



2018 MANITOBA COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

On November 10, 2018, the Manitoba Country Music Awards, presented by the Manitoba Country Music Association (MCMA) and Dauphin's Countryfest, will be held at The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre by Canad Inns in the heart of Downtown Winnipeg. This is an evening not to be missed as we bring the province's largest country music community together. Several of Manitoba's top country acts will entertain guests as the prestigious awards are handed out to the highest-voted artists.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP VOTING

With the exception of two awards that are voted on and determined by the MCMA Board of Directors, the MCMA Awards will go through a two-stage ballot process. MCMA membership is split in to two factions: Associate (Fan Only) members and Industry members. All MCMA members will be eligible to participate in the First Ballot (Nominate). Only MCMA Industry members will be eligible to participate in the Second Ballot and must be registered with the MCMA as an Industry member by September 28, 2018. Fans' Choice will appear on the Second Ballot as well as an Online Public Voting Ballot. The public and MCMA Industry member vote tallies will be combined for a total number of votes to determine the winner of the Fans' Choice Award. Click [here](#) to learn more about MCMA memberships and to register as a member of the MCMA.

We strongly encourage fans and industry members to spread the word and vote as we celebrate Manitoba's country music talent.

All final nominees are required to be Industry members of the MCMA as of September 1, 2018, in order to be eligible to participate in the Second Ballot. See the 2018 MCMA Awards Rules and Regulations for further details.

The MCMA is looking for sponsors and supporters of the event. If you are interested, or know of any individual, group or businesses that maybe interested, please email the MCMA at manitobacma@gmail.com.

KEY DATES

First Ballot opens – July 1, 2018

First Ballot closes – August 14, 2018

TOP SIX (6) NOMINEES ANNOUNCED – September 1, 2018

Second Ballot opens – September 1, 2018

Second Ballot closes – September 28, 2018

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT AWARDS SHOW – November 10, 2018

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Voted by Membership

Female Artist of the Year

Male Artist of the Year

Group or Duo of the Year

NCI FM Aboriginal Country Music Award

Song of the Year (Songwriters)

Roots Artist, Duo or Group of the Year

Emerging Artist

All Star Band of the Year – Guitar

All Star Band of the Year – Bass

All Star Band of the Year – Drums

All Star Band of the Year – Specialty (Banjo, Fiddle, Mandolin, Keys, Steel)

Music Video of the Year

Single of the Year

Album of the Year

Radio Station of the Year

Radio On-Air Personality or Team of the Year

Festival or Event of the Year

Venue of the Year

Voted by Membership and Online Public Voting

Fans' Choice

Selected by the MCMA Board

Impact Award

Janice Starodub Manitoba Development Award

Hall of Fame Inductee