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FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Thanks to the 23 private broadcasters, in 2013-2014 FONDS RADIOSTAR has:

Accompanied a record number of **91** projects from **73** artists, a **28%** increase over the previous year;

Financially contributed to development of said artists careers to the amount of \$3,095,714;

Supported **33** Canadian businesses in their marketing efforts.













BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FUND MANAGEMENT AND RADIO PARTNERS

The Board of Directors is made up of ten voting members and two observers. They consist of four broadcaster representatives appointed by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB), four industry representatives appointed by ADISQ and two individuals with knowledge of the Canadian Recording Industry.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
President	François Bissoondoyal	Recording Director, Spectra Musique
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Observer	Pierre-Louis Smith	Consultant Media Regulations

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PARTNERS 13-14
Acadia Broadcasting
Attraction Radio
Bell Media
Cogeco Diffusion
Corus Entertainment
Evanov Communications
Golden West Broadcasting
Groupe Stingray Digital
Harvard Broadcasting
Jim Pattison Broadcast Group
Larche Communications
Leclerc Communications
My Broadcasting Corporation
Mz Media
Newcap
Northern Lights Entertainment
Perth FM Radio
Radio Diffusion Sorel-Tracy
Radio Sept-Îles
RNC Media
Rogers Broadcasting
Sonème
Vista Radio

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Filled with movement, another important year has ended for Fonds Radiostar. 2013-2014 was a year of firsts, starting with an undertaking of more than 3 M \$, the fund's biggest commitment since its major reform in 2007-2008. It is on average 1 M \$ more than the six previous fiscal years. Within a business context where needs are huge and because of the new revenues generated this year's Bell/Astral Media transaction, the board quickly proceeded to adopt a series of measures enhancing the available support while continuing to set aside a part of its revenues to extend the life span of the program.

Thus, many measures specifically aimed at helping artists who have recorded a first or second album in their career were created, amongst them the enhancing of the support's percentage and the implementation of a faster submission when the projects are undertaken by well performing businesses. Furthermore, taking in consideration the importance of live shows, the sums dedicated to scenic activities were increased for all projects. Including the expansion of the annual limit per companies, we can claim that everything has been set to accompany our community in the industrial changes taking place all over the world.

Another first, a tool aiming to help record labels in the development and the improvement of their marketing strategies was launched: le Guide de mise en marché de la musique québécoise francophone. Building on the market study focusing on the buying habits of francophone music products, financed by the fund in 12-13, this ergonomic web guide allows a better understanding of the potential markets in relation to the profiles of consumers defined by the musical genres, the age group or the geographical situation.

In May of this year, RadioStar was invited to take part in the study of the Canadian music industry by the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. Other than highlighting its own accomplishments, the exercise allowed the Fund to present some observations regarding the issues faced by the industry, amongst them, the need for adequate marketing budgets in order to face global competition and the importance of a long term support for artists due to the now longer period needed to develop new careers.

Our commitment remains: being there for you, with you. Thank you to all of the administrators and the team who make Fonds RadioStar an essential partner within the music industry. An audit requested by the CRTC has shown once more that RadioStar can be proud of its management. I would like to end by saying that working with you for the last few years has been a real pleasure. Long live RadioStar.

Chairman of the board

François Bissoondoyal



FONDS RADIOSTAR

BACKGROUNDER

In 1998, the CRTC authorized as part of its Policy on Commercial Radio (Public Note CRTC 1998-41) the establisment of a new Canadian music marketing and promotion fund, toward which would be allocated 3% of the transaction value of radio broadcasting acquisitions. In November 2000, the CRTC approved a CAB and ADISQ joint proposal outlining the Fonds RadioStar's terms and structure. In December 2006, the aforementioned allocation was renewed under the CRTC's new Policy on Commercial Radio.

The Fonds RadioStar began operating in August 2001, and it has since been supporting by way of financial assistance the marketing of Frenchlanguage sound recordings in Canada. From the outset the fund has been managed by the Fondation Musicaction, under the direction of the Fonds RadioStar Board of Directors. The fund's program and rules, which are completely separate from those of Musicaction, are managed independently.

