



CANADA'S HIP HOP GODFATHER BELLY SCORES TWO JUNO AWARD NOMINATIONS
Belly nominated for New Artist of the Year and Rap Recording of the Year for the 2008 Juno Awards

February 6, 2008, Toronto, ON – Gold recording artist, 2007 MuchMusic Video Award (MMVA) winner and VP of CP Records, rapper Belly has been nominated in two categories for the 2008 Juno Awards: **Rap Recording of the Year** for his double album debut ***The Revolution*** (CP Records/Fontana North), and the prestigious **New Artist of the Year**.

2007 was a phenomenal year for the Palestinian-Canadian rapper. Upon releasing *The Revolution* on June 5th 2007, the album debuted at number one on the Canadian rap charts. Later that month, *The Revolution*'s first single "Pressure" featuring Grammy Award winner Ginuwine, won the 2007 MMVA for Best Rap Video. After interviews with Geraldo at Large for Fox News, CNN, as well as the Associated Press, *The Revolution* went Gold in November of 2007, making Belly the first Canadian indie hip-hop artist to go Gold this century. Belly also saw some incredible success in the underground and online worlds in 2007 with videos for "I'm The Man" featuring Kurupt and the incredibly poignant "History of Violence", which was banned by MVN in the U.S. due to its anti-war messages and graphic images. Belly kicked off 2008 with the Middle East release of *The Revolution* – currently sitting at #4 on the sales chart in Dubai - and two CMW Indie Awards nominations for Favourite Video of the Year and Favourite Urban Artist/Group or Duo of the Year.

"It's an honour for me to have been nominated for not one but two 2008 Juno Awards, especially being that this is my first year going to the Junos. This is a just the start of what's going to be an even bigger year for Belly and CP Records. April 6 (the night of the Juno Awards) is also the eve of my birthday, so I couldn't have asked for a better present. You can bet we're bringin' something home from Calgary, baby!", says Belly.

Check www.bellylive.com for the latest on Belly.

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