

**CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES
THE BEST IN COUNTRY MUSIC AT 2018 CCMA GALA DINNER & AWARDS**

*Hall of Fame inductees, Terri Clark and Jackie Rae Greening
honoured alongside CCMA Awards of Achievement recipients
Country Thunder Humboldt Broncos Tribute Concert (Slaight Music Humanitarian Award) and Steven
Goldmann (Leonard T. Rambeau Award)*

September 8, 2018 (Hamilton, ON) - Tonight the Canadian Country Music Association® (CCMA) handed out 14 awards at the CCMA Gala Dinner & Awards, presented by SOCAN, its second of three awards ceremonies being held this weekend in Hamilton, ON. The evening was brought to life with numerous performances, inductions into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame (Terri Clark // Jackie Rae Greening) and the presentation of two CCMA Awards of Achievement (Slaight Music Humanitarian Award // Leonard T. Rambeau International Award).

It was also a night of repeat wins in a handful of artist award categories. **Brett Kissel** took home the CCMA Award for Interactive Artist of the Year for the fifth consecutive year while **The Washboard Union** celebrated their third win in the Roots Artist or Group of the Year category. Four-time 2018 CCMA Award nominees **James Barker Band** took home their first CCMA Awards win for Top Selling Canadian Single of the Year (“Chills”).

2018 CCMA GALA AWARD WINNERS:

Interactive Artist or Group of the Year

Brett Kissel

Roots Artist or Group of the Year (presented by CCS Rights Management)

The Washboard Union

Songwriter(s) of the Year (presented by ole)

Skip Black, Aaron Goodvin, Catt Gravitt

Song: Lonely Drum (Performed By: Aaron Goodvin)

Top Selling Canadian Single of the Year (presented by ACTRA RACS)

“Chills” - James Barker Band

Guitar Player of the Year (presented by Yamaha)

Matt McKay

Keyboard Player of the Year (presented by Yamaha)

Bart McKay

Specialty Instrument Player of the Year (presented by Judy Marsales Real Estate)

Shane Guse - Mandolin

Radio Station of the Year (Large Market)

CISN-FM

Edmonton, Alberta

Radio Station of the Year (Medium or Small Market)

CHCQ-FM

Belleville, Ontario

Music Publishing Company of the Year

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Record Company of the Year (presented by Music Canada)

Warner Music Canada

Industry Person of the Year

Steve Coady - Vice President, Radio Promotions - Warner Music Canada

Ron Sakamoto Talent Buyer or Promoter of the Year

Jim Cressman - Invictus Entertainment Group

Stingray Video of the Year

“Sky Stays This Blue” - Dallas Smith