OBJECTIVES

- The purpose of the fund is to promote Canadian Frenchlanguage music, referring requests for projects in a language other than French as well as instrumental music projects to the Radio Starmaker Fund.
- The Fund's goal is to supply private radio broadcasters with quality, diversifed French-language music.
- Funding is reserved for national marketing endeavours, i.e. aimed at the Canadian market.
- Designed primarily for emerging artists, the fund is intended "to advance the careers of Canada's rising stars producing popular Canadian content."
- Funding is allocated to Canadian owned and controlled record labels and show producers, with the exception of Canadian artists residing outside Quebec, who are entitled to receive funding directly and organizations eligible to the *Collective Projects* component.
- Fonds RadioStar funding must constitute additional support, designed to complement existing funding from record labels as well as various public and private sources earmarked for the initial marketing phases.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Several key changes to the fund were adopted by the Board of Directors in December 2013 and subsequently approved by the CRTC. While the main qualifying criterion for funding remained attaining a minimal Soundscan sales threshold based on the musical category and the number of albums the artist released in his career, new rules were introduced regarding applications towards funding for first and second albums, including a new recognized record label status predicated on the label's increased focus on developing new artists. To benefit of this status a record label eligible for funding must:

- Have obtained Fonds RadioStar funding three times in the last two full financial years, for three separate projects;
- Have marketed at least four albums during that same period by artists having released two or fewer albums during their career;
- 75% of these albums had to have attained the sales thresholds required for funding eligibility.

The labels granted this status in this first year during which the new rules came into effect are:

- Bonsound
- Dare To Care Records
- Disques Audiogramme
- Disgues Musicor
- Productions Abuzive Muzik
- Productions J
- Simone Records

Applications for funding for a first or second release within a career with a recognized record label could be submitted a month prior to launch, without having to had attain the mandatory sales thresholds. Applications had to list the initiatives that had been or will be taken leading up to the album launch, and also specify how much will be invested in said initiatives.

As with recognized record labels, labels that recorded higher than expected sales for an artist's first album could enjoy this same fast-tracked application process for the artist's sophomore album, subject to the same initial investment prerequisite being met, along with the following terms:

- The applicant was the same party that marketed the artist's first album;
- The first album achieved the sales thresholds required to be eligible for supplementary funding (2nd round);
- The first album scored a return ratio of 5 or under.
 The Fonds RadioStar ratio is determined by dividing the funding granted by the sales recorded during the period for which the first album funding applied.

Further to these major changes to the funding application process, and always in keeping with the objective of assisting emerging artists, the refundable portion of eligible expenses for an artist's first and second albums was raised to 75%. We also made adjustments to the metrics used to calculate downloads, to the musical categories, to the sales threshold requirements, and to the maximums for certain budget items.

Initial funding could now reach \$65,000 per project for the opening round since the portion earmarked exclusively for live show funding increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Therefore, total funding for a project could now potentially reach \$85,000 including the \$20,000 in additional financial support possible in the second round, including \$5,000 strictly for shows, once the second sales threshold was attained.

All these adjustments resulted in the annual ceiling of \$250,000 per label being maxed out a lot faster, hence the decision during the course of the financial year to raise the ceiling to \$350,000 per label.

A reminder that in the spirit of supporting emerging artists, artists with career album sales of over 300,000 copies were ineligible for funding, and total funding could not exceed \$30,000 if the artist the funding was intended for had sold a platinum album during their career (80,000 copies of an album sold in Canada).

THE MQF QUEBEC FRENCH-LANGUAGE MUSIC MARKETING GUIDE

A Collective Projects component was added in 2012 to support French-language music sectoral projects capable of benefitting the fund's overall users. To be eligible, projects had to present new or improved marketing strategies by Canadian record labels, and ultimately have a decisive impact on French-language Canadian artists. In its first year, the funding made it possible to conduct a study on consumer habits, new trends and how Quebec French-language music is being purchased. The findings paved the way for a second component in 2013, i.e. the creation of a music marketing guide.

The MQF guide was officially launched on November 14, 2013 within *Rendez-vous de l'ADISQ*. A web-based guide, its purpose is to help record labels gain a better understanding of their potential markets so they may subsequently fine-tune their marketing strategies accordingly. It provides useful information on target markets, highlights the main features of the topics surveyed, and presents consumer profiles by music genre, age group and even geographic location.







AWARDS

Fonds RadioStar has accompanied numerous award winning projects in 2013-2014:

