



SOCAN

Society of Composers, Authors and  
Music Publishers of Canada

Société canadienne des auteurs,  
compositeurs et éditeurs de musique

## **SOCAN – PROUD SPONSOR AND PARTICIPANT AT CCMA's**

**(Toronto – September 10, 2009)** For the nineteenth consecutive year, The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) is recognizing excellence in the nation's country music scene through their sponsorship of the 3-day Songwriters' Café during 2009 Canadian Country Music Week.

"SOCAN values its participation in high-quality industry events and learning conferences that benefit our members and the industry," said André LeBel, CEO of SOCAN. "CCMA is instrumental in shaping the growth of the Canadian country music industry and SOCAN's involvement is one of many initiatives we undertake each year to serve our members the best way possible."

Throughout the year, SOCAN takes part in a variety of sponsorship programs, educational seminars, workshops and partnerships that contribute to the success of its members – over 90,000 songwriters, lyricists, composers and their music publishers.

The week's most anticipated event – the Songwriters Café presented by SOCAN – will be held in Pacific Ballroom, Fairmount Hotel Vancouver Thurs. Sept. 10 at 4PM and 5:30PM with host Gary Fjellgaard; Fri. Sept. 11 at 2PM and 3:30PM with host Ralph Murphy; and Sat. Sept. 12 at 2:30PM and 4PM hosted by Ron Irving. Each day's sets are guaranteed crowd pleasers. To learn more about the participants at each Songwriters Café please visit [www.socan.ca](http://www.socan.ca)

SOCAN is also sponsor of the "Next Stop, Nashville!" an informative panel discussion with moderator Terry O'Brien and panellists Gilles Godard, Andrea Pearson, Tebey and Deric Ruttan on Fri. Sept. 11 at Plaza A at the Hyatt Regency. This SOCAN panel brings together a wealth of knowledge from songwriting experts to help delegates in attendance prepare for the next step in their career.

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### **About SOCAN**

At SOCAN, we understand that the Canadian music industry is only as strong as the sum of its parts. We are proud to play a leading role, working with other organizations to ensure the long-term health of our members' livelihoods and the Canadian music industry as a whole. SOCAN is the Canadian copyright collective for the communication and performance of musical works. We administer these rights on behalf of our members (composers, lyricists, songwriters and their publishers) and those of affiliated international organizations by licensing this use of their music in Canada. The fees collected are distributed as royalties to our members and to affiliated organizations throughout the world. We also distribute royalties received from those organizations to our members for the use of their music worldwide. SOCAN has offices in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Dartmouth.

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