

Canada

Loverboy, Rush Are Top Juno Nominees

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TORONTO—Loverboy and Rush lead the way for this year's Juno Awards, the Canadian equivalent of the Grammys. Both acts claim nominations in four key categories: album, single, composer and group of the year. Anne Murray and the Payola\$ have three nominations apiece, while Aldo Nova, the Headpins, Straight Lines and Toronto have two.

The awards program is scheduled for April 5 in this city at the Harbour Castle Hilton, to be televised by the CBC network. Alan Thicke and Burton Cummings will host.

Aldo Nova, Anne Murray, Loverboy, Rush and the Headpins all vie for the prestigious album of the year award, Nova and the Headpins with debut albums which have each exceeded double platinum (200,000) status. The Payola\$, Straight Lines, Rush, Loverboy and Toronto are all contenders for the single of the year award.

Men At Work, Foreigner, the J. Geils Band, Louis Clark & the London Symphony and Olivia Newton-John are all nominated in the international album of the year category. John is also nominated in the international single category, along with Steve Miller, Trio, Survivor and Joan Jett.

In the group of the year award, nominations in addition to Loverboy and Rush are April Wine, Chilliwack and Saga. Vying for the top female vocalist award are Jessica Burns, Joni Mitchell, Anne Murray, Carole Pope (of Rough Trade) and Shari Ulrich. Bryan Adams, Burton Cummings, Gordon Lightfoot, Murray McLaughlan and Aldo Nova are nominated in the male vocalist category.

In the country female category, the nominations list includes Carroll Baker, Marie Bottrell, Cathy Chambers, Anne Murray and Laura Vinson. Country male nominees are Eddie Eastman, Harold MacIntyre, Lee

Marlow, Paul Weber, and Diamond Joe White. In the country group category, the nominees are the Family Brown, Gary Lee and Showdown, the Good Brothers, Midnite Rodeo Band and the Rovers.

Instrumental artist nominations include Jim & Rosalie, Chris and Ken Whiteley, Valdy, Ernie Coombs, and Bob Schneider. In the most promising female category are Lee Aarons, Terry Crawford, Luba, Lydia Taylor and Mary Lu Zahalan. In the most promising male category are Lawrence Gowan, Kim Mitchell, David Roberts, Leroy Sibbles and David Wilcox. In the most promising group category are Doug & the Slugs, Headpins, Payola\$, Spoons and Strange Advance.