ARTIST	AWARDS
Amylie	Pop Song of the Year "Les filles" - SOCAN
Ariane Brunet, Sylvain Michel and Sophie Nault	Pop Song of the Year "Bien avec toi" – SOCAN
Avec pas d'casque	Video of the Year "La journée qui s'en vient est flambant neuve" - GAMIQ
Avec pas d'casque	Video of the Year "La journée qui s'en vient est flambant neuve" – ADISQ
Dany Placard	French Songwriter of the Year - Canadian Folk Music Awards
François Lachance	Pop Song of the Year "J'suis Ià" - SOCAN
Gros Mené	Show of the Year – GAMIQ
Gros Mené	Rock Album of the Year – GAMIQ
Gros Mené	Alternative Album of the Year – ADISQ
Henri Godon	Best Song 2014 - Children's Songs - Académie Charles Cros
Ingrid St-Pierre	André "Dédé" Fortin Award – Emerging Scene – SPACQ
Karim Ouellet	Francophone Album of the Year – JUNO
Keith Kouna	Songwriter of the Year – GAMIQ
Keith Kouna	Song of the Year "Batiscan" - GAMIQ
Les Sœurs Boulay	André «Dédé» Fortin Award – Emerging Scene – SPACQ
Les Sœurs Boulay	Folk Album of the Year – GAMIQ
Les Sœurs Boulay	Best Artist of the Year – GAMIQ
Les Sœurs Boulay	Breakthrough Artist of the Year - ADISQ
Les Sœurs Boulay	Folk Album of the Year – ADISQ
Lisa LeBlanc	Most successful New Brunswick artist outside the province – Musique NB
Louis-Jean Cormier	Gilles Vigneault Award – Established Artist – SPACQ
Louis-Jean Cormier	Rock Album of the Year – ADISQ
Louis-Jean Cormier	Show of the Year/ Songwriter – ADISQ
Louis-Jean Cormier	Songwriter – ADISQ
Louis-Jean Cormier	Album of the Year - Critic's Choice - ADISQ
Manu Militari	Hip-Hop Album of the Year – ADISQ
Marc Dupré	Male Performer of the Year – ADISQ
Marc Dupré	Pop Song of the Year "Nous sommes les mêmes" - ADISQ
Marc Dupré and Nelson Minville for Marc Dupré	Pop Song of the Year "Le jour se lève" - SOCAN
Marc Dupré and Nelson Minville for Olivier Dion	Pop Song of the Year "Pour exister" - SOCAN
Marie-Mai	Pop Album of the Year – ADISQ
Marie-Mai	Female Performer of the Year – ADISQ
Patrice Michaud	Songwriting Prize – SOCAN
Paul Daraîche	Re-Interpretation Album of the Year – ADISQ
Philémon Cimon	Félix-Leclerc Songwriting Award 2014
Samian	Éval-Manigat Award – Multicultural Song – SPACQ
Sophie Beaudet and Daniel Beaumont	Pop Song of the Year "À quoi tu penses?" – SOCAN
Tire le coyote	Country Album of the Year – GAMIQ

CERTIFICATIONS

Congratulations to the artists helped by Fonds RadioStar whom, for the past 6 years, have obtained a certification by the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) depending on the number of copies sold according to the following ranking:

CERTIFICATIONS								
	CD	DVD	Song Downloads					
Gold	40,000	5,000	20,000					
Platinum	80,000	10,000	40,000					
Double Platinum	160,000	20,000	80,000					
Triple Platinum	240,000	30,000	120,000					
Diamond	800,000	100,000	400,000					

CERTIFICATION CD						
YEAR	ARTIST	ALBUM	CERTIFICATION			
2014	Serge Fiori	Serge Fiori	Platinum			
2014	Karkwa	Le volume du vent	Gold			
2014	Les Sœurs Boulay	Le poids des confettis	Gold			
2013	Lisa LeBlanc	Lisa LeBlanc	Platinum			
2013	Marie-Mai	Miroir	Platinum			
2013	Paul Daraîche	Mes amours, mes amis	Platinum			
2013	Bernard Adamus	Brun	Gold			
2013	Louis-Jean Cormier	Le Treizième étage	Gold			
2013	Marc Dupré	Nous sommes les mêmes	Gold			
2013	Maxime Landry	Noël blanc	Gold			
2012	Cœur de pirate	Blonde	Gold			
2011	Marie-Mai	Version 3.0	Platinum			
2011	Maxime Landry	L'avenir entre nous	Platinum			
2011	Vincent Vallières	Le monde tourne fort	Platinum			
2011	Karkwa	Les chemins de verre	Gold			
2011	Nadja	Noël	Gold			
2010	Maxime Landry	Vox Pop	Double Platinum			
2010	Annie Villeneuve	Noël chez moi	Gold			
2010	William Deslauriers	Un pied à terre	Gold			
2009	Annie Villeneuve	Annie Villeneuve	Gold			
2009	Cœur de pirate	Cœur de pirate	Gold			
2009	lma	A la vida	Gold			
2009	Lost Fingers	Rendez-vous rose	Gold			
2009	Marc Hervieux	Après nous	Gold			

CERTIFICATION DVD						
2011	Arthur L'Aventurier	L'aventure de Noël	Triple Platinum			
2011	Arthur L'Aventurier	La course aux trésors	Double Platinum			



FINANCIAL RESULTS

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Monies for the Fonds RadioStar and its English-language music marketing counterpart, the Radio Starmaker Fund, come primarily from broadcaster contributions resulting from radio acquisition transactions, as required by the CRTC. A minimum of 3% of the value of such transactions must be disbursed to both of these funds. For transactions affecting the French-speaking market, 80% of the 3% is directed to the Fonds RadioStar. In the case of transactions affecting the English-speaking market, the Fonds RadioStar receives 20% of that 3%.

