



**PUTTING THE 'FUN'
IN FUNDRAISING:**
Tia Carrere and Cec Sault
kept the all evening's
events moving along
– and the jokes flying

The Gala was hosted with great skill and some good – and 'bad' – jokes by **Cec Sault**, alongside the poise, glamour and wry wit of actress/singer **Tia Carrere**, with featured performances of the pop energy of **Brandon Bizio**, the beautiful acoustic sounds of **Logan Staats**, the sparkle of **Vita Chambers** and the many classic songs of the Gala evening's closer, rock legend **Randy Bachman**. The After Party picked up where that left off with the rocking R&B tunes of **Jace Martin** and **The Healers**. Celebrities attending the event in support of the charity included **Adam Beach**, **Ted Nolan**, **Gil Birmingham**, **Jeremiah Bitsui**, **Ashley Burnham**, **Gary Farmer**, **Shawn McQuiller**, **Darcy Tucker**, **Emmanuel Lewis**, **Graham Greene**, **Stan Jonathan**, **Ric Wake**, **Digging Roots** (**Shoshona Kish** and **Raven Kanatakt**), **Stephen Tooshkenig**, **Phil Fontaine**, **Mariah Watchman**, **Darcy Tucker**, **Bryan Trottier**, **Rickey Medlocke**, **Stevie Salas**, **Wes Studi** and many more!

The moving, inspirational presentation of our annual Dreamcatcher Awards once again honoured those passionate individuals who have given so much to their communities (see page 8 for details). All in all, another great Gala in the books ... we thank you for making it such a success. See you next year!

THE DREAMCATCHER GALA: An Evening of Music, Celebration and Renewed Dedication to Community

This year, as it does every year, the Dreamcatcher Gala faithfully lived up to its billing as the 'event of the year' for the 1,300 attendees, musicians and celebrities gathered to celebrate the talents and dedication of those striving for a better future for Aboriginal youth. The 12th Annual event, held October 27th at the Hamilton Convention Centre, by Carmen's, was filled with much laughter, some tears and many moments of tribute to both young and old heroes of First Nations people from all across the continent. Expressed through these celebrations were the many hopes and desires of the people in our communities and of the Aboriginal youth whose future successes will define the type of world we all want to live in.

Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation provides much-needed resources to First Nations communities all across Canada. Through our funding sectors of Sports and Recreation, Health, Education, and Arts and Culture we have not only provided opportunities to deserving Aboriginal youth, but also to adults in need of care and assistance in their communities, helping dreams come true that would otherwise not be attainable.

MUSIC, DANCE, MEMORIES ... AND HONOURING OUR HEROES

Culture took centre-stage at the Gala, from ground-breaking contemporary Indigenous dance of the **Santee Smith Dance Group** to the colours, flash and heart-pounding swirl of **Brian General** along with some amazing traditional and fancy dancers. The women and men had a friendly competition which, luckily for all of us, ended in a draw.

THE 2016 GALA in their own words ...

"It's an incredible honour to be around so many accomplished Aboriginal individuals in all walks of life – arts and culture, athletics, health and education is really amazing and really humbling."

–Dr. Nadine Caron, winner of the 2016 Dreamcatcher Achievement Award for Health and Education

"I think there has been a lot of personal successes ... to me, it's a hard walk for Indigenous people."

–Tantoo Cardinal, actress and 2016 Dreamcatcher Lifetime Achievement Award winner



Dedicated, Driven, Exceptional: 2016's Award Winners

A special moment in every Gala arrives with the annual presentation of Dreamcatcher Awards, which often include moving stories and reflections on the journey that brought each recipient here. This year's five honoured recipients included:

SPORTS | Carey-Leigh Thomas

A member of the Cayuga Nation from Six Nations of the Grand River, Carey-Leigh began playing softball at the age of four and has been lighting up the ball diamond ever since. At national championships in 2006, 2008 and 2011, she was selected to the tournament All-Star team. As captain of the Canadian Senior Womens National Team she helped Canada to fourth place finishes at the 2012 World Championships in Whitehorse, Yukon and in 2014 at Haarlem, Netherlands. In 2016 Carey-Leigh led Team Canada to a Bronze medal at the World Championships in Surrey, British Columbia.

