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Susan Aglukark, O.C.

Mentor

Inuk singer–songwriter Susan Aglukark (GGPAA 2016) is one of Canada’s most distinctive music artists. She blends English, Inuktitut, and other Indigenous languages with contemporary pop arrangements to tell the stories of her fellow Inuit and other Indigenous groups. The emotional depth and honesty of her lyrics, her pure, clear voice, and her themes of hope, spirit and encouragement have captivated and inspired listeners from all walks of life. She has released 10 albums and is much in demand as a keynote speaker and workshop facilitator.

Her breakthrough album, *This Child* (1995), sold more than 300,000 copies in Canada, and its lead single, “O Siem,” became the first song by an Inuk singer–songwriter to reach number one on the Canadian country and adult contemporary charts. Her latest album, *The Crossing*, was released in 2022.

A passionate advocate for northern Canadian communities and the people who live there, Ms. Aglukark is the founder and program developer of the Arctic Rose Foundation, which helps create emotionally safe environments for creative expression among Indigenous children and youth.

Susan Aglukark is an Officer of the Order of Canada. Her other awards and honours include three Junos, the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award (Juno), the inaugural Aboriginal Achievement Award in Arts & Entertainment, the Canadian Country Music Association’s Vista Rising Star Award, and honorary doctorates from five Canadian universities.

