

THE WEAKERTHANS' "NIGHT WINDOWS" TAKES SOCAN'S THIRD ANNUAL ECHO SONGWRITING PRIZE

Toronto, Oct. 8 – SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) is pleased to announce **The Weakerthans - Stephen Carroll, John Samson, Greg Smith and Jason Tait** - as the winners of its third annual **ECHO Songwriting Prize** for the song **"Night Windows."**

Over the summer, an independent panel of 10 music community tastemakers selected the five songs they felt best showed the variety and creativity of independent, up-and-coming Canadian songwriters. Thousands of music lovers voted between September 1 and September 29 and, in the face of some stiff competition, "Night Windows" emerged as the winning song.

The other nominated songs for the ECHO Songwriting Prize were:

"Double Suicide" written and performed by Sandro Perri

"Lucklucky" written and, performed by Veda Hille

"Weighty Ghost" written by Loel Campbell, Tim D'eon, Paul Murphy and Jud Haynes, performed by Wintersleep

"You Are Never Alone" written by Josh Dolgin, Doris Glaspie, Katie Moore and Waleed Shabazz,, performed by the Socalled

The Francophone counterpart of the award, **Prix de la chanson ÉCHO**, has been awarded to **Louis Cormier** and **François Lafontaine** of **Karkwa** for their song **"Oublie pas."**

For further information on the ECHO Songwriting Prize please visit www.echoprize.ca.

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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