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LONDON'S JOHN LABATT CENTRE WINS MAJOR FACILITY OF THE YEAR AT CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK

The John Labatt Centre was named Canada's 2009 Major Facility of the Year during ceremonies of the Canada's Music Festival on Thursday, March 11 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, ON. The John Labatt Centre topped the Bell Centre in Montreal; GM Place in Vancouver; MTS Centre in Winnipeg; Northlands Rexall Place in Edmonton; Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary; ScotiaBank Place in Ottawa; and the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto.

"This is such a tremendous honour for the City of London and the Global Spectrum team at the John Labatt Centre," said Brian Ohl, Global Spectrum Facility Management's Regional Vice President and General Manager at the **John Labatt Centre**. "We are incredibly grateful to our partners, sponsors and to the people of London and surrounding area that have been supportive from the beginning."

Although the John Labatt Centre has been nominated in this prestigious category in the past, this is the first time that London has been recognized as the home of Canada's number one sport and entertainment venue.

"This is an incredible honour for the John Labatt Centre to be recognized as the nation's top facility of the year as voted by the artists who performed there, as well as the agents, managers and promoters who brought their acts to London," said Global Spectrum Chairman and Comcast-Spectacor President Peter Luukko. "Congratulations to Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best and the City of London, and Brian Ohl and his entire team at the John Labatt Centre for providing such a high level of quality service to our customers, as well as to the artists, managers and promoters who visit London."

"The John Labatt Centre is the most important project we have built in London in the past decade. It has served as a strong anchor for downtown revitalization while at the same time has elevated our community on a world stage with great entertainment," said Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best.

John Winston, General Manager of Tourism London said, "This prestigious acknowledgement reinforces what Londoners have known all along... that the John Labatt Centre is one of the premier multi-purpose venues in Canada. The Global Spectrum Facility Management team has played a salient role in advancing London's reputation as a nationally recognized entertainment and sporting destination and they are to be applauded for their commitment to stellar customer service and professional excellence."

The John Labatt Centre has hosted numerous world-class performers such as Guns N'Roses, Keith Urban, Neil Young and Jay-Z in the past year. Within the next month the building will welcome Norah Jones (March 22), Blue Rodeo (March 25), Billy Talent (March 27), Hedley (April 4) and Nickelback (April 6) to the stage. The John Labatt Centre is home to a variety of concerts, sporting events and family shows throughout the year. Information on upcoming events can be found at www.johnlabattcentre.com.

Canadian Music week is an industry conference and music festival that runs from March 10-14, 2010 in various venues throughout Toronto, Ontario. Further information on the Conference and Awards Ceremony can be found at <http://www.cmw.net>.

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