The CAB collects the 3% of the value of the transactions, and then redistributes these monies to both funds as per CRTC approved payment methods, earmarking the appropriate contributions intended for the advancement of French-language music to the Fonds RadioStar. In 2013-2014, these contributions amounted to \$4,354,665, bringing the total since the fund's creation in 2001-2002 to \$37,189,824. By the end of 2021, funding will have reached \$53M.

ADMINISTRATION FEES

The administration fees for this 13th financial year were set at 5.5%. The fund has averaged administrative fees of 7.6% since inception.

As always, this was carried out as per the CRTC regulations approved in November 2000 requiring administration fees to never exceed more than 10% of broadcaster contributions throughout the lifetime of the fund.

COMMITMENTS

The fund has approved 763 of the 832 applications it has received since its inception for Component 1, representing an approval rate of 92%. This rate, which was 78% in 2006-2007 due to the number of applications, is now 100%. The increase stems directly from the 2007 revamping of the program and its funding application criteria.

In 2013-2014, the fund directly committed \$3,095,714 for artists which represents the largest amount ever committed since 2007. In comparison, \$2,212,012 in 2012-2013 and \$1,868,137 in 2011-2012 were committed. In order to better support an industry whose needs are growing, the board actually decided this year to inject more money while continuing to extend the life of the Fund and, as a result of input additional money caused by new business acquisition transactions radio.

ADDITIONS AND ADDROVALS	0040 0044	0040 0040	0011 0010	2010 2011
APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Component 1: Artists		2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Applications Submitted	91	73	56	56
Amount Requested	\$3,163,279	\$2,500,933	\$1,925,529	\$1,880,852
Applications Approved	91	71	56	56
Amount Offered	\$3,095,714	\$2,212,012	\$1,868,137	\$1,813,942
Amount Disbursed	\$2,351,658	\$1,586,391	\$1,270,983	\$1,629,255
Component 2: Collective Projects				
Applications Submitted	-	1	1	_
Amount Requested	-	\$50,000	\$229,950	_
Applications Approved	-	1	1	_
Amount Offered	-	\$50,000	\$229,950	_
Amount Disbursed	\$40,255	\$141,574	\$98,051	_
TOTAL Components 1 and 2				
Applications Submitted	91	74	57	56
Amount Requested	\$3,163,279	\$2,550,933	\$2,155,479	\$1,880,852
Applications Approved	91	72	57	56
Amount Offered	\$3,095,714	\$2,262,012	\$2,098,087	\$1,813,942
Amount Disbursed	\$2,391,913	\$1,727,965	\$1,369,034	\$1,629,255

DISBURSEMENTS AND RESIDUAL BALANCE OF FUNDING COMMITMENTS

Disbursements generally represent initial funding for projects approved during the year and the final rounds of funding for projects approved in the previous year. Few projects are begun and finalized in the same financial year. Disbursements amounted to \$2,391,913 in 2013-2014, compared with \$1,727,965 in 2012-2013, bringing the residual balance of funding commitments as at August 31St, 2014 to \$1,628,543, compared to \$1,413,986 in 2012-2013.

DISBURSEMENTS BY EXPENSES

A review of the projects completed in 2013-2014 states as follows:

- Although still in first place, live show experiencing first decline since 2010-2011 with a rate of 22.4% compared to 28.5% last year;
- Television advertising funding back in second place after being at its lowest level in 2012-2013 from 5.5% to 16.5% of spending this year;
- Image production now ranks third with 12.6%, compared to 17.3% in 2012-2013. These expenses relate primarily to the production of music videos with 77% of the total amount invested in line with the results of last year;
- Web related funding ranks four with 11.8% of spending.

EXPENSES								
	2013-2014		2012-2013		2011-2012		2010-2011	
CATEGORIES	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%
Image Production *	\$255,226	12.6	\$206,226	17.3	\$157,115	12.9	\$227,934	13.1
Promotion	68,574	3.4	45,407	3.8	44,704	3.7	68,547	3.9
Media relations	136,936	6.8	86,147	7.2	103,385	8.4	152,198	8.7
Radio promotions	85,380	4.2	62,217	5.2	54,434	4.5	108,099	6.2
Web	239,074	11.8	144,100	12.1	152,058	12.4	205,784	11.8
Television	332,419	16.5	65,199	5.5	185,495	15.2	182,454	10.5
Radio	99,712	4.9	37,468	3.2	40,860	3.3	54,958	3.2
POS displays	126,022	6.2	76,467	6.4	47,156	3.9	74,249	4.3
Print	128,854	6.4	72,535	6.1	87,166	7.1	146,577	8.4
Billboard	39,243	2.0	20,068	1.7	12,951	1.1	56,395	3.2
Tour support	56,836	2.8	35,406	3.0	42,973	3.5	84,346	4.8
Live shows	452,101	22.4	339,241	28.5	293,589	24.0	381,445	21.9
TOTAL	\$2,020,377	100	\$1,190,481	100	\$1,221,886	100	\$1,742,986	100

^{*} In 2013-2014, \$196,688 were spend on music videos and \$58,538 for the production of other images in comparaison to \$160,099 and \$46,127 the previous year, and \$98,391 and \$58,724 in 2011-2012

EVALUATION OF RESULTS

SUPPORTING NEW ARTISTS

The fund continues to remain true to its mission of funding developing artists first and foremost. In 2013-2014, with the measures taken during the year for faster access to the first and second albums in career, **83%** of the projects supported

are associated with such albums and **86%** of their vested amounts awarded. Artists projects combining four albums and more in career this year represent 10% of the approved amounts compared to 23% in 2012-2013.

