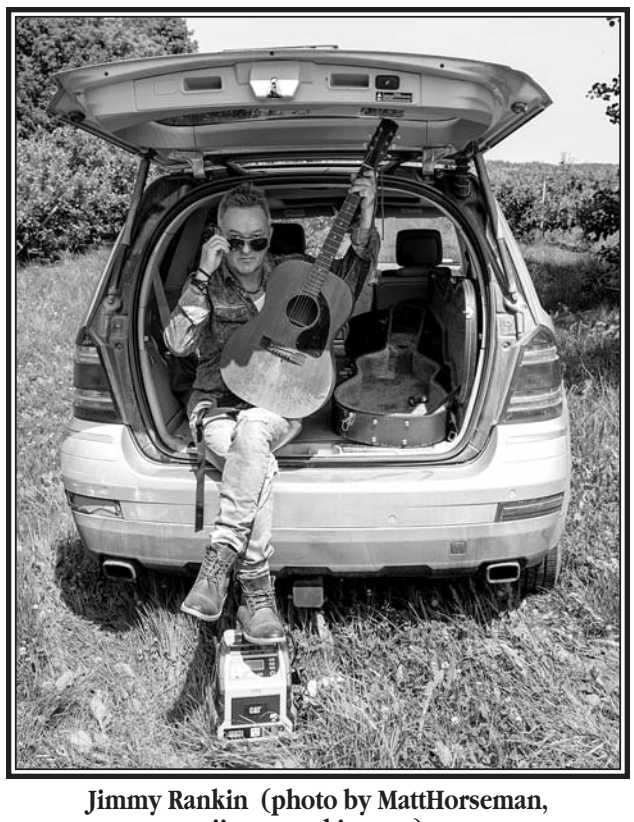


Jimmy Rankin (photo by MattHorseman, jimmyrankin.com)

Jimmy Rankin to Appear at ROOTED Gala 2026

ROOTED Gala 2026 will feature a five-course culinary adventure created by renowned Nova Scotia chefs using local ingredients. Set for Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at the Halifax Convention Centre, the Gala will feature a five-course culinary adventure, a silent auction, and special guest performance by Canadian folk-rock and Celtic music icon and 4-H alumnus Jimmy Rankin.

Rooted Gala has announced its major sponsors for Atlantic Canada's leading celebration of the farmers who nurture the land and the chefs who transform Nova Scotian grown products into culinary artistry to include: Real Atlantic Superstore, Kubota Canada, East Coast Credit Union, Farm Credit Canada and the RBC are ROOTED Gala's 2026 Major Sponsors.

Real Atlantic Superstore returns as ROOTED's Reception Sponsor and Kubota Canada is a new sponsor supporting the Special Guest's appearance. East Coast Credit Union is ROOTED's Cultivating Leaders Sponsor, generously supporting young 4-H leaders from across Nova Scotia to attend the Gala. Farm Credit Canada returns as the Technology Sponsor and the RBC is supporting the Nova Scotia Farm Wine served at the Gala.

"The future of our communities are being shaped by young people who are learning how to lead, contribute and care for the places they call home. 4-H inspires youth to gain practical skills and confidence while building a deeper connection to agriculture and community life. As a member-owned co-operative, with deep roots across Nova Scotia, East Coast Credit Union is proud to be ROOTED's Cultivating Leaders Sponsor. We look forward to celebrating the people who feed our communities and inspire the next generation to carry that work forward," said Ken Shea, President and CEO, East Coast Credit Union.

A country-chic evening, ROOTED will bring together community members, local businesses, 4-H supporters and generous people who believe in empowering youth - 4-H members who are essential to building strong, vibrant communities, farms and a resilient food system.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the support and enthusiasm ROOTED has received from its Major Sponsors. They have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to celebrate our farmers and invest in the future of farming, Nova Scotia's 4-H program," said ROOTED Gala Chair, David Hovell. "These corporate sponsors are making it possible for ROOTED to be a guest experience like no other and one that will have a lasting impact".

Tickets for ROOTED Gala are available at **www.RootedGala.ca**.

9 Indigenous-Led Projects Receive $3.3-Million

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for Central Nova, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency said, "In Nova Scotia and across Mi'kