



PRESENTS

IMAGINE A NIGHT

BENEFIT CONCERT

MUSIC,
STORY-TELLING
& ART

IN SUPPORT OF
**THE IMAGINE
BUILD PROJECT**



FEATURING:

JUNO NOMINEE

**LEONARD
SUMNER**

+ MORE

DECEMBER 8
THE AEOLIAN

THE
**IMAGINE
BUILD**

\$25 EA

100% OF YOUR TICKET PURCHASE WILL GO
TOWARDS BUILDING ACCESSIBLE HOMES ON
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES

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Imagine a Night Benefit & Gratitude Concert featuring JUNO Nominee **Leonard Sumner**, London Song and Dance Troupe **Eagle Flight Singers**, Six Nations Country Singer **Rebecca Miller**, as well as **Indigenous Artists and Story-tellers**.

December 8, 2022, Aeolian Hall

100% of proceeds to the Imagine Build housing project on Oneida Nation of the Thames.
Doors open at 7pm

Oneida Nation of the Thames, in collaboration with the Imagine Build team, are proud to invite the community to join us for an evening of celebration as we celebrate the power of imagination through music, art and stories.

Imagine Build: In January 2021, a group of people started working with Oneida Nation of the Thames Council and Administration on how to address the housing crisis. With a waitlist of 47 families seeking a safe home, we are excited to share what happens when we imagine a way forward together in the spirit of Truth & Reconciliation.

“It’s remarkable to see this project driven by a group of individuals who recognize the need for accessible housing in our community.” says **Chief Todd Cornelius of Oneida Nation of the Thames**. “The needs are great, and to have this initiative come to life and supported by the Imagine Build team sets a good example of reconciliation.”

“The Imagine Build team has worked in collaboration with Oneida to move forward in a good way states **Pam Tobin, Chief Executive Officer at Oneida Nation of the Thames**. Through ongoing engagement, building relationships, and providing sustainable solutions to accessible housing, the team created a true model of reconciliation.”

Tickets on Sale Now at: <https://aeolianhall.ca/events/imagine-a-night-benefit-concert/>

Imagine a Night Benefit & Gratitude concert will also feature **12 commissioned artists** to share what imagine means to them. The art will go on sale on December 8. **Artists:** Christi Belcourt, Keith Campbell, Alexandra Couchie, Sean Couchie, Adam Giroux, Kelly Greene, Craig Guthrie, Jamie Jardine, James Kirkpatrick, Andrew Lewis, Jane Roy, Quinn Smallboy and Simone_theheartist

The art was commissioned by Imagine Build Team member Mim O’Dowda, Mim’s efforts are just one example of how the community has come together to build homes in the spirit of Truth & Reconciliation.

“The purpose of the evening is to gather everyone who has been on the path with us for the past 23 months and find a way to celebrate their efforts, share stories and raise more funds. Due to LSTAR’s sponsorship, ticket price is an affordable \$25.00 so anyone who wants to attend and be a part of building these homes can be” states **Mandi Fields, Imagine Build team lead**.

Leonard Sumner: Anishnaabe MC/Singer/Songwriter Leonard Sumner’s storytelling flows directly from the shores of Little Saskatchewan First Nation, located in the heart of the Interlake of Manitoba. Sumner’s self-determined sound is evidence of his ability to

simultaneously occupy landscapes of multiple musical genres including: Hip-Hop, Spoken Word, Country, and Rhythm and Blues.

Rebecca Miller: Canadian Music Country artist Singer/Songwriter from 6 Nations of the Grand River signed to Crystal Shawanda's Label New Sun Records.

Eagle Flight Singers: Lead singer is Gordon Nicotine-Sands, originally from the Poundmaker Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. The Eagle Flight Singers are a First Nations singing group based out of London, On and have been active for over two decades. With western influences, the group sings in what's known as original style. The group has travelled extensively in the Great Lakes area (internationally on occasion) participating in festival-like celebrations known as "Pow-wow". Eagle Flight has also honoured invitations from professional and educational institutions in the form of educational song and dance performances. The group is comprised of mostly family and close friends.

Host, Tyler Waddilove: Traditional name Tetahsowatha-The Beginning, is a member of the Munsee Delaware Nation and the son of Jody and Sherry Waddilove. Working for the London District Catholic School Board as Indigenous Graduation Coach/Cultural Teacher, his passion is helping youth in all aspects of life. "Our heart is our first teacher, and Love is the most important lesson".

Host, Julie Atchison: CTV News London, Meteorologist and long-time supporter of the local Indigenous community, Julie's passion for people, family and sport makes her a logical Co-Host for the Imagine a Night Benefit & Gratitude Concert. Originally from Peterborough, Julie makes her home in London, ON with her husband Rob and children Wyatt and Alyvia.