

The award-winning Indigenous singer-songwriter Beatrice Deer is of Inuk and Mohawk ancestry and shines as a musical ambassador of the north. Her sound is a unique blend of traditional Inuit throat singing and indie pop rock. Beatrice was brought up in (Quack-Tuk) Quaqtaq, a tiny village in Nunavik which became an important place in her music.

Beatrice says that her life experiences are primarily what she writes about and she is most comfortable writing in her Inuktitut language to represent her people and their stories.

Beatrice first gained recognition in 2004 with her debut album, Just Bea, that received Best Inuit Cultural Album at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards in 2005.

Lets take a listen to Beatrice Deer with Oh -how Tee -Naa

That was Beatrice Deer with Oh -how Tee -Naa here at the Speak Up! Exhibition. Her musical themes that include traditional Inuit stories, legends and the importance of finding self-understanding through personal growth. Beatrice is a celebrated model, she is a recipient of the 2021 Prism Prize, as beloved individual in Northern Canada.

Beatrice also utilizes her public platform to bring attention to suicide awareness and its prevention particularly in northern communities. In 2016, she was the spokeswoman for the Esuma and Aumaaggiivik song competition, that encouraged young Nunavik songwriters to compose pieces about perseverance.

Some of her nominations include the 2019 nomination for Best Music Video for "Fox" at the Indigenous Music Awards. That same year, she was nominated for Best Folk Album for "My All to You" at the Indigenous Music Awards.

Here's a track "I love you", by Beatrice Deer originally released in 2004.

That was "I love you", by Beatrice Deer, today, Beatrice performs regularly across Canada and also travels internationally to perform and participate at festivals. She also promotes healthy lifestyles on her social media. Beatrice Deer leads by example, as a performer, songwriter, public speaker and artist. The national Music Centre is proud to include Beatrice Deer in the Speak Up! Exhibition as a change maker.