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PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEO ARTIST ORA WALKER
NOMINATED FOR 2016 "JOSIE MUSIC AWARDS" EVENT IN NASHVILLE

WINNIPEG (July 5, 2016) – Winnipeg-based Ora Walker Photography•Video has been nominated for Photographer of the Year and Video Producer of the year by the "Josie Music Awards," an international music industry competition which will be held at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday, September 18 2016. In addition, two of her videos have been separately nominated as Music Video of the Year in the Modern Country category: "Without You I've Got Nothing" (Andrew Frelick, Halifax, Nova Scotia) plus "And When I'm Dead" (Chris Ising, Winnipeg Manitoba).

A look at Ora's portfolio (www.orawalkerphotographywinnipeg.com) shows her view of people working and people playing (often at the same time), buildings and locations, the natural world and those who inhabit it. There are environmental portraits and studio setups. Some are naturalistic, others are more abstract, nearly all are stylized, since post production processing is integral to her approach, for photography and video alike.

Herself a professional pianist, singer and vocal coach for much of her life, Ora sees musicians as extraordinary subjects, whether Alexander Mickelthwate, Conductor of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra; Sons of the Pioneers, beloved performers of traditional cowboy songs; or Brent Fitz and Todd Kerns of Slash/The Conspirators. In 2015 her work was used in support of three Manitoba Country Music award winners: Chris Ising/Laurie Williams (Song of the Year, "And When I'm Dead,"), Quinton Blair (Roots Artist of the Year), and Ryan Keown (Single of the Year, "Amen"). Established in Manitoba, her work in the past year has taken her east to Halifax, Nova Scotia and south to Nashville, Tennessee.

The "Josie Music Awards" gala event is presented by The Josie Show, flagship program of the internet radio station www.CountryBlastRadio.com which attracts thousands of listeners worldwide on a weekly basis, due to its up-to-the-minute blend of interviews and new music. The Josie Show features mainly independent artists, in an interactive format which encourages live participation of listeners and musicians alike. It is the brainchild of Chicago native and music business phenomenon Josie Passantino, a 21-year old dynamo who established The Josie Show seven years ago, along with her mother Tina.

Last year's "Josie Music Awards," attracted over a thousand fans, musicians and industry professionals to Nashville. While this represented an unexpected level of popularity and success, the September 18 2016 event promises to be even more spectacular, featuring a larger venue (Schermerhorn Symphony Center) and an array of cross-genre awards categories, including Country, Pop, Rock, R&B, Jazz and World. Red Carpet events start at 4:30 pm with the Award Ceremony & Concert Event at 6:00 pm.

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