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Indigenous singer-songwriter lends her voice to reconciliation with release of debut album

Calgary, AB, April, 2018 – Cree Metis singer-songwriter **Sandra Sutter** recently released her debut album, **Cluster Stars**, a compilation of songs aimed at creating a spiritual and emotional bond between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

“This project is meant to provide a platform for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to be able to understand some of the current and historical issues affecting First Nations, Métis and Inuit people in Canada today,” says Sutter, who lives in Calgary and is well-known for her performances at venues across western Canada. “It is intended as a bridge between world views, an opportunity for people to explore their own thoughts and feelings, and a safe space for expression and healing.”

Produced by **JUNO-winners, Vince Fontaine** (Eagle & Hawk / Indian City) and **Chris Burke-Gaffney**, **Cluster Stars** is a powerful folk-pop album that explores themes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous dialogue, reconciliation, Indigenous women’s empowerment, and sheds light on difficult issues faced by Indigenous peoples.

Lyrical and musically, the album was both inspired and endorsed by prominent Piikani First Nation Elders (Chief) Dr. Rose and Reg Crow Shoe. *Cluster Stars* is named for their family teepee, capturing moments when the moon shines through the teepee, creating a star cluster image on the ground. In this context, **Cluster Stars** represents a time and space for sharing and communicating in respectful and safe environment.

As Aboriginal Partnerships Manager for **Tarpon Energy, CGT Industrial**, Sutter is well known within the Canadian business and Aboriginal community development circles. She is also active in a number of non-profit boards and serves as the executive director of the **Circle for Aboriginal Relations Society**.

The album’s first single, **Mountain Song**, is a powerful tribute to Sutter’s Ancestors. The lyrics tell of her own experience of feeling unbalanced and looking to the mountains for peace, connection and healing.



Sandra Sutter – Photography credit: James May

**Listen to Cluster Star songs on Spotify
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Cluster Stars track listing

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| 1. Breathe | 7. My Father's House |
| 2. Goodbye | 8. Peaceful Nation |
| 3. How Many Times | 9. Real |
| 4. Indian in the Child | 10. Song of Heaven |
| 5. Love Touch | 11. Thank You |
| 6. Mountain Song | 12. What Did It Cost You? |

About Sandra

Sandra Sutter is a Calgary-based singer songwriter who has performed at many different venues across western Canada. She sings, writes and plays in a variety of styles including folk, country, jazz and rock. Sandra is inspired by her Indigenous heritage and has been active in the arts, particularly music, for many years.

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