		2013-	-2014		2012-2013			
	Applications Approved	% Application Approved	Amount offered	% Amount offered	Applications Approved	% Application Approved	Amount offered	% Amount offered
1st album	43	47	\$1,446,638	47	26	37	\$755,139	34
2nd album	33	36	1,214,534	39	21	30	666,713	30
3rd album	7	8	115,642	4	8	11	294,062	13
4th and more	8	9	318,900	10	16	22	496,098	23
TOTAL	91	100	\$3,095,714	100	71	100	\$2,212,012	100

	2011-2012					2010-2009			
	Applications Approved	% Application Approved	Amount offered	% Amount offered	Applications Approved	% Application Approved	Amount offered	% Amount offered	
1st album	31	55	\$1,096,435	59	18	32	\$585,377	32	
2nd album	8	14	264,948	14	14	25	427,353	24	
3rd album	10	18	323,946	17	12	22	422,730	23	
4th and more	7	13	182,808	10	12	21	378,482	21	
TOTAL	56	100	\$1,868,137	100	56	100	\$1,813,942	100	

REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS

In 2013-2014, six artists from French-speaking minority communities in Canada obtained funding, compared with five in the previous year and two in 2011-2012. Three of the artists or groups are

from the Maritimes, the *Hay Babies* and *Wilfred LeBouthillier* from New Brunswick and *Radio Radio* from Nova Scotia, while the other three, *Andrea Lindsay*, *Damien Robitaille* and *Pandaléon*, are from Ontario.



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ARTIST	APPLICANT	REGION	\$ AMOUNT
Ale Dee	High Life Music	Mauricie	44,223
Archambault Chantal	Ambiances ambiguës	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	15,000
Archambault Chantal	Disques Indica	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	14,550
Arthur L'Aventurier	Gregg Musique	Quebec	65,000
Avec pas d'casque	Disques Dare To Care	Montreal	12,138
Bajada Jason	Disques Audiogramme	Montreal	43,366
Bajada Jason	Trampoline Sparks	Montreal	15,000
Beaudet Sophie	Gestion Son Image	Mauricie	15,053
Bédard Cindy	Disques Audiogramme	Mauricie	27,026
Bédard Cindy	Disques Audiogramme	Mauricie	10,734
Bédard Mélissa	Tandem.mu	Quebec	61,980
Bengee	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Quebec	50,000
Blé	Kay Productions Musique	Montreal	49,228
Bloom Fanny	Disques Dare To Care	Estrie	6,353
Bodh'aktan	Go Musique	Several regions	65,000
Boisjoli Brigitte	Disques Musicor	Centre-du-Québec	61,269
Boisjoli Brigitte	Productions Martin Leclerc	Centre-du-Québec	20,000
Brach Philippe	Équipe Spectra	Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	65,000
Brunet Ariane	Prodat	Montreal	27,977
Canailles	Disques Dare To Care	Quebec	8,493
Canailles	Disques Dare To Care	Quebec	65,000
Caravane	Disques Musicor	Quebec	19,694
Carpentier Valérie	Productions J	Mauricie	15,000
Cimon Philémon	Disques Audiogramme	Quebec	50,000
Cormier Louis-Jean	Simone Records	Côte-Nord	12,094
Corriveau Antoine	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Mauricie	50,000
Country Girls	Entourage Musique	Montreal and Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	23,063
Couture Jérôme	L-A be	Montérégie	65,000
Daraîche Paul	MP3 Disques	Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	8,915
Dead Obies	Bonsound	Montreal	70,383
Dion Olivier	Productions J	Estrie	30,000
D-Track	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Outaouais	30,000
El Motor	El Motor	Montreal and Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	14,706
El Motor	Productions Big Fat Truck	Montreal and Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	47,633
Farfadet	Productions Silence d'Or	Montérégie	37,885
Fiori Serge	Gestion Son Image	Montreal	65,000
Folk Sally	Entourage Musique	Montreal	40,756
Folk Sally	Entourage Musique	Montreal	13,107
Fontarabie	Disques Dare To Care	Montérégie	43,219
Giguère David	Disques Audiogramme	Quebec	5,000
Giguère David	Disques Audiogramme	Quebec	45,301
Gros Mené	Disques Dare To Care	Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	5,000
Hay Babies	Simone Records	New Brunswick	50,000
Hélie Laurence	Productions EM	Chaudières-Appalaches	14,045
Hélie Laurence	Simone Records	Chaudières-Appalaches	41,018

