

MEDIA ALERT

DOC WALKER “COMING HOME” TO PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

(PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. – January 29, 2010) The pride of Portage La Prairie, Man. and JUNO winning country-rock trio, Doc Walker, open the region’s newest recreational venue, PCU Centre, on April 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets go on-sale on Monday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m., with ticket prices starting at \$37.50 and limited rush-seating available.

“Without the support from our hometown of Portage La Prairie, we would not have the opportunity to share our music with our fans across Canada and abroad,” said Chris Thorsteinson, Doc Walker. “We are honoured to come home and play for our community and for the fans that have supported us for over 10 years.”

For the first time in over two years, fresh from their international Australian tour, Doc Walker head home to Portage La Prairie, Man. for “Doc Walker – Coming Home.” The concert features the award-winning band with special appearances from Canadian country music artists Shane Yellowbird and Deric Ruttan. For a unique fan experience, Yellowbird and Ruttan will join Doc Walker on-stage to perform a selection of Doc Walker’s biggest hits. Tickets can be purchased at the Glesby Centre box office (11-2nd Street, N.E., Portage la Prairie), by phone (204-239-4848), and online at <http://www.glesbycentre.ca/>.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony on February 27, 2010, the PCU Centre will host a series of grand opening celebrations. “Doc Walker – Coming Home” is the PCU Centre’s inaugural concert event. The PCU Centre is located at 245 Royal Road South, Portage la Prairie, Man.. The facility will be the heart of Portage La Prairie, providing the community with a state of the art recreational centre. The PCU Centre boasts an arena, atrium, wellness centre and aquatics centre. The grand opening celebrations are in partnership with Portage Regional Recreation Authority Inc. (PRRA) and the Glesby Centre.

Chris Thorsteinson, Murray Pulver and Dave Wasyliv (**Doc Walker**) are Manitoba natives whose last album, *Beautiful Life*, produced three top-10 country radio singles and hit No. 3 on the Canadian Country Sales Chart. Doc Walker won six Canadian Country Music Association Awards in 2008 and won the 2009 JUNO Award for Country Recording of the Year. Their latest release, *GO*, has produced two top-10 singles. For Doc Walker’s bio and hi-res press photos, please visit http://www.openroadrecordings.com/artist.php?artist_id=40.

For more information about the PCU Centre, please visit <http://www.pcucentre.ca/>.

Photo Opportunity:

When: Friday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: The William Glesby Centre box office
11-2nd St NE
Portage la Prairie

Who: Mayor Ken Brennan
Reeve Toby Trimble

About Open Road Recordings:

Open Road Recordings is home to JUNO and Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Award winning groups **Doc Walker** and **The Road Hammers** (certified Gold in Canada), classic Canadian roots group **Prairie Oyster**, multi-Platinum selling artist **Johnny Reid**, break out success stories **The Higgins**, **Ridley Bent** and **Tara Oram**, and others. Open Road Recordings represents Big Machine and Valory Records in Canada, home to **Taylor Swift** (certified 5x Platinum in Canada), **Reba**, **Jack Ingram**, **Jewel**, **Trisha Yearwood**, **Emerson Drive** and

more. Founded by Ron Kitchener, Open Road Recordings is a partnership with MapleCore Ltd., distributed by Universal Music Canada.

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