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making a difference*



NOVA SCOTIA



Celebrating Community Spirit & Volunteer Awards

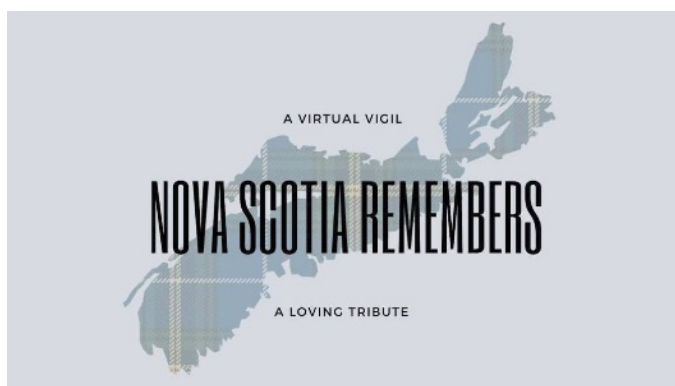
CELEBRATION GUIDE

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NS RESILIENCE

The well-known adage “The Show Must Go On” has never been more true in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic that has gripped the province and our global community. This year’s **Provincial Volunteer Awards** will be broadcast, via Facebook Live, to showcase the abundance of shared talent in our province to be celebrated, while being considerate of the current global state and the ultimate health and safety of award recipients and guests.

The magic will be managed from an intimate production studio, located at Pier 21. In addition to the Province’s traditional volunteer program, the event has been expanded to include recognition of all communities for their part in coming together during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, with the Lieutenant Governor’s **Community Spirit Award** and the newly introduced **Nova Scotia Strong Award** who will pay accolades to the NS Strong Legacy Society who came to together to produce the virtual vigil in honour of the 22 people who tragically lost their lives in the Portapique mass shooting.



Agenda

- 11:45 am**
Photo Montage &
Performance by Multicultural
Drummers
- 12:00 pm**
Opening Remarks
- 12:05 pm**
LG Address &
Community Spirit Award
- 12:10 pm**
Premier Address &
Awards Presentations
- 12:30 pm**
Minister Address
- 12:35 pm**
Bloomin’ Neville Presentation
- 12:45 pm**
Nova Scotia Strong Award
- 1:00 pm**
Performance by Jah’Mila
- 1:05 pm**
Livestream Ends

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OUR VIRTUAL VENUE



Nova Scotia has been profoundly shaped by Immigration to create the cultural tapestry that is our province. Pier 21 was the gateway for many immigrants into our province and now it will serve as the gateway to the virtual event celebrating the many faces of our provinces dedicated volunteers. Representing the multi-cultural make-up of our communities, Pier 21 will be the ideal location for this momentous celebration.

AWARDS BROADCAST

The ingenuity and passion for volunteerism of the 2020 award recipients will be the focal point at this year's hybrid event. expertly relayed with the help of professional emcee, **Juanita Peters**. She is an award-winning storyteller, writer and director of multiple documentaries and currently one of the directors of the award-winning television series STUDIO BLACK on CBC Television. Currently, she holds the position of General Manager of the Africville Museum. Juanita will bring her talents to the

stage as emcee, to assist in regaling the work of the honoured award recipients.



Virtual guests will have the opportunity to experience the

drumming talent of Michael R. Denny. Michael, from the Eskasoni Mi'kmaq Nation, in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. A father, husband and renowned traditional singer, Michael R has traveled and shared his music all over Atlantic Canada and beyond. In 2016, he released his debut album "Traditionally Yours: Mi'kmaq Drums, Young and Old", which was the first of its kind!





The live presentation will kick-off with a rousing performance by the **Multicultural Drummers**.

Dr. Olugu Ukpai and his children are the heart of The Multicultural Drummers - a family devoted to bringing awareness to Africa’s fight for children with Malaria. Dr. Ukpai founded the group in 2008 after tragically losing his youngest child to the disease. The family brings their drumming skills to communities across the province to

“drum up support” for this worthwhile cause, while also sharing a cultural experience with others.

The livestream will include an animated and fun presentation from local Hali-famous florist and professional presenter, **Neville MacKay**. Neville will liken the variety of flowers to the many volunteers who come together, bringing their individual talents, to make our communities better.

The virtual celebration will close with a performance by musical prodigy, **Jah’Mila**. Wrapped in the roots of the reggae family tree, her music is lyrically creative, tastefully arranged, masterfully delivered and positively inspiring. She has toured as supporting



vocalist with bands like The Wailers (with Aston “Family Man” Barrett), Groundation, multi-

Grammy award winning band Black Uhuru (with Sly and Robbie), Marcia Griffiths, Cedric Myton (The Congos) among many more. She is currently working on her debut album and has electrifying singles including Reggae Soul, Black Woman and Free from Babylon and has wowed audiences in Switzerland, Italy, Canada and Jamaica. Determined to be an instrument of positivity, her ‘message music’ is aimed at raising the collective consciousness of all who hear it.



COMMUNITea Ideas For Sharing

A favourite Maritime tradition is visiting friends and being welcomed with a hot cup of tea and a plate of sweets. What better way to bring together our virtual community than over a cup of tea! So, get out your favourite mug or your best china cup, brew your favourite blend and add a little something sweet on the side to enjoy during the broadcast. And, we encourage you to post photos of your “tea party” via any of our social media platforms using the hashtag #VolAwards2020.



Follow Along

Provincial Volunteer Representatives will be mentioned in alphabetical order, by last name, for each of the following regions:

Cape Breton

Central

Fundy

Highland

South Shore

Valley

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