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**M**usic is a universal language. It connects people across cultures and languages as it inspires, enlightens and entertains. Canada is home to some of the most talented musicians and industry professionals in the world, and the works they produce are a reflection of this country's diversity. Our government understands the contribution that creators make to our cultural and economic vitality, and we are pleased to support them in doing what they do best: telling our stories and bringing our culture to life.

**E**very year, Canadian songwriters, composers and music industry professionals join with fans to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our music scene. The SOCAN Awards are a great showcase for this dynamic sector and an opportunity to recognize excellence in it.

**A**s Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to salute SOCAN for all its hard work on behalf of its members. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this gala a success, and congratulations to all of this year's award recipients.

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The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez