

**Press Release**

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***First Canadians in Six Years***

## **Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard Named to the All-America Auto Racing Team**

**Montréal (Québec), December 5, 2010.** – The names Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard continue to be synonymous with success. The North American Triple Crown winners have just been named to the 2010 All-America Auto Racing Team by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA). This latest award is the last in series of achievements the team has accomplished in this unprecedented season.



Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard are capping off an amazing year after winning the Rally America series in July and a bronze medal at the ESPN X Games in August. They clinched the North American Rally Championship in September and claimed the Canadian Rally Championship in November. « It's an honour to be voted onto the First Team along with great racing names including Dario Franchitti, Jimmie Johnson, Will Power, and Kyle Busch.» confides Antoine L'Estage. « I'm proud to be the only woman on the Team - all co-drivers appreciate being recognized for their accomplishments alongside their drivers » adds Nathalie Richard. No other Canadians have been named to the First Team of All-Americans since Ron Fellows in 2004.



For over forty years, the AARWBA has been selecting an annual All-America Racing Team. The Team is recognized by the Associated Press, Reuters, and major publications as the only one of its kind in motor sports. Each year, the driver with the most votes wins the Jerry Titus Memorial Award as the Driver of the Year. The AARWBA awards banquet will take place on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Antoine L'Estage holds three North American titles (2007, 2008 and 2010), three Canadian championship titles (2006, 2007, 2010), one American title (2010) and twenty-five overall victories in Canada and the United States. Nathalie Richard holds six overall national championships (Canada 2004, 2007, 2010 and USA 2004, 2005, 2010) and thirty-one national

victories on both sides of the border. The North American title she clinched in September is her sixth in seven years.

Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard were the only ones to compete in the entire 2010 Rally America and Canadian Rally Championships, with the support of [Rockstar Energy Drink](#), [Royal Group](#), [Yokohama Tires](#), [Mitsubishi Canada](#), [Drenth Motorsport Gearboxes](#), [Garrett Turbos](#), [Énergie Cardio](#), [Libra Racing](#), [Driver's Edge Autosport \(OMP\)](#), and [VP Racing Fuels](#). For more information on the team or on rallying in general, visit [Coyote Rallye](#) .

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### Rally America Series 2010 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	
January 29 – 30	SNO*DRIFT RALLY	Atlanta, Michigan	2nd
February 26 – 27	100 ACRE WOOD	Salem, Missouri	2nd
April 24 – 25	OLYMPUS RALLY	Olympia, Washington	2nd
May 14 – 15	OREGON TRAIL	Portland, Oregon	3rd
June 5	S.T.P.R.	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania	1st
July 16 - 17	NEW ENGLAND FOREST RALLY	Bethel, Maine	1st

### Canadian Rally Championship 2010 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	
February 6	RALLYE PERCE-NEIGE	Maniwaki, Québec	16th
May 28 - 29	ROCKY MOUNTAIN RALLY	Calgary, Alberta	1st
July 2 - 3	RALLYE BAIE-DES-CHALEURS	New Richmond, Québec	6th
September 10 - 11	RALLYE DÉFI	Ste-Agathe, Québec	1st
October 1 - 2	PACIFIC FOREST RALLY	Merritt, British Columbia	1st
November 20	RALLY OF THE TALL PINES	Bancroft, Ontario	1st

### 2010 ESPN X Games

Discipline	Position
RALLY CAR RACING	Bronze Medal
SUPER RALLY	Third in qualifying heat

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Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard (on this picture with John Buffum): Canadian, Rally America, and North American Champion, as well as All-America Racing Team First Team members. Mandatory photo credit : Mat Janiak [www.worldrallysport.com](http://www.worldrallysport.com)

