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2009 Polaris Music Prize Long List announced today.

For Immediate release

Toronto, ON (June 15, 2009) The Polaris Music Prize Long List was revealed today by Steve Jordan, Prize Founder and Executive Director.

This is the fourth year of the \$20,000 Prize which is awarded to the best full-length Canadian album, judged solely on artistic merit, without regard to genre or record sales. This marks the second year Polaris has made the Long List public. The Long List consists of the top 40 full-length Canadian records released from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009, according to an initial vote by the 181 members of the Polaris Music Prize jury. The jury consists of music journalists, broadcasters and bloggers from across Canada. No music industry personnel with direct financial relationships with artists vote for Polaris.

"In just one year the Long List has become another integral tool for the Polaris mission of exposing great records to Canadian music lovers. Certainly this year's list challenges the notion that quantity and quality are mutually exclusive," said Jordan.

Jordan also announced that the Long List is being presented by the Canada Council for the Arts. The Head of the Council's Music Section, Russell Kelley, said, "the Polaris Prize is given to the best album of the year based solely on artistic merit. The Canada Council has a long history of funding projects based on artistic merit. This is a good very fit. We are pleased and proud to support this year's Long List."

Jordan also announced a contest with Exclaim.ca where fans can offer their predictions on which of the 40 Long List titles will make the Short List. The winner who comes closest to picking the nominees will get one each of the coveted, limited edition art prints that are custom made for each nominee. Details are available at polariscontest.exclaim.ca.

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The Polaris Jury will now vote on the Long List titles to determine the 10 album Polaris Music Prize Short List which will be revealed July 7 at the Drake Hotel in Toronto and broadcast live across Canada and the U.S. on SIRIUS Satellite Radio Canada's CBC Radio 3 channel 86 at 11am EST.

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2009 LONG LIST

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Arkells - Jackson Square
Jill Barber - Chances
Beast - Beast
Bell Orchestre - As Seen Through Windows
Bison B.C. - Quiet Earth
Bruce Peninsula - A Mountain Is A Mouth
Cœur De Pirate - Cœur De Pirate
Leonard Cohen - Live In London
D-Sisive - Let The Children Die
Elephant Stone - The Seven Seas
Elliott Brood - Mountain Meadows
Fucked Up - The Chemistry Of Common Life
Great Lake Swimmers - Lost Channels
Handsome Furs - Face Control
Tim Hecker - An Imaginary Country
Hey Rosetta! - Into Your Lungs
Japandroids - Post-Nothing
Junior Boys - Begone Dull Care
K'NAAN - Troubadour
K-OS - YES!
La patère rose - La patère rose
Land Of Talk - Some Are Lakes
Lhasa - Lhasa
Malajube - Labyrinthes
Metric - Fantasies
One Hundred Dollars - Forest Of Tears
Pink Mountaintops - Outside Love
Joel Plaskett - Three
Snailhouse - Lies On The Prize
Charles Spearin - The Happiness Project
Rae Spoon - superiorityouareinferior
The Stills - Oceans Will Rise
Think About Life - Family
Timber Timbre - Timber Timbre
Chad VanGalen - Soft Airplane
Martha Wainwright - I Know You're Married But I've Got Feelings Too
Patrick Watson - Wooden Arms
Wolf Parade - At Mount Zoomer
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