ARTIST	APPLICANT	REGION	\$ AMOUNT
Hôtel Morphée	Disques Audiogramme	Outaouais and Montreal	45,010
Hunt Jimmy	Disques Dare To Care	Quebec	27,754
Jacques Clément	Sphère Musique	Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	63,464
Jill	Productions Alain Dupuis	Côte-Nord	50,000
King Melrose	Tandem.mu	Lanaudière	50,000
Klô Pelgag	Coop services artistiques Faux-Monnayeurs	Bas St-Laurent	20,000
Klô Pelgag	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Bas St-Laurent	50,000
Klô Pelgag	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Bas St-Laurent	31,179
Koriass	Disques 7ième Ciel	Laurentides	59,903
Koriass	Disques 7ième Ciel	Laurentides	5,000
Lachance François	Productions J	Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	22,414
Landry Maxime	Productions J	Chaudières-Appalaches	15,000
LeBouthillier Wilfred	Productions J	New Brunswick	30,000
Leduc Catherine	Disques Dare To Care	Mauricie	56,844
Lindsay - De Larochellière	Gestion Son Image	Ontario and Montreal	25,000
Lippé Mathieu	Productions Martin Leclerc	Estrie	5,073
Lippé Mathieu	Tandem.mu	Estrie	49,988
Madame Moustache	Gestion Son Image	Several regions	16,530
Manu Militari	Disques 7ième Ciel	Quebec	15,000
Marième	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Quebec	65,000
Marin David	Simone Records	Centre-du-Québec	53,998
Mauvaize Frékentation	High Life Music	Mauricie	31,283
Mauves	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Quebec	16,851
Michaud Patrice	Équipe Spectra	Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	65,000
Miracles	Sphère Musique	Montreal	50,000
Monogrenade	Bonsound	Montreal	65,000
Nadja	MP3 Disques	Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	65,000
Nevsky Alex	Disques Audiogramme	Estrie	55,250
Nevsky Alex	Disques Audiogramme	Estrie	17,351
Nevsky Alex	Disques Audiogramme	Estrie	9,849
Oothèque	Bonsound	Montérégie	22,328
Ouellet Karim	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Quebec	38,552
Ouellet Karim	Productions Abuzive Muzik	Quebec	5,000
Pandaléon	Disques Audiogramme	Ontario	24,398
Perreau Yann	Bonsound	Lanaudière	5,762
Ponctuation	Bonsound	Quebec	22,328
Proulx-Cloutier Émile	Cie Larivée Cabot Champagne	Montreal	65,000
Radio Radio	Bonsound	Nova Scotia	70,000
Robitaille Damien	9e Vague	Ontario	5,000
Robitaille Damien	Disques Audiogramme	Ontario	3,601
Thompson Kevin	Disques Audiogramme	Côte-Nord	35,153
Tire le coyote	Cie Larivée Cabot Champagne	Estrie	32,000
Toussaint-Léveillée Sarah	Gestion François Léveillée	Montreal	34,895
Toussaint-Léveillée Sarah	Gestion François Léveillée	Montreal	15,000
Tremblay	Sphère Musique	Mauricie	14,747
Vallières Vincent	Équipe Spectra	Estrie	30,000

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FUNDING BY MUSIC CATEGORY

In 2013-2014, Pop music has reclaimed the pole position in the number of accepted proposals and given monies, although its lowest proportion since 4 years. The Contemporary Folk music is in second position and captured 22.9% of the sums involved, more than double compared to the previous year.

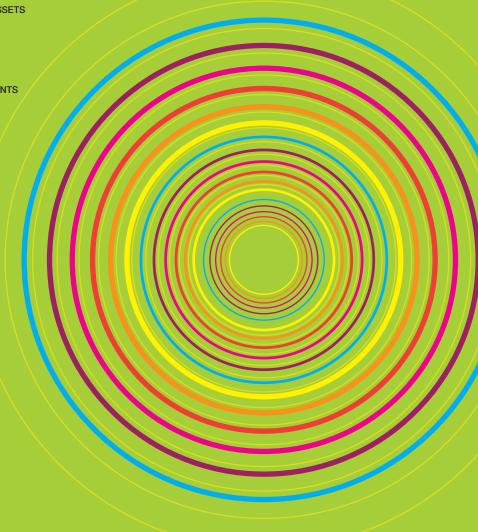
Alternative music is just behind by keeping a 17.2% of the sums granted and Hip Hop, ranked fourth with 13.4%. Note: the steady rise of Country music that sneaks behind the Hip Hop with 7.5% of the sums involved.

