Cris Derksen:

Juno nominated Cris Derksen is an Internationally respected Indigenous Cellist and Composer. Originally from Treaty 8 Northern Alberta she comes from a line of chiefs from NorthTall Cree Reserve on her father's side and a line of strong Mennonite homesteaders on her mother's. Derksen braids the traditional and contemporary, weaving her classical background and her Indigenous ancestry together with new school electronics to create genre-defying music.

Derksen performs nationally and internationally as a soloist and in collaboration with some of Canada's finest. Recent concert destinations include Carnegie Hall NYC, Norway, Chile, Hong Kong, Australia, Mongolia, Europe and a whole lot of Canada: the place Derksen refers to as home.