



PRESENTS THE

ABORIGINAL NOMINEE HONOURING CEREMONY

WESTERN CANADIAN MUSIC AWARDS

JOIN US FOR PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE NOMINEES ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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ABORIGINAL RECORDING OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

WESTERN CANADIAN MUSIC AWARDS
BRANDON, MANITOBA | SEPTEMBER 2009
BILLY JOE GREEN * EAGLE & HAWK
INEZ * TAGAQ * TEAM REZOFFICIAL



Billy Joe Green
First Law of the Land - If Broken Return to Maker
Released by Americuse Empire & Strongfront Records



Eagle & Hawk
Sirensong
Released by Rising Sun Productions



Inez
Singsoulgirl
Released by Inez Jasper



Tagaq
Auk/Blood
Released by Jericho Beach Music



Team Rezofficial
The World and Everything In It
Released by Arbor Records & Rezofficial Music



A Message from Minister Robinson

I am pleased to extend congratulations to all the nominees for the 2009 Western Canadian Music Awards.

Western Canadians are understandably proud of their contribution to the wealth of music talent in Canada. As a region, we are particularly well represented by Aboriginal artists. This year, nominations for these prestigious awards officially recognize the outstanding talents of Eagle and Hawk, Billy Joe Green, Team Rezoofficial, Inez and Tagaq. Inspiring role models for all young people, these artists demonstrate the talent, creativity, drive and determination that produce excellence in any endeavour.

I wish you continued success.

Eric Robinson, Minister
Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport
Acting Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs



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AGENDA

- 1:00 Opening Prayer
- 1:10 Opening Remarks
- 1:30 Honouring Ceremony and Gift Presentation
- 2:00 Inez performance
www.inezmusic.ca
- 2:35 The Dusty Roads Band performance
www.dustyroadsband.com
- 3:15 Billy Joe Green performance
www.billyjoegreenmusic.com



A Message from the CEO of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

The Council of Chiefs of the nine member First Nations of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council would like to congratulate all the nominees for Aboriginal Recording of the Year at this year's Western Canadian Music Awards.

We are not surprised that this category had the highest number of votes of any category as Aboriginal artists are emerging at the centre of the music business in western Canada.

It is our wish that your WCMA weekend provides you with new business opportunities, expanded fan bases for all music genres and everyone has a great time.

Meegwetch!

Robert Daniels
Chief Executive Officer
Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council



A Message from the Executive Director of the Western Canadian Music Alliance

I would like to congratulate all the nominees for Aboriginal Recording of the Year at this year's Western Canadian Music Awards. The musical strength of these artists speaks for itself. We've never had a stronger field. Also it's interesting to note that this category had the highest number of votes of any category!

Aboriginal artists are at the centre of the music business in the west and that business has never been stronger. I hope your WCMA weekend provides you with new business opportunities, expanded fan bases and a great time.

Rick Fenton
Executive Director
Western Canadian Music Alliance



Brandon, Manitoba | September 2009



A Message from the Chairperson of the Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee

On behalf of the Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee, I would like to congratulate the nominees for the Aboriginal Recording of the Year category at the 2009 Western Canadian Music Awards. Each of the acts have racked up a number of nominations this year and I'm excited to see who takes home the hardware this time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Province of Manitoba, the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council, the Western Canadian Music Alliance, and the Brandon First committee for their support of the Aboriginal Nominee Honouring Ceremony.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to Winnipeg on November 3 for the launch of Aboriginal Music Week. This new music festival includes five days of concerts, showcases and music business workshops. Please visit www.aboriginalmusicweek.ca for more details.

Alan Greyeyes
Chairperson
Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee



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For more information: Alan Greyeyes, alan@manitobamusic.com



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Nominee & Showcasing



Showcase details

Friday @ The Roadhouse Bar
& Grill, 1am

Saturday @ Riverbank Discovery
Centre, 315pm

Billy Joe Green | www.billyjoegreenmusic.com

Strat/tele blaster breaks boundaries to rid himself/family of previous P.O.W. status. Invites other INDIANS to do the same!

CONTACT: Billy Joe Green
billyjoegreen@shaw.ca



Nominee



Eagle & Hawk | www.eagleandhawk.com

Juno Award winning rockers, Eagle & Hawk have a distinct sound that combines modern rock with traditional music elements and insightful lyrics.

CONTACT: Vince Fontaine, Rising Sun Productions
vince@eagleandhawk.com

Nominee & Showcasing



Showcase details

Saturday @ Riverbank Discovery Centre, 2pm

Saturday @ Houston's Country Roadhouse, Time TBA

Inez | www.inezmusic.ca

Inez is a Sto:lo singer songwriter with powerhouse talent and universal appeal. Her lyrics speak of strength and pride in identity.

CONTACT: bookings@inezmusic.ca

Nominee



Tanya Tagaq Gillis | www.tanyatagaq.com

Groundbreaking Inuk throat singer, Tanya Tagaq Gillis, brings an ancient Inuit vocal game to the experimental music scene with incredible performances.

CONTACT: Jack Schuller, Mainstage Management Inc
jack@mainstagemanagement.com

Nominee



Team Rezofficial | www.rezofficial.com

Originating from points all across North America, Team Rezofficial is a family of three MCs & two producers brought together by their love of real hip hop.

CONTACT: Tom Crier, Rezofficial Music
780.360.3555

Showcasing



Showcase details

Friday @ Double Decker, 1am
Saturday @ Clancy's, 1am

Don Amero | www.donameromusic.com

A Métis musician of many talents, Don Amero is on the rise in the Canadian music scene.

CONTACT: don@donameromusic.com

Showcasing



Showcase details

Friday @ Sud's, 9pm

Dominique Reynolds | www.dominiquereynolds.com

Dominique is a French Métis chanteuse. Her soaring alto blends pop hooks and rocking choruses to create songs that are catchy and meaningful.

CONTACT: Ginette Lavack Walters, G2 Management
g2management@mts.net

Showcasing



The Dusty Roads Band | www.dustyroadsband.com

Led by Métis artist Dustin Harder, the Dusty Roads Band is a splendid, unique blend of rocking prairie soul roots music.

CONTACT: Dustin Harder
thedustyroadsband@gmail.com

Showcase details

Saturday @ Riverbank Discovery Centre, 235pm



SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

BRANDON, MANITOBA



ABORIGINAL ARTIST SHOWCASES

FRIDAY

DOMINIQUE REYNOLDS @ SUDS, 9PM

BILLY JOE GREEN @ THE ROADHOUSE BAR & GRILL, 1AM

DON AMERO @ DOUBLE DECKER, 1AM

SATURDAY

INEZ @ RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE, 2PM

DUSTY ROADS BAND @ RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE, 235PM

BILLY JOE GREEN @ RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE, 315PM

INEZ @ HOUSTON'S COUNTRY ROADHOUSE, TIME TBA

DON AMERO @ CLANCY'S, 1AM



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