	20	013-2014		2012-2013 2011-2012 2010-201			2011-2012			10-2011		
	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	AMOUNT OFFERED	%	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	AMOUNT OFFERED	%	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	AMOUNT OFFERED	%	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	AMOUNT OFFERED	%
Alternative	18	\$532,450	17.2	14	\$440,069	19.9	13	\$410,002	21.9	9	\$192,296	10.6
Country	8	233,268	7.5	3	115,400	5.2	1	43,622	2.3	2	80,608	4.4
Contemporary Folk	20	707,639	22.9	8	217,359	9.8	7	195,305	10.5	9	278,666	15.4
Нір Нор	10	413,677	13.4	10	297,446	13.5	8	314,402	16.8	5	179,334	9.9
Jazz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children's	1	65,000	2.1	4	155,017	7.0	0	0	0	2	98,981	5.5
World	1	65,000	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urban	0	0	0	1	17,344	0.8	2	48,278	2.6	1	24,837	1.4
Pop rock	0	0	0	1	25,000	1.1	3	48,012	2.6	4	181,760	10.0
Pop	30	943,986	30.5	26	850,612	38.5	20	738,818	39.5	19	635,048	35.0
Rock	3	134,694	4.3	2	49,614	2.2	1	23,685	1.3	2	55,000	3.0
Traditional	0	0	0	2	44,151	2.0	1	46,013	2.5	3	87,412	4.8
TOTAL	91	\$3,095,714	100	71	\$2,212,012	100	56	\$1,868,137	100	56	\$1,813,942	100

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors of Fonds RadioStar

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Fonds RadioStar**, which comprise the balance sheet as at August 31, 2014, and the statements of earnings, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Fonds RadioStar** as at August 31, 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Anjou,

October 20, 2014

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¹ Monique Beaulieu, CPA auditor, CGA

	20	014	2013
REVENUE			
Contributions from radio broadcasters Management fees – CAB		54,665 \$ (9,450)	2,354,496 (9,450)
	4,34	45,215	2,345,046
Interest	2	62,982	247,015
	4,60	08,197	2,592,061
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and fringe benefits		85,357	141,563
Professional fees		12,072	10,923
Rent Communication		35,000 17,212	35,000 13,631
Insurance	•	17,213 1,799	12,631 2,180
Meeting expenses		1,909	1,381
	2	53,350	203,678
EXCESS AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	4,3!	54,847	2,388,383
Assistance contributions	2,39	91,913	1,727,965
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE AMORTIZATION	1,90	62,934	660,418
Amortization of other asset		2,258	2,257
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ <u>1,9</u> 0	60,676 \$_	658,161

FONDS RADIOSTAR

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

		2014	 2013
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS			
BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	10,724,381	\$ 10,392,380
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		1,960,676	658,161
Internal restrictions	_	(214,557)	 (326,160)
BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$_	12,470,500	\$ 10,724,381
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (NOTE 4)			
BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	1,413,986	\$ 1,087,826
Internal restrictions		214,557	 326,160
BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	1,628,543	\$ 1,413,986

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT AUGUST 31, 2014 20

	_	2014		2013
ASSETS CURRENT				
Cash	\$	717,251	\$	725,104
Accrued interest receivable Redeemable demand deposits, interest rate ranging from 1.13% to		148,922		125,616
2%, maturing between September, 2014 and June, 2015		6,750,000		7,200,000
Prepaid expenses		719		1,129
		7,616,892		8,051,849
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS				
Redeemable demand deposits, interest rate ranging from 1.70% to 2.20%, maturing between September, 2015 and June, 2017		6,500,000		4,100,000
OTHER ASSET (NOTE 5)		753		3,011
	\$_	14,117,645	\$	12,154,860
LIABILITIES CURRENT				
Accounts payable (note 7)	\$_	18,602	\$_	16,493
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted net assets		12,470,500		10,724,381
Internally restricted net assets (note 4)	_	1,628,543	_	1,413,986
	_	14,099,043		12,138,367
	\$	14,117,645	\$ <u></u>	12,154,860

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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François Bissoondoyal

President

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Sandy Boutin

Treasurer

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

	2014	2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions received from radio broadcasters Interest received	\$ 4,345,215 239,676	\$ 2,345,046 229,367
	4,584,891	2,574,413
Assistance contributions paid Purchase of goods and services paid Employee compensations paid	2,391,913 66,954 183,877	1,727,965 62,115 138,608
	2,,642,744	1,928,688
	1,942,147	645,725
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Term deposits	(1,950,000)	(1,200,000)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(7,853)	(554,275)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	725,104	1,279,379
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR (NOTE 6)	\$ <u>717,251</u>	\$ 725,104

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. STATUTES AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Fonds RadioStar was incorporated as a non-profit organization without share capital on February 16, 2001 pursuant to Part II of the Canada Business Corporations Act. In December 2013, Fonds RadioStar extended these statutes under section 211 of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.

