



Eighth Annual Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards Nominees Announced

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The Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards announced today the nominees for 2006. The 19 awards will be handed out on Friday, November 24 in two ceremonies during the Canadian Aboriginal Festival (November 22 – 26). Of the nineteen categories, several of them will be presented in a private pre-telecast affair known as 'The Overture Awards'. The remainder of the awards will be presented and aired as a special telecast on CHUM television stations.

The producers of this year's show promise a wonderful visual tribute, acknowledging Canada's east coast landscape and its indigenous people's art. In addition there is to be a special performance by a Maori group, making the long trip from New Zealand. In true collaborative spirit between nations and cultures the New Zealanders plan to create an awards show and festival using the Canadian Aboriginal Festival and Music Awards as templates.

This is definitely the year of the woman, highlighted by the fact that there is to be only one host for the televised awards ceremony – quadruple nominee, Andrea Menard! In addition to Menard, the following artists also received four nominations: Susan Aglukark, Tamara Podemski and Donna Kay with Little Island Cree. Other multiple nominations include Eagle & Hawk, Jared Sowan, Stephen Kakfwi, Weaselhead and Intellifunk.

2006 Canadian Aboriginal Music Award nominees:

Best Male Artist

Stephen Kakfwi
Jared Sowan
Randy Wood

"In the Walls of His Mind"
"Eclectically yours"
"Our Love Will Never Die"

Best Female Artist

Donna Kay
Andrea Menard
Tamara Podemski

"The Journey"
"Simple Steps"
"Tamara"

Best Group or Duo

Eagle & Hawk
Intellifunk
Weaselhead

"Life Is..."
"I Never Promised You Tomorrow (LIVE)"
"Refugees of Romance"

Best Blues Album

"I Never Promised You Tomorrow (LIVE)"
"Old Friend"
"Eclectically yours"

Intellifunk
Gerry McIvor
Jared Sowan

Best Country Album

"Cree Road"
"Bad Boys & Angels"
"Give Me A Sign"

Edward Gamblin
Mike Gouchie
W.T. Goodspirit

Best Hand Drum Album

"Slide & Sway"
"Round Dance Rhythm"
"Doing What We Love"

Northern Cree Singers & Friends
Young Scouts
Big River Cree

Best Fiddle Album

"Skiffle Fiddle"
"Nanny's Dream"
"Northern Fiddle"

Cliff Maytwayashing
Harv Settee Jr.
Corny Michel

Best Folk Album

"Simple Steps"
"Miyoskamin"
"Songs From the Stones: PAYUK"

Andrea Menard
Art Napoleon
Percy Trapper

Best Rock Album

"No Limits"
"Images"
"Life Is..."

Highway 373
Myrage
Eagle & Hawk

Best Female Traditional Cultural Roots Album

"Nipiga (My Voice)"
"The Journey"
"Fusion of Two Worlds"

Angela Hovak Johnston
Donna Kay
M'Girl

Best Pow Wow Album - Traditional

"Enter the Circle"
"Rock Hill"
"Straight From The Beginning"

Red Bull
Rock Hill
Grey Buffalo

Best Pow Wow Album - Contemporary

"Dances"
"Walking Buffalo: Drum Speaker"
"Nikamo-Sing!"

Warscout
Walking Buffalo
Northern Cree Singers

Best Rap or Hip Hop Album

"Success Is the Best Revenge"
"Now or Never"
"The Preview"

Wabs Whitebird
REDDNATION
Rezofficial – Lakes Aquí (Lakes Boss)

Best Album of the Year

"Blood Red Earth"
"Life Is..."
"Simple Steps"

Susan Aglukark
Eagle & Hawk
Andrea Menard

Best Song Single

Citizens of the World
100 Years
Meegwetch

“Blood Red Earth”
“Simple Steps”
“Tamara”

Susan Aglukark
Andrea Menard
Tamara Podemski

Best Music Video

I Will Return
Susan Aglukark

Margaret Malandruccolo (Director) & Blink Pictures Inc.
Sarah Gibson (Producer)

Meegwetch
Tamara Podemski

Bruce MacDonald & Big Soul Productions

Man That Sits Alone
Ray Villebrun and Red Blaze

Kelly Parker & A Turtle Island Music Production

Best Songwriter

Susan Aglukark, Chad Irschick & Jack Grunsky
Susan Aglukark & Chad Irschick

Citizens of the World
Circle of the Old
“Blood Red Earth” – Susan Aglukark

Donna Kay

Round Round Round
I Am
“The Journey” - Donna Kay
with Little Island Cree

Tamara Podemski & Karen Kosowski

So Damn Beautiful
She Knows Better

“Tamara” –Tamara Podemski

Best Producer/Engineer

Wayne Restoule

“Refugees of Romance” by Weaselhead

Chris Burke-Gaffney & Vince Fontaine

“Life Is...” by Eagle & Hawk

Peter Bacsalmasi

“The Journey” by Donna Kay

Best Album Cover Design

Tania Oosting, Designer &
Tessa MacIntosh, Artist/Photographer

“In The Walls of His Mind” - Stephen Kakfwi

David R. Maracle

“Sacred Healing” by David R. Maracle

James Kinistino

“Project One Generation Compilation CD”

The winners will be announced at the 2006 **Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards** on **Friday, November 24** in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's **John Bassett Theatre** (255 Front Street West). Tickets for the awards are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door and are available at **Ticketmaster** (www.ticketmaster.ca, 416-872-1111). The Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards are a part of the 13th annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival which runs in Toronto November 22–26.

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