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The Six String Nation – A Movement to Connect all Canadians – Brings Music and Stories From Coast to Coast

The Six String Nation -- a movement based on a guitar that connects people from all regions of Canada through music and by sharing our stories -- launched July 1 at the Canada Day Celebrations in Ottawa, and is appearing at festivals across the country, all summer.

Traditional, but not necessarily typical, Canadian icons, images and stories are built right into the Six String Nation guitar. The sixty-plus components of the guitar are at the heart of the project; each element is something meaningful and representative of a significant aspect of Canadian history or culture.

The Six String Nation is the brainchild of award-winning broadcaster Jowi Taylor, in collaboration with master luthier George Rizsanyi, who created the guitar at his workshop in Nova Scotia.

"People in diverse communities right across the country have richly fascinating stories to share, and too often we don't hear them. The Six String Nation guitar is a way to put all kinds of stories at the fingertips of musicians and in the ears of listeners," says Jowi Taylor.

The Six String Nation guitar came to life on Canada Day on Parliament Hill, where Jowi Taylor introduced the Six String Nation to the country. The first mainstage performance of the guitar was **Stephen Fearing playing "The Longest Road."** The guitar now has taken on a life of its own, and the soul of Canadian stories and music is being shared with audiences by the musicians who are playing the guitar. Musicians who have performed with the guitar in its first 2 weeks include **Colin James, Bruce Cockburn, Mighty Popo, Madagascar Slim, Feist, Kevin Breit, Jean-Francois Breau, Aselin Debison, Michel Pagliaro, Kyle Riabko, Matty Powell, Hawksley Workman, Don Freed, Justin Rutledge, the Wailin' Jennies, James Keelaghan, Arianne Moffat,** and many others. Many more musicians will be playing the guitar as the summer festivals tour progresses.

A summer-long festivals tour will take the Six String Nation from coast to coast across Canada.

The Six String Nation will be at:

July 1:	Canada Day Celebrations	Ottawa, ON
July 7:	Mariposa Folk Festival	Orillia, ON
July 8 & 9:	Winnipeg Folk Festival	Winnipeg, MB
July 14-16:	Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Vancouver, BC
July 21-23:	Dawson City Music Festival	Dawson City, YK
July 27-30:	Hillside Festival	Guelph, ON
Aug 2 & 3:	Tyne Valley Oyster Festival	Tyne Valley, PEI
Aug 4-6:	Acadien de Caraquet	Caraquet, NB
Aug 10 & 11:	Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival	Lunenburg, NS
Aug 12 & 13:	Edmonton Folk Festival	Edmonton, AB
Aug 18-20:	Summerfolk	Owen Sound, ON
Aug 25-27:	Indie Unlimited at Harbourfront Centre	Toronto, ON

People can check out the Six String Nation festivals tour road blog and weekly podcasts all summer, at www.SixStringNation.com.

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