2015 JUNO Award Nominees Arkells to Present Surprise Award to Local Children's Group at TD Music Green Room

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TD Music delivers ultimate VIP JUNO experience inside TD Music Green Room

TORONTO, March 12 /CNW/ - The countdown is on! In a matter of days, the JUNO Awards will take over Hamilton and TD is gearing up to host the much-anticipated TD Music Green Room. Launched in 2014 during the JUNO Awards in Winnipeg, MB the TD Music Green Room is the VIP destination featuring musical performances by some of the top artists in the country, including Canadian rock sensations and Hamilton natives, Arkells. Last year, on behalf of MusiCounts in partnership with TD Music, Arkells members Max Kerman and Mike DeAngelis presented 100 new instruments to Hamilton Music Collective's An Instrument for Every Child. This year, TD, with the help of Arkells, will unveil another music grant dream to local children's group Hamilton Music Collective.

In addition to Arkells, TD Music Green Room performers will include JUNO Award nominee R&B artist Karl Wolf, JUNO Award winner and Hamilton native singer-songwriter Tomi Swick, pop band Eleven Past One, and up and comers like Rebel Coast, Stacey Kay and Connor Ross, winner of the Music Monday Anthem Search and part of The Coalition for Music Education. Additional acts will be announced in the lead up to the awards.

Taking place in the MacNab Room at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, TD will create a musical oasis featuring exclusive performances and new trends for the ultimate VIP experience. Attendees can learn the latest makeup styles courtesy of M.A.C, melt away stress with Saje Natural Wellness, while those of the whiskered persuasion get facial grooming tips and touch-ups courtesy of Tweezerman. Guests can also grab a JUNO inspired drink from J.P Wiser's Whisky.

"We're delighted to present this award to Hamilton Music Collective to help provide access to musical instruments and education to underserved youth — and thrilled to be back as a National Sponsor of the JUNO Awards," said Chris Stamper, Senior Vice President, Corporate Marketing, TD Bank Group. "It's an honour to formally recognize some of Canada's very top talent through the JUNO Fan Choice Award and this year, in addition to voting online, media and industry VIPs are welcome to cast a vote for their favourite artists inside the TD Music Green Room."

Also performing in the TD Music Green Room are three 2014 MusiCounts TD Community Music Program beneficiaries: Success Power Opportunity Teamwork; Culture for Kids in the Arts; Hamilton Music Collective. The MusiCounts TD Community Music Program is dedicated to providing musical instruments and equipment to community organizations and after-school programs. The TD Music Green Room hours are Friday, March 13, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST, and Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST.

Fans across the country will be able to join in on the Twitter conversation by following @TD_Canada and the hashtag **#TDMusic** for highlights from the TD Music Green Room.

As a longtime supporter of Canadian music and artists since 2003, TD is proud to return to the JUNO Awards as a National Sponsor, and as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2015 JUNO Fan Choice Award.

This year's nominees for the 2015 JUNO Fan Choice Award presented by TD are Arcade Fire, Bobby Bazini, Drake, Hedley, Leonard Cohen, MAGIC!, Michael Bublé, Nickelback, Serge Fiori and You+Me. Fans are encouraged to visit http://junofanchoice.ca/ until Sunday, March 15 to cast their vote.

In addition to being the Official Bank of the JUNO Awards, TD is also a key supporter of The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) and MusiCounts, Canada's music education charity associated with CARAS. Music fans can keep up-to-date on all TD Music initiatives by visiting http://www.TDMusic.com.

About TD Music

Since 2003, TD has helped customers and communities experience the love of music by sponsoring major music festivals across Canada. Every year TD supports many music-based community and educational programs. Continuing with its commitment to support music programs throughout Canada, TD is proud to be a National Sponsor of the 2015 JUNO Awards and Live Nation's year-long concert series.

About MusiCounts

MusiCounts, Canada's music education charity associated with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) is helping to keep music alive across Canada by putting instruments into the hands of children and youth that need them most. MusiCounts' mission is to ensure that children in Canada, regardless of socio-economic circumstances or cultural background, have access to a music program through their school or community.

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