

Canada pays tribute to Derek Bachman

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Tributes continue to pour in from across the country as many in the Saskatchewan music community reel from the news of Derek Bachman's death.

The StarPhoenix says Bachman, executive director for [SaskMusic](#), [passed away](#) from a brief illness the morning of December 10.

The SaskMusic official website featured its own tribute to Bachman features the striking photo of Bachman; arms crossed and a megawatt smile, with the caption, "Rest in peace, brother. We miss you so much."

Members of the SaskMusic Board and executives released a statement the morning of his death, stating Bachman's passing is "[a huge loss](#)" both locally and abroad.

CBC News Saskatoon says Bachman was responsible in part for "[bringing high profile events like the Juno Awards and the Western Canadian Music Awards to Saskatchewan.](#)"



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Derek Bachman, you were a great human and the best friend a Saskatchewan musician could ever hope for RIP. #saskmusic

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Within days, several organizations stepped-up to pay tribute to a man who can only be described as tireless, passionate, and a mentor to many in the music industry.

CBC Radio Saskatchewan aired a special two-hour musical tribute the morning of December 13.

Toronto/Saskatoon-based fiddler [Karnneell](#) released a song dedicated to Bachman titled “38 & Gone” on his official website as part of a challenge to compose a new piece of music everyday for 25 days during the holiday season.

Listen to the song and download the free sheet music [here](#).

Craig Silliphant of [Planet S](#) magazine wrote, [A Tribute to Derek Bachman](#), voicing support to rename the Saskatoon South Bridge as Bachman Bridge, citing Bachman’s ability to “build(ing) bridges for our musicians and our music industry people.”

Other tributes include tweets from NXNE, The Juno Awards, Dine Alone Records, Folk Music Canada, National Music Centre, among others.



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A devastating loss for SK musicians and for those who knew and loved him. RIP Derek Bachman, our friend. #saskmusic

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Bachman’s career spanned nearly 20 years in the music community, with involvement in various organizations including the Saskatchewan Original Music Association and [Rawk Entertainment](#).

SaskMusic says an educational fund for Bachman’s two sons will be established shortly, for anyone wishing to contribute in lieu of flowers.

–Leyland Bradley

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