ARTS AND CULTURE | Tim Johnson

A Mohawk from Six Nations of the Grand River, Tim is Associate Director for Museum Programs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. He manages a department encompassing all aspects of the museum visitor experience, from exhibitions, education, publications and lectures, to cultural and performing arts programs. He is an Executive Committee member of the Smithsonian's Living in the Anthropocene Initiative. Tim has a long list of critically-acclaimed exhibits, programs, award-winning books and films, lectures, events and periodicals produced during his tenure.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION | Nadine Caron

An Ojibwa from Kamloops, British Columbia, Nadine is a Canadian surgeon. Notable for being the first Canadian female general surgeon of First Nations descent and the first female First Nations graduate from University of British Columbia's medical school, Caron works as a general endocrine surgeon at Prince George Regional Hospital and is Assistant Professor at UBC and co-directs its Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health. She received the 2016 Dr. Thomas Dignan Indigenous Health Award from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT | Billy Mills

An Oglala Lakota (Sioux), Billy was raised on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. At the 1964 Olympics he shocked the world, coming from behind to win a gold medal in the 10k race. At the time, he set a world record and is still the only American to ever win a gold medal in the 10k event. Billy helped found Running Strong for American Indian Youth and is a member of the USA Track & Field and Olympic Halls of Fame.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT | Tantoo Cardinal

Ms. Cardinal, a Métis, is a Member of the Order of Canada. Arguably the most widely recognized Native Actress of her generation, she has appeared in numerous plays, television programs and films, including *Legends of the Fall*, *Dances With Wolves*, *Black Robe* and *Smoke Signals*. Her performance in *Loyalties* earned her a Genie nomination, an American Indian Film Festival Best Actress Award and People's Choice Award at TIFF. She was honoured with the 2015 ACTRA Award of Excellence and won a Gemini Award for her work in *North of 60* and a Leo Award for *Blackstone*.



Tim Johnson (Arts and Culture)



Nadine Caron (Education)



Billy Mills (Lifetime Achievement)



Tantoo Cardinal (Lifetime Achievement)

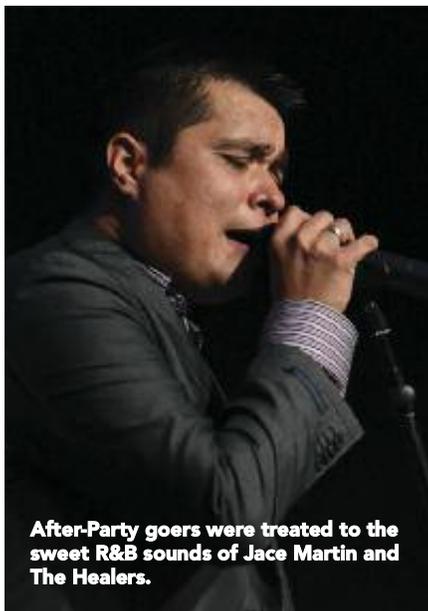
GALLERY

MOMENTS IN TIME: A SELECTION OF IMAGES FROM DREAMCATCHER'S 12TH ANNUAL GALA

PHOTOS BY FRED CATTROLL



Lifetime Achievement Award winner Tantoo Cardinal holds a red feather while telling her own story and delivering a message for the future.



After-Party goers were treated to the sweet R&B sounds of Jace Martin and The Healers.



Dreamcatcher Award winners (see page 8).



Ex-NHL heroes Bryan Trottier and Doug Gilmour with a true blue fan.



Doing it up right: glitz and glamour always reign supreme at every Dreamcatcher Gala.

Stars and Legends

Musical excellence is a tradition at the Dreamcatcher Gala. This year's 1,300 guests enjoyed a sparkling array of music including acoustic, pop, R&B, soul and the classic rock sounds of legend Randy Bachman!



