## Local artists shine in ARIA awards

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The Alberta Recording Industry Association (ARIA) held its second annual awards show this weekend at the Fantasyland Hotel.

show this weekend at the Fantasyland Hotel. In addition to showcasing a number of promising and already established artists, the weekend's festivities included two interesting seminars which centered on the making of a star. The guest panelists included many respected figures in the music industry such as Adrian Heags Dluke Street Records), Terry David Mulligan (MuchMusic), and Edmonton's own Holger Petersen (Stony Plain Records).

Edmonton native and U of A graduate Tim Feehan picked up 4 awards (Best Pop/Rock performance on record, music video, composer and producer), tying with lan Tyson (Male Recording artist, single of the year, best country artist, album of the year).

K.D. Lang won 2 major awards, performer of the year and female recording artist of the year.

The Group Recording Artist category resulted in a tie with NEO A4 and Famous Blue Raincoat sharing the honours, while the Best alternative music performance on record category was won by This Fear (Darkness Shapes Imagination).

ARIA states that its purpose is to assist and promote the recording industry in Alberta and the success of last weekend's activities are certainly proof of that.





