

## **Eighth Annual Native American Music Awards**

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The Eighth Annual Native American Music Awards, or Nammys, is proud to announce the nominees for this year's Awards program. Over 125 nominees with origins as far as Alaska (Medicine Dream), Hawaii (Keola Beamer), and New Zealand (Arjdijah), are featured in 25 Awards categories.

Topping this year's nominations are; Keith Secola (Anishinabe) for his recording "Native Americana" featuring drummer John Densmore, Rita Coolidge (Cherokee) for "And So Is Love," Jim Boyd (Colville) for "Them Old Guitars", and Brule's "The Collection" with four nominations each. Douglas Blue Feather (Cherokee), Gary Small (Northern Cheyenne), Gil Silverbird (Apache), Jana (Lumbee), Pura Fe" (Tuscarora), and Wade Fernandez (Menominee) garnered three nominations each. Earning two nominations each are; Arvel Bird (Paiute/Metis), Eagle & Hawk (Ojibway), Joanne Shenandoah (Oneida), Joseph Firecrow (Cheyenne), Marlana (Navajo Dine"), Radmilla Cody, (Dine"), Tommy Wildcat (Cherokee), drum groups Northern Cree and Black Lodge and new artists; AIRO (Sioux/Apache), Blue Dog (Lakota), and Red Rhythm Band (Comanche/Kiowa). The Grammy award- winning CD, "Sacred Ground" is also up for two nominations.

"This year's nominees feature an equal mix of new artists making their debut on the national circuit as well as previous Nammy Award winners and nominees." states Ellen Bello, Founder/CEO of the Native American Music Awards. All nominees were voted upon by the Awards" national Advisory membership and chosen among the 150 national contemporary and traditional music recordings originally submitted for nomination consideration. Winners of the Eighth Annual Native American Music Awards will be determined through membership print ballots and a national voting campaign open to the general public which will be posted shortly as a listen and vote system on the Nammys" website. The Native American Music Awards, Inc. is the country's leading membership-based association composed of music industry professionals, musicians, programmers, producers, engineers and other professionals dedicated to promoting and preserving Native American music throughout the United States and around the world.

The Native American Music Awards and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino are proud to present the Eighth Annual Native American Music Awards scheduled to take place June 8th at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Florida. All tickets are on-sale now and available at Ticketmaster. The Native American Music Awards and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino extend their sincerest congratulations to this year's nominees.

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