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Calgary singer-song writer releases two new singles in time for Christmas

Calgary, Alberta, December 16, 2019 – Calgary singer-song writer Sandra Sutter is wrapping up Christmas gifts for music lovers with two new releases to compliment her award-winning debut album, *Cluster Stars*.

Sutter's first gift is a tune called, *Burn in me*, a country song uniquely blended with a distinct indigenous drumbeat and the subtle sound of the traditional jingle dance in the background. Similar to her debut album, *Cluster Stars*, the song is meant to create an emotional bond between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

"The song is meant to show that indigenous and non-indigenous people have more in common than some would think and, when our music and songs are combined, we all come away more enriched," Sutter said. "That's the underlying message in *Burn in me*: alone we are stones, but together we're a quarry."

Her second gift is a Christmas song called, *There was a child*, which celebrates the birth of Christ, the baby who brought love and joy to the world. Typical of the songwriter's style, the new release delivers a positive message filled with love, hope and gratitude.



Sandra Sutter

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The songs were created in collaboration with Juno Award winning producer Chris Burke-Gaffney with creative support from Calgary's Rob Ing and Winnipeg's Vince Fontaine (Eagle & Hawk / Indian City).

Released in February, 2018, *Cluster Stars* is a unique blend of songs aimed at creating a spiritual and emotional bond between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The folk-pop album explores themes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous dialogue, reconciliation and Indigenous women's empowerment.

Sutter, along with Burke-Gaffney and Fontaine, were honoured at the 2019 Indigenous Music Awards as the Best Producers-Engineers for *Cluster Stars*. Her album was also recognized last year as the Best Americana recording at the Native American Music Awards in Seneca, New York.

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