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STYLUS GROUP ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 2007 ROGERS STYLUS DJ AWARDS

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TORONTO, April 30, 2007 – Today the **Stylus Group**, a Canadian organization formed to recognize, develop and represent the urban DJs of Canada, unveiled the nominees for the **2007 Rogers Stylus DJ Awards** taking place on June 4th in Toronto.

Racking up three nominations each are: **Baby Yu** (Toronto), **Court Jester** (Toronto), **Dr Jay** (Toronto), **Jr Flo** (Toronto), **Kwite Sane** (Montreal), **Law** (Toronto), **P Plus** (Toronto), **Quest** (Montreal). Following closely behind with two nominations each are: **Baba Kahn** (Toronto), **Boogeyme'n** (Toronto), **Flipout** (Vancouver), **Grouch** (Toronto), **IV** (Halifax), **Lindo P** (Toronto), **Pump** (Calgary), **Ritz** (Toronto), **Spex** (Toronto), and **Team Canada** (Montreal). (To view a complete listing of the categories and nominees for the *2007 Rogers Stylus DJ Awards*, see below or visit www.stylusgroup.ca).

Thousands of industry leaders and DJ fans from across the country visited www.stylusgroup.ca to cast their vote online for their favourite DJ and select the nominees. The 2007 winners will be determined by a random panel composed of industry experts. The awards will celebrate and recognize achievements in 23 categories, including the following four new features: **Best Female DJ**, **Best Mixtape DJ**, **College Radio Show of the Year**, and **Underground Hip Hop DJ of the Year**.

The highlight of the night's special recognitions will be two Canadian Hall of Fame inductions. **Killowatt Productions**, the youngest of the Toronto DJ and Hip Hop-culture pioneers who emerged in the late 1970s and were the only sound crew that had both a female DJ and female emcee, and **Dr. Soul "Len P"**, who opened Club 747 in 1983 to introduce Funk, R&B Hip Hop and Soul to the Ottawa-Hull region and started a weekly Sunday specifically for youth to DJ and break dance in Confederation Park, will be admitted into the *Stylus DJ Awards Canadian Hall of Fame* for their lifetime contribution to the urban music industry.

The *Stylus DJ Awards* is Canada's only national DJ awards show. The awards were created in an effort to acknowledge the success of urban DJs, emcees, musicians and record labels for their strong influence on Canada's music and entertainment industry,

and for their contribution to pop culture. It was the brainchild of Mike Zafiris, and the attention and level of success the awards show received last year, prompted its return again this year.

“The 2007 nominees are a great representation of some of Canada's finest DJs and the world's most respected talents,” says Mike Zafiris, founder of Flavor Record Pool and creator of the Stylus DJ Awards. “I am very pleased to present a female category this year and excited for all the fresh up-and-comers!”

The *2007 Rogers Stylus DJ Awards* will be hosted by *Club MC of the Year* nominees, **RG** and **Trixx**. **DJ Starting from Scratch**, three-time winner from the 2006 awards, will be the official DJ of the 2007 Stylus DJ Awards. The show will feature music supplied by Canada's finest DJs, as well as exciting artist performances and surprise guest appearances that will be announced soon.

The event is co-presented by Rogers Music Store and the Nokia 5300 XpressMusic mobile phone. Generous supporters also include: MuchVIBE, Flow 93.5FM, Sean John, Yahoo Canada, Ortofon, American Audio, Pioneer, Capital Prophet, Universal Music, Sony BMG, Warner Music, Koch Entertainment, myTego Inc., Cyberkrib, and Dose.ca.

The *2007 Rogers Stylus DJ Awards* will take place on Monday, June 4th in Toronto at the Palais Royale Ballroom, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for nominees and performers to walk the Red Carpet and the Awards Show will commence at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25 through Ticket Break via www.stylusgroup.ca and Play de Record in Toronto.

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