Randy Bachman



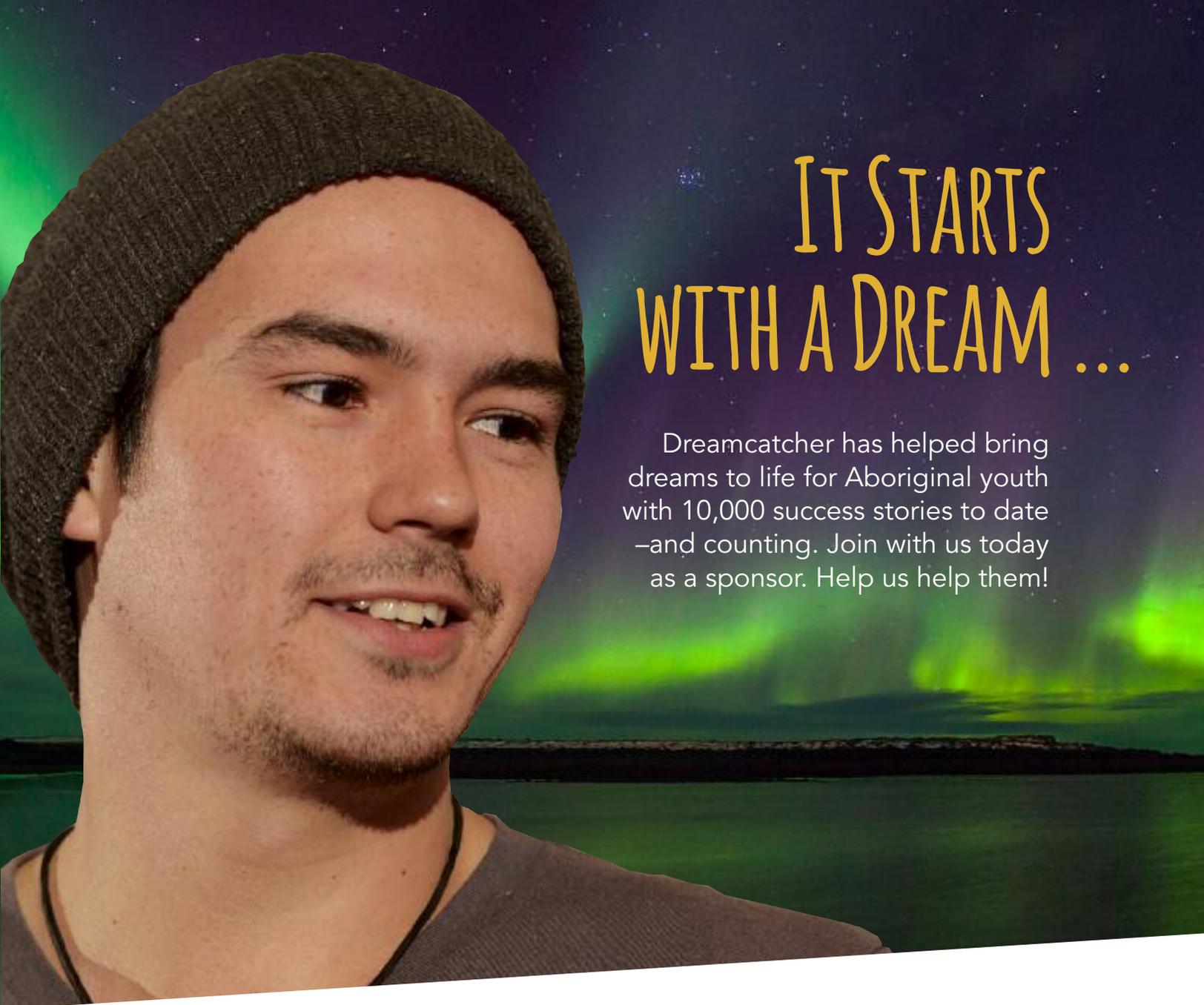
Logan Staats



Brandon Bizior



Vita Chambers



IT STARTS WITH A DREAM ...

Dreamcatcher has helped bring dreams to life for Aboriginal youth with 10,000 success stories to date –and counting. Join with us today as a sponsor. Help us help them!

Through a variety of national events, we strive to connect our communities, celebrate our heroes and reinvigorate a sense of cultural pride. By partnering as an individual or corporate sponsor with Dreamcatcher you can help to provide valuable opportunities for many hopeful athletes, scholars and artists to start building their skills in productive learning environments. Visit us today at dcfund.ca or call us toll-free at 1-866-508-6795 to find out about our programs and how you can help.

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