

Industry nominees excluded

EDITOR,

The Express did a very good job of outlining the locals nominated for ECMA Awards ('Doyle leads list of local nominees at ECMAs,' *Express Weekend*, Dec. 13, 2003).

Unfortunately, you ignored all of the Newfoundland people and companies that were nominated for the ECMA Industry Awards.

My company (Avondale Music Ltd.) and I were nominated for awards in categories acknowledging industry professionals, record companies, distribution and indie labels, along with 10 other Newfoundlanders and companies.

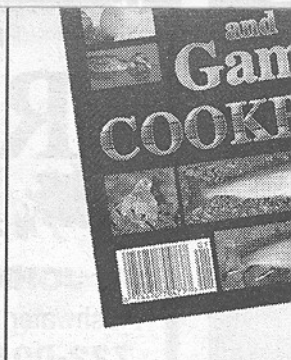
It is great there are artists producing CDs and my company is very involved as well having released seven CDs this past year from artists such as The Punters, Shanneyganock, Chris Andrews, Mark Hiscock, John Phillips and others.

Without the industry personnel and companies that support the recordings, the industry would not have grown to the level it is at today.

If you add these nominations to the already impressive list that you published, it is now even more impressive.

Hopefully you will find the space in your newspaper to recognize the Newfoundland industry professionals and companies.

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