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**And This Year's Global Country Rising Star is  
NAME OF THE WINNER**

After more than a month of weekly competitions, and the grand finale last night at the Winspear Centre, audience members cast their votes for their favorite semi-finalist. The competition was stiff BUT Global Country is proud to announce that their 2007 Rising Star is **Paul Chesters**.

**Paul Chesters** was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where he started singing at the age of five. He sang with the award winning U of R Chamber Singers. Paul received a scholarship to attend the Iowa School for Music Vocations (jazz and classical). He was the 2004 winner of Regina's 620 CKRM Talent Search. He has performed with or opened for Duane Steele, Steve Fox, The Poverty Plainsmen, Jason McCoy, and Julian Austin.

The 2007 Global Country Rising Star will be enrolled into the Rising Star Program, which offers special mentoring and performance opportunities. This lucky winner will also receive a trip to Nashville (and entry into the North American Country Music Association's International Competitions in Pigeon Forge Tennessee), a Nashville demo vocal recording package, registration to the Canadian Country Music Associations' 2007 Country Music Week and the 2007 Western Canadian Music Awards Show & Conference, \$1,000 from Galaxie, The Continuous Music Network, a microphone package from Sennheiser, and more. This year audience members truly held the fate of one individual in their hands!

For further information on Global Country's Rising Star Program, visit [www.globalcountry.ca](http://www.globalcountry.ca) or call Maryanne Gibson at (780) 424-3300.

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