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RPM's  
INTERNATIONAL  
ARTIST OF THE YEAR  
PETER FRAMPTON

A black and white photograph of Peter Frampton performing on stage. He is wearing a light-colored, possibly wet, shirt and has his right arm raised in a fist. He is holding a dark electric guitar with a white pickguard. The background is dark with some stage lights visible.



## Gold albums to Rush to launch major tour

Mercury recording group Rush were presented two gold albums in Toronto's Hyatt Regency Hotel December 22, for their

## GRT's Thomas returns to Canada & heavy dates

GRT recording artist Ian Thomas returns to Toronto after a very successful tour of the U.S. opening the show for acts such as Al Stewart and R.E.O. Speedwagon. The Ian Thomas Band will have a heavy schedule during January making appearances at some of the campuses of the University of Toronto, as well as playing club dates in Toronto.

GRT'S Press Officer Perry Goldberg, expects the new Ian Thomas Band album, tentatively called The Road To Euthanasia, to be released in the immediate future. Goldberg feels the new album will be in the same vein as Thomas' previous attempt, Calabash.

first album Rush and their current two-album live set, All The World's A Stage. The presentation was made by Polydor president Tim Harrold and Sam "The Record Man" Sniderman. Toronto radio station CHUM-FM and the group's management, SRO Productions, were also presented gold awards in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the group. Another gold will be presented to Polydor.

A single from the live album, the medley Fly By Night/In The Mood, has been charted by U.S. trades their first single ever to do so.

SRO's Tom Berry reports an extremely successful concert for Rush at the Market Square Arena in Indianapolis, where the group headlined before over 17,000 fans. December 26 Bob Seger was the opener.

Rush will be headlining extensively throughout Texas in January and performing as special guests behind Ted Nugent in the mid-western U.S.





New York party for Rush sees Mercury's national press officer, Mike Gormley, flanked by SRO's Tom Berry (r) and Vic Wilson. Photo on right (l to r) Mercury's Charlie Fach, Tom Berry,



Alex Lifeson (Rush) Neil Peart (Rush) Jules Abramson, (Mercury) Geddy Lee (Rush) Denny Rosencrantz (L.A. promo) Cliff Burnstein (Mercury A&R) and Vic Wilson.



Ted Nugent (r) who Rush will be touring with, dropped by to say hello to Rush's Neil, Geddy and Alex and SRO's Tom Berry.



Polydor Canada president, Tim Harrold and Sam Sniderman present gold and platinum awards to Rush at Toronto reception.