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## Dartmouth musician Mays plays The Carleton in May

Dartmouth rocker Matt Mays, who won the ECMA for album of the year for Coyote on Sunday at the Cunard Centre in Halifax will be doing shows at The Carleton Music Bar and Grill in Halifax on May 8 and 9 at 9 p.m.

The Carleton, at 1685 Argyle St., is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year and just won the ECMA for venue of the year.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and are available online at [www.thecarleton.ca](http://www.thecarleton.ca) ([about:redirect.aspx?C=XzIIJcLSZEqudhEeEg6Y1jPJWKqJ888IDoADONYHD3nn\\_HbrnbnmwcM2\\_CoYL3bfWr0sViUDTN-0.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fr20.rs6.net%2ftn.jsp%3fe%3d001RPnO6CBcbk\\_jOtOhlc4HPKwNDnzcqu2Yk3MYppIVPAAdYjrew2p-nZHvHn2EnVITNEF6LzENvGHxfFC9H4WUGS0vs9aig6NqLc0nHkhN1J5suLHZzcx\\_1oGs7ht4M-sAsrkUSVb37rLVgLhAEy0amPF0qLOVeDwXWUq3hZxeiNQ4ppbl38tBM1ioeEso\\_03Krt14ZBkC3nbkeV7QT0Mmff2UPFA3wwG5psJaJVfVgw17r5XA0F3Lu9lBoxj3p--uJ3PByLQsuySPGb20NnT5IQ\\_9FJf\)](#)

## Pardis Parker's film The Dance wins its 18th award

Pardis Parker's *The Dance*, a comedic love story with no dialogue, won the \$750 Bite Best Comedy Award from the National Screen Institute of Canada.

"Parker's timing and body language in *The Dance* was exceptional considering this film had no dialogue," Maureen Levitt, an institute jury member, said in a news release.

It's the 18th award for the film, written and directed by Nova Scotia native Parker.

It stars Parker and Picnicface's Evany Rosen, with cinematography from Christopher Porter (*Brokeback Mountain*) and an original score from Asif Ilyas, Shehab Ilyas and Meaghan Smith.

Parker's other films include *Afghan* and *Two Men, Two Cows, Two Guns*. His films have screened at over 150 festivals worldwide and received more than 80 awards and nominations.

*The Dance* can be viewed on YouTube and at [www.pardisparker.com](http://www.pardisparker.com) (<http://www.pardisparker.com/>).

## Short story winner Howard has a Halifax connection

CBC Short Story Prize English-language finalist Mathew Howard has a Halifax connection.

Howard, who now lives in Toronto, was born in Australia and lived in Halifax in 2006-07, when he worked for dance troupe Mocean Dance.

Howard and his husband were married in the Halifax Citadel. His finalist story, *Old Hands*, was influenced by his memories of Halifax and Nova Scotia, says a news release from CBC.

The five English-language finalists were selected from more than 2,400 stories that were received from across the country.

Shortlisted stories will be published this week on the Canada Writes website [www.cbc.ca/canadawrites](http://www.cbc.ca/canadawrites) (<http://www.cbc.ca/canadawrites>).

The public can comment and vote for their favourite story between Friday and March 21. The winner will be announced March 26.

## Mitchell's *The Disappeared* screens at Canadian film fest

Shandi Mitchell's feature film *The Disappeared* screens at the Canadian Film Festival in Toronto on March 22.

The festival ([www.canfilmfest.ca](http://www.canfilmfest.ca) (<http://www.canfilmfest.ca>)) runs March 20-23 and exclusively features Canadian films.

Shawn Doyle, a Newfoundland actor who stars in the film, won the award for outstanding performance-male at the ACTRA Awards in Toronto in February for his portrayal of Pete.

The movie was shot off Lunenburg in September 2011. It had its world premiere at the Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax in September 2012, where it received an honourable mention in the best Atlantic feature category.

The film, written and directed by Nova Scotia's Mitchell, stars Neil Matheson, Ryan Doucette, Brian Downey, Gary Levert and Billy Campbell. Director of photography was Christopher Porter.

A commercial release for The Disappeared is planned for Toronto, Halifax and St. John's, N.L.

### **Two Nova Scotians among CBC's Searchlight finalists**

Halifax's Ian Alistair Gosbee and Cape Breton's Mark Boutilier are among the 24 finalists in Searchlight, the CBCMusic.ca and CBC Radio One listeners' choice music competition for Canada's best new artist.

The winning act will receive \$20,000 in gear from Yamaha Canada Music, a video session that will be featured on CBCMusic.ca, and a spot on an upcoming music showcase in Toronto, including flight and accommodations.

National voting has just opened on CBCMusic.ca and will include five rounds.

Finalists for each round will be revealed on CBC Radio One's Q. The winner will be announced on Q and CBCMusic.ca on April 12.

### **Concertmaster Robert Uchida heading to Edmonton position**

Symphony Nova Scotia concertmaster Robert Uchida has been appointed concertmaster of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

He will go on sabbatical from Symphony Nova Scotia after the 2012-13 season ends and begins his new appointment this summer.

Uchida, a member of the violin faculty at Acadia University and artistic director of the Acadia Summer Strings Festival, joined Symphony Nova Scotia as concertmaster in 2006.

Prior to joining Symphony Nova Scotia, he was associate concertmaster of the Rotterdam Philharmonic in the Netherlands. He has also been guest concertmaster with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Flemish Philharmonic and the Radio Chamber Philharmonic of the Netherlands.

"Life won't be the same without Robert," says Symphony Nova Scotia's music director Bernhard Gueller, in a news release.

"His commitment to Symphony Nova Scotia and his involvement on so many levels has been outstanding, and we will miss his input along with his superb playing. We wish him and Laura Veeze, his violinist wife who has also made a strong mark on us all, the very best as they embark on the next stage in their careers."

Uchida will return to Halifax during the symphony's 2013-14 season when he will lead the orchestra as a guest.

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