The primary objective of Fonds RadioStar, which is a non-profit organization, is to assist promising and emerging talent by providing significant financial support for projects involving the promotion of recording company that are likely to have a considerable impact on the career of French-Canadian artists. The support provided by the Organization is complementary to existing assistance programs, and adds momentum to marketing efforts. Fonds RadioStar pays non-refundable contributions to eligible recording companies.

Pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and *Taxation Act* (Quebec), Fonds RadioStar is classified as a non-profit organization, and therefore, is not subject to income taxes.

2. FUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION

Fonds RadioStar revenues are generated by financial contributions from broadcast companies through the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB).

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies.

Revenue recognition

Fonds RadioStar uses the deferral method of accounting to recognize its contributions. Contributions to Fonds RadioStar and its Anglophone counterpart, Radio Starmaker Fund, come from financial contributions that are required from broadcast companies by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in connection with transactions involving the acquisition of broadcast companies. A minimum of 3% of these transactions must be paid to those two new Canadian music marketing funds.

Generally speaking, for transactions involving Francophone stations, 80% of the 3% is paid to Fonds RadioStar; for transactions involving Anglophone stations, 20% of the 3% is paid to Fonds RadioStar. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) collects 3% of the value of the transactions and redistributes it to the two funds in accordance with the payment terms that are approved by the CRTC. These financial contributions are are recorded on a cash basis. Interest income is recognized as it is earned.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

Fonds RadioStar initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain related party transactions which are measured either at the carrying amount or the exchange amount. They are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Other asset

The other asset is recognized at cost. Amortization is calculated according to the straight-line method over a four-year period.

Contributed services

Members of the Organization's Board of Directors attend Board meetings without compensation. The value of the time donated by these individuals is not recorded in the financial statements, because it is difficult to measure its fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Fonds RadioStar's policy is to disclose in cash and cash equivalents, cash, term and demand deposits with maturity dates not exceeding three months from the date of acquisition.

4. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

The Board of Directors allocated net assets in the amount of \$1,628,543 (\$1,413,986 in 2013) in order to cover the payment of commitments related to financial contributions for which Fonds RadioStar was committed as at August 31, 2014.

5. OTHER ASSET

				2014		2013
		Cost	Accumulated amortization		Net book value	Net book value
Website	\$_	9,030	\$ 8,277	\$	753	\$ 3,011

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR

Cash and cash equivalents include the following:

cash and cash equivalents include the following.	 2014	2013		
Cash	\$ 717,251	\$	725,104	

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	 2014	 2013
Trade payables	\$ 629	\$ -
Accrued salaries	12,890	11,039
Deductions at source	 5,083	 5,454
	\$ 18,602	\$ 16,493

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Organization concluded the following related party transactions: contributions received from radio broadcasters of \$3,870,961 (\$2,032,659 in 2013) and assistance contributions paid of \$496,612 (\$253,913 in 2013).

The parties are related due to the fact that their representatives are directors of the Organization. These related entities meet all the criteria established by Fonds RadioStar, and as such, they do not benefit from any particular statute or privilege over another through their membership on the Board of Directors.

These transactions were made in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount for which management declares that they were carried out under the same terms and conditions as transactions with parties dealing at arm's length.

9. COMMITMENTS

Assistance contributions

Fonds RadioStar is contractually committed to make contributions totalling \$1,628,543 (\$1,413,986 in 2013). Of this amount, \$289,651 (\$255,929 in 2013) represents commitments to related entities.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest rate risk

Fonds RadioStar is exposed to interest rate risk regarding its financial instruments with fixed interest rates. Financial instruments with fixed interest rates expose Fonds RadioStar to a fair value risk. As at August 31, 2014, Fonds RadioStar holds term deposits with short-term and long-term maturities which expose the organization at this risk.

11. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RADIO BROADCASTERS

As at August 31, 2014, radio broadcasters are committed to pay the Organization contributions totalling \$44,750 (\$135,644 in 2013) in compliance with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) requirements.

12. OPERATING EXPENSES

Under the terms of the proposal to establish a marketing and promotional fund for French language Canadian music, called « Fonds RadioStar », which was presented by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in September 2000, and approved by the latter on November 9, 2000, the operating expenses cannot exceed 10% of broadcaster contributions made during the Fund's existence. Between August 2001 and August 31, 2014, expenses represent 7.6% of the contributions.

13. PENSION PLANS

Fonds RadioStar has a defined contribution pension plan providing pension to its employees with at least three months of service. Contributions to the pension plan represent 7% of the basic salary and are subject to the employee's voluntary contribution of 3.5%. The pension plan costs of \$10,668 (\$8,153 in 2013) are included within salary expenses in the statement of earnings.