, AB

2008 CCMA Industry Award Nominees Continued

ALBUM DESIGN OF THE YEAR

Patrick Duffy/Traci Goudie/Jill Snell – *Beautiful Life* (Doc Walker)
Kathleen Robison/Idea Market Design Inc. – *Honkytonks and Heartaches* (Gord Bamford)
Jeff Sylvester – *Horse Soldier! Horse Soldier!* (Corb Lund)
Richard Beland/Brianne Farquhar/Brandon Oursler/Tracey Wilder – *Kicking Stones* (Johnny Reid)
Wilson Barry/Patrick Duffy/Raina Kirm – *Risk* (Paul Brandt)

WEBSITE OF THE YEAR

aaronlines.com (Aaron Lines) – Wendy Gilmour/Brenda McKeever, Webmasters
docwalker.ca (Doc Walker) – Ashley Harms/Tim Neufeld/House of Bands, Webmasters
getambushed.com (Ambush) – Dale Dobson/Jim Wright, Webmasters
johnnyreid.com (Johnny Reid) – Brianne Farquhar/New Medio, Webmaster
paulbrandt.com (Paul Brandt) – Dale Manning, Webmaster

VIDEO DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Margaret Malandruccolo, Director – *Best Of Me* (Jessie Farrell)
Stephano Barberis, Director – *Blame It On That Red Dress* (Gord Bamford)
Margaret Malandruccolo, Director – *Risk* (Paul Brandt)
Antonio Hrynychuk, Director – *That Train* (Doc Walker)
Margaret Malandruccolo, Director – *You Can Let Go* (Crystal Shawanda)

MUSIC PUBLISHING COMPANY OF THE YEAR

GWB Publishing • Landis Productions Ltd. • ole • Roots Three Music
Royalty Music Publishing Inc.

RECORD PRODUCER(S) OF THE YEAR

John McArthur Ellis, Producer – *Buckles And Boots* (Ridley Bent)
Brett Beavers/Deric Ruttan, Producers – *First Time In A Long Time* (Deric Ruttan)
Gord Bamford/Byron Hill, Producers – *Honkytonks & Heartaches* (Gord Bamford)
George Canyon/Rick Mizzoni, Producers – *Ride* (Jo Hikk)
Paul Brandt/Steve Rosen, Producers – *Risk* (Paul Brandt)

RECORDING STUDIO OF THE YEAR

Armoury Studios – Vancouver, BC • Bart McKay Productions – Saskatoon, SK
Cedartree Recording Studio – Kitchener, ON • MCC Recording Studio – Calgary, AB

RECORD COMPANY OF THE YEAR

306 Records • Open Road Recordings • Royalty Records Inc.
Sony BMG Music (Canada) Inc. • Universal Music Canada

RECORD COMPANY PERSON OF THE YEAR

Warren Copnick (Sony BMG Music (Canada) Inc.) • Ron Kitchener (Open Road Recordings)
Louis O'Reilly (306 Records) • Rob Smith (Royalty Records Inc.)
Jill Snell (Angeline Entertainment)

RETAILER OF THE YEAR

CD Plus • HMV Canada Inc. • iTunes Canada • Play Entertainment • Wal-Mart Canada Corp.

2008 CCMA Broadcast Award Nominees

COUNTRY MUSIC PROGRAM OR SPECIAL OF THE YEAR

Canadian Coast to Coast (CJVR - FM) • Crystal: Living the Dream (CMT)
George Canyon: Hometown Helper (CMT) • Paul Brandt: The Dust (CMT)
Sounds Canadian (Syndicated Radio)

COUNTRY FESTIVAL, FAIR, OR EXHIBITION OF THE YEAR

Big Valley Jamboree — Camrose, AB • Calgary Stampede — Calgary, AB
Craven Country Jamboree — Craven, SK • Dauphin's Countryfest — Dauphin, MB
MountainFest - Merritt, BC

MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Major Market

Larry Donohue (CFCW) — Edmonton, AB • Chris Harding (CJBX-FM) — London, ON
D'Arcy McGee (CKBY-FM) — Ottawa, ON • Mark Patric (CJJR-FM) — Vancouver, BC
Scott Phillips (CKRY-FM) — Calgary, AB

MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Secondary Market

David Baker (CJVR-FM) — Melfort, SK • Tim Day (CKGY) — Red Deer, AB
Bruce Leperre (CKDM) — Dauphin, MB • Mark Philbin (CHCQ-FM) — Belleville, ON
Curtis Pope (CKQC) — Abbotsford, BC

2008 Top Selling Album Nominees

TOP SELLING ALBUM

(This is a non-voting category)

Carnival Ride — Carrie Underwood
Raising Sand — Robert Plant/Alison Krauss
Reba Duets — Reba McEntire
Taylor Swift — Taylor Swift
Ultimate Hits — Garth Brooks

TOP SELLING CANADIAN ALBUM

(This is a non-voting category)

Classics - George Canyon
Horse Soldier! Horse Soldier! - Corb Lund
Kicking Stones — Johnny Reid
Nothing Fancy — Jessie Farrell
Risk — Paul Brandt