



Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the 33rd Annual Awards Gala hosted by SOCAN.

Best wishes to everyone who is in attendance to celebrate the exceptional accomplishments of Canadian songwriters, composers and music publishers at tonight's event. Congratulations to the award winners whose talents and hard work have made you truly deserving of this recognition. I am pleased that Tom Cochrane will be honoured with the Cultural Impact Award for his hit song "Life is a Highway" and that the Arkells will be receiving the National Achievement Award. Thank you to SOCAN for advocating for the rights of songwriters and composers and fostering the vital work that is needed to build long-term, sustainable careers for our musicians.

I am happy that events like these are taking place in Toronto. Arts, music and culture can be incredible forces for the development of an individual, group or community, and they promote intercultural connections including tolerance, understanding, friendship and social cohesion. Events like the SOCAN Awards, help to support the wonderful talent that is located right here in our city.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto