



## Starting From Scratch A Big Winner at Stylus Awards

(CHART) - Canada recognized its urban music DJs with an awards ceremony for the first time on Monday night in an overheated Toronto auditorium.



A-Trak.

The Stylus DJ Awards show, created by The Stylus Group to celebrate the careers of Canadian DJs who are responsible for pushing the frontier of the urban music scene, was hosted by Mark Strong and Dr. Jay from Toronto's Flow 93.5 at the sold-out York Event Theatre. The show was full of emotion and excitement, and more than 500 industry types, DJs and fans from coast to coast turned up to cheer on their favourites.

The evening kicked off with the distribution of the college DJ award to DJ Law from Project Bounce at the University Of Toronto's CIUT. "I take it for everyone," explained the DJ as he accepted his award.

His sentiments were echoed by many of the evening's numerous presenters, who all shared one thing in common: their love for the urban music scene.

The biggest winner of the night was Toronto's Starting From Scratch, who walked away with three awards: club DJ, Toronto DJ and radio mixshow of the year. "Canada has the best DJs in the world," exclaimed the DJ, who has been part of the scene for 15 years.

Montreal turntable and scratching mastermind A-Trak walked away with the turntablist award, overcoming stiff competition from favourite Kid Koala, Toronto's DJ Dopey and Jr Flo, Calgary's Pump, Montreal's Scratch Bastid and Ottawa's Drastik.

Montreal's Butcher T and Toronto's Sunshine Crew were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their lifetime contributions to the Canadian urban music industry.

The ceremony ran smoothly and lasted just over two hours. In addition to the award presentations, the

event featured a mix of DJ performances by DJ Dopey, DJ Fin-S and Team Canada, as well as a video tribute to the late hip-hop producer, Jay Dee.

The Stylus Group has dedicated itself to supporting Canadian urban DJs and artists and trying to increase their recognition. The nominees and winners were voted on by a special committee called the Stylus All-stars comprised of major hip-hop and RB DJs from across the country. The winners were decided by an online voting system.

Here are the winners:

International Hip-Hop Single: Kanye West - "Gold Digger"

International RB Single: Rihanna - "Pon De Replay"

Label: Def Jam Records

Label Rep: Jody Laraya, Universal Music Canada

Club DJ: Starting From Scratch (Toronto)

Radio Mixshow DJ: Starting From Scratch, FLOW 93.5 (Toronto)

College Radio Hip-Hop DJ: DJ Law, Project Bounce (CIUT)

Vancouver DJ: J-Swing

Calgary DJ: Beat Matrix (Gummi Drew Atlas)

Edmonton DJ: DJ Kwake

Winnipeg DJ: DJ Fin-S

Toronto DJ: Starting From Scratch (Toronto)

Ottawa DJ: DJ Mace (Ebony Ivory)

Montreal DJ: Kwrite Sane

Halifax DJ: DJ Plae Boi

Reggae DJ: Spex (King Turbo)

Soca DJ: Dr. Jay

Turntablist: A-Trak (Montreal)

Toronto Club MC: Kid Kut

Canadian Hip-Hop Single: Kardinal Offishall - "Heads Up"

Canadian RB Single: Melanie Durrant featuring Kardinal Offishall - "Bang Bang"

Canadian Hall Of Fame: Butcher T. and Sunshine Soundcrew