

# T R U E N R T H

## T H E C A N A D I A N S O N G B O O K

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### **True North: The Canadian Songbook debuts first original song: “I Can See Hope From Here”**



MAY 5, 2017 – Today, Eleanor McCain debuted “I Can See Hope From Here”, the only original song from her upcoming album *True North: The Canadian Songbook*. Recorded with the **Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra** and featuring oboist **Lesley Young**, the song was written by brothers **Don and Jeff Breithaupt**. These talented siblings originally hail from Ontario and devote themselves to the marriage of lovingly crafted melodies with well-honed lyrics. They have seen songwriting success on both sides of the border with their perennially sold-out Joe’s Pub concert series in New York City. Don Breithaupt is also the musical producer of McCain’s Songbook project.

The song was inspired by the third Breithaupt brother, Ross, on their annual family summer vacation in Georgian Bay. One morning, Ross looked off in the distance at Hope Island, and said, “I can see Hope from here” -- and a song title was born. As Jeff describes the writing process, “This song grew piece by piece:

a bit of music, then lyric, then music, then more lyric. It's a song about living through a dark night of the soul and coming into the dawn - the light."

Adds brother Don, "There's an image in the first line of the bridge, of dreams and stars bringing light from the past." This is a song of optimism and faith, traits Canadians are recognized and known for.

A deluxe hardcover bilingual coffee table book accompanies the *True North: The Canadian Songbook* double album. The book features Canadian landscape photography as well as commentary from many of the songwriters and contributors including special quotes from Sarah McLachlan, Bruce Cockburn, Randy Bachman, Anne Murray and more. This is a true celebration of Canada in honour of her 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation.

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True North: The Canadian Songbook is available for pre-order and will be on sale May 12, 2017; the full song list is attached.

TRUE	NORTH
Hallelujah <small>(feat. National Arts Centre Orchestra) 5:03</small>	1 Ordinary Day <small>(feat. Natalie MacMaster, National Arts Centre Orchestra) 5:52</small>
A Case Of You <small>(feat. National Arts Centre Orchestra) 5:50</small>	2 Four Strong Winds <small>(feat. Rik Emmett, Victoria Symphony) 4:24</small>
Helpless <small>(feat. Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) 4:30</small>	3 All The Diamonds In The World <small>(feat. Victoria Symphony) 4:08</small>
Run To You <small>(feat. François D'Amours, Vineet Vyas, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) 3:52</small>	4 Gold In Them Hills <small>(feat. Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony) 3:48</small>
I'll Always Be There <small>(feat. Roch Voisine, Sharon Riley And The Faith Chorale, National Arts Centre Orchestra) 4:57</small>	5 Aujourd'hui, je dis bonjour à la vie <small>(feat. Don Ross, Orchestre symphonique de Québec) 4:27</small>
If You Could Read My Mind <small>(feat. Liona Boyd, National Arts Centre Orchestra) 4:16</small>	6 We Rise Again <small>(feat. Laura David, Denise Djakic, Saskatoon Children's Choir, Symphony New Brunswick) 4:14</small>
Angel <small>(feat. Denise Djakic, Pro Coro Canada, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra) 4:42</small>	7 Broken Arrow <small>(feat. Paul Pike, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra) 5:34</small>
The Surest Things Can Change <small>(feat. Guido Basso, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra) 4:42</small>	8 Some Of These Days <small>(feat. Matt Dusk, Symphony Nova Scotia) 2:21</small>
Good Mother <small>(feat. Victoria Symphony) 4:47</small>	9 Song For The Mira <small>(feat. John McDermott, Symphony Nova Scotia) 5:31</small>
Constant Craving <small>(feat. Jens Lindemann, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra) 3:40</small>	10 Heart Like A Wheel <small>(feat. George Gao, Ron Korb, Donald Quan, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra) 4:56</small>
Get Me Through December <small>(feat. National Arts Centre Orchestra) 5:29</small>	11 Still Believe In Love <small>(feat. Symphony Nova Scotia) 3:47</small>
Undun <small>(feat. Bill McBirnie, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra) 4:07</small>	12 Up Where We Belong <small>(feat. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra) 5:01</small>
I Will Play A Rhapsody <small>(feat. Jan Lisiecki, National Arts Centre Orchestra) 4:06</small>	13 Snowbird <small>(feat. Edmonton Symphony Orchestra) 3:04</small>
Le monde est stone <small>(feat. Elmer Iseler Singers, Orchestre symphonique de Québec) 5:26</small>	14 No Change In Me <small>(feat. Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra) 5:06</small>
I Can See Hope From Here <small>(feat. Lesley Young, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra) 4:24</small>	15 Rhythm Of My Heart <small>(feat. The College of Piping, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony) 4:25</small>
O Siem <small>(feat. Natasha Allakarialak, Sharon Riley And The Faith Chorale, Orchestre symphonique de Québec) 4:34</small>	16 The Island <small>(feat. The Men of the Deep, Symphony New Brunswick) 4:48</small>

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## **About True North: The Canadian Songbook**

Showcasing 32 of Canada's most beloved pop and folk songs, *True North: The Canadian Songbook* is Eleanor McCain's sixth studio album. Produced by Don Breithaupt and featuring the creations of 14 arrangers, 28 guest artists, and 10 symphony orchestras from across the country, *True North: The Canadian Songbook* was developed to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. In addition to the recording, there is an accompanying English hardcover coffee table book featuring fashion portraits in select Canadian locations by co-curator V. Tony Hauser, sumptuous full-colour landscape photography by 22 photographers from across Canada, complementary song lyrics, songwriter commentary, and behind-the-scenes shots by Greg Locke, along with a double CD insert. This epic, multi-year passion project is a touching tribute to the people, songwriters, musicians, photographers and landscape of Canada. Eleanor is joined on this project by a talented team of artists, performers, and industry experts all of whom worked passionately to bring this to fruition. An accompanying short documentary film will also be released. *True North: The Canadian Songbook* will be available for sale

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