

Vancouver rocker leads Juno winners with four awards



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Bryan Adams with band members holds one of four 1984 Juno awards he received at the tenth annual presentation in Toronto.

Bryan Adams, a Vancouver, British Columbia rock singer, was acknowledged as Canada's leading recording artist of 1984 when he won four Juno awards. The tenth annual awards presentation by the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences was held recently in Toronto.

Repeating his victory of 1983 as top male vocalist, Bryan Adams added Junos for best producer, best composer, along with writing partner Jim Vallance, and best album of the year for *Cuts Like A Knife*.

In all, the 25-year-old performer tallied seven nominations, but was limited to a possible five awards, having been named twice in two categories. His only upset came in the best singles spot.

Best new group

Another major winner of the awards, was Toronto's seven-member Parachute Club, which was selected most promising new group and had its anthem-like *Rise Up* named single of the year.

Rough Trade's Carole Pope repeated as female vocalist of the year, and Vancouver's Loverboy once again won as group of the year. Sherry Kean was chosen most promising female artist and Zappacosta as most promising male.

Anne Murray won the best country female award for the fourth consecutive year while The Good Brothers held an eight-year domination as best country group. Murray McLauchlan won the best country male honours.

In a new award, Rob Quartly of Champagne Productions won the best video award for his work on Corey Hart's *Sunglasses at Night*.

- Composer of the Year — Bryan Adams, Jim Vallance for *Cuts Like A Knife*
- Best Video — *Sunglasses at Night*: Corey Hart (Rob Quartly)
- Producer of the Year — Bryan Adams (*Cuts Like A Knife*: Bryan Adams)
- Country Group — The Good Brothers
- Instrumental Artist — Liona Boyd
- Country Male — Murray McLauchlan
- Country Female — Anne Murray
- Top International Single — *Billie Jean* (Michael Jackson)
- Top International Album — *Synchronicity* (The Police)
- Most Promising Male — Zappacosta
- Male Vocalist — Bryan Adams
- Best Comedy Album — *Strange Brew* (Bob and Doug McKenzie)
- Best Jazz Album — *All In Good Time* (Rob McConnell and The Boss Brass)
- Best Album Graphics — Dean Motter, Jeff Jackson, Deborah Samuel (*Seamless*: The Nylons)
- Best Children's Album — *Rugrat Rock* (The Rugrats)
- Most Promising Group — Parachute Club
- Most Promising Female — Sherry Kean
- Female Vocalist — Carole Pope
- Group of the Year — Loverboy
- Single of the Year — *Rise Up* (Parachute Club)
- Album of the Year — *Cuts Like A Knife* (Bryan Adams)
- Recording Engineer — John Naslen (*Stealing Fire*: Bruce Cockburn)
- Best Classical Album — *Brahms: Ballades Op. 10, Rhapsodies Op. 79* (Glenn Gould)

Literary prize

Poet, author and editor Dennis Lee, best known for his collections of children's verse, was named the winner of the first Philips Information Systems Literary Prize.

The new award is intended to honour "a Canadian author in mid-career whose work is characterized by excellence and who has also made an outstanding contribution to Canadian letters above and beyond that manifested in his or her writings," said Brian Wharton, the chief operating officer with Philips Information Systems.

Mr. Lee, the father of three children, is currently the lyricist for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's children's television program *Fraggle Rock*. He will receive \$5 000 and a word processor package valued at more than \$11 000 from Philips.

Trio scores abroad

Exciter, a "heavy metal" trio from Ottawa, Ontario is rapidly growing in popularity internationally as it increases its travels outside of Canada.

The group recently completed a very successful tour of the United States where they drew crowds between 1 000 and 2 000 per night in Texas and California. After the tour they flew to England to record a new album. The group will attend the Heavy Music Festival on March 30 in Amsterdam followed by a tour of Europe and possibly a tour of Japan.

The band has sold more than 120 000 albums in just over a year. Their latest album, *Violence and Force* is being distributed by Polygram of Canada.

Performing in Jamaica

A number of Canadian performers will appear at the World Youth Festival of Arts to be held in Kingston, Jamaica in conjunction with the April 1-9 International Youth Conference.

The arts festival is one of Jamaica's contributions to the United Nations International Year for the Youth and will include classical music, gospel, dance, a film festival, a children's festival, and seminars on folk arts, visual arts, literary arts and popular music.

Among the Canadian performers who will appear are: Liona Boyd who has been recruited for the classical music portion; and The Parachute Club and Jane Siberry who will be among 20 international acts scheduled for Jamfest '85, touted as a major pop festival within the World Youth Festival.