

CJSF-Local Talent Development

Hi! I'd like to nominate Ryan Fletcher from CJSF 90.1 FM in Burnaby, BC for the Local Talent Development Award.

Ryan has been planning and hosting a live 2-hour show called "Melodies In Mind" for the last 4 years. Every week, he brings in local musicians to chat about their music and play a few songs in the studio. The last hour of the show is devoted to the Song Circle, in which performers go around playing a live acoustic song one by one, which adds a co-operative element and joins local musicians together.

He's given some good publicity to a lot of smaller artists (especially folk musicians) in Vancouver and Burnaby. He also puts a ton of work into promoting and publicizing the show, meaning the artists get more exposure out of it. And the station is abuzz every Tuesday night with local performers hanging out, meeting each other, laughing, playing, and networking. He has contributed considerably to the confidence of a lot of these musicians, many of whom are just starting out and new to the scene.

Ryan also organized and helped host CJSF's contribution to the Homelessness Marathon. Through outreach and contacts in the community, we organized a 2-hour show featuring homeless and transient musicians from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Ryan was instrumental in sparking this show and networking with performers who might not otherwise have the opportunity to get on stage, or may not have the support to do so.

Please let me know if you need any more information to complete this nomination.

Thanks!

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