



The SSIMAs Awards Performers Revealed

Six time nominee Aysanabee hits the NAC stage alongside talented Indigenous Performers from Across Canada

Ottawa May 26, 2023 - The Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival is honoured to announce the performers for The SSIMAs (Summer Solstice Indigenous Music Awards) presented by TD Bank Group.

Aysanabee, Indian City, Andrea Menard, Plex and Joel Wood are confirmed to perform LIVE on stage at the National Arts Centre June 6th with more to be announced. The evening will be hosted by Anishinaabe activist, broadcaster, artist and content creator, Sarain Fox. Sixteen awards selected from 250 Canada-wide submissions will be handed out including two international categories and a musical legacy and contribution award.

The SSIMAs proudly celebrate the artistic excellence and accomplishments of First Nations, Inuit and Métis musicians from across the country during National Indigenous History Month. The awards were established by Ottawa's Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (SSIF), a multi-disciplinary arts festival that now attracts a live and virtual audience of over half a million people.

Tickets for **The SSIMAs** start at \$20.00 (including tax plus fees) and are available NOW at <https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/2023-music-awards/>, by phone and in-person at the NAC box office. A limited number of VIP tickets include a reception with an Indigenous-inspired menu by NAC Chef Chris Commandant.

The SSIMAs and SSIF are produced by Indigenous Experiences on behalf of the NIPD Committee comprising Metis National Council (2023 Festival co-host) and other organizations representing Indigenous communities across Canada.

SSIF is grateful to all government funders and corporate sponsors for their ongoing commitment to supporting the stewardship of Canada's rich cultural heritage.

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