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The Rogers Fan Choice Award —and its \$10,000 prize— won by Toronto roots-rockers The Warped 45s

NXNE concert goers and music lovers have spoken, and **The Warped 45s** have come out on top to claim **The Rogers Fan Choice Award**. Fans were encouraged to vote for the best NXNE performer by texting in their favourite Canadian artist or band's name.

The Warped 45s played to a packed house as part of **NXNE** on Saturday, June 20 at the **Dakota Tavern**. This campfire concert inspired new and old fans to stomp along and vote. The grand prize, which includes \$10,000 cash, a brand new Gibson guitar and a pair of Chucks for each of the guys courtesy of Converse, comes just in time for **The Warped 45s**, as they tour their twisted country twang across Eastern Canada in July, and release an album, *10 Day Poem For Saskatchewan*, in August.

15 Years, 500 Bands, 50 Stages, 30 Films, 25 Panels, 5 Days. The **North by Northeast Music & Film Festival and Conference (NXNE)** ran June 17-June 21, 2009 in Toronto. The Music Festival is recognized worldwide as the place for fans to see breakout performances at intimate venues and for musicians to get vital international exposure.

NXNE 2010 is already booked for June 16-20, 2010, and artist submissions will be open from October through January. Meanwhile, visit www.nxne.com for videos and photos of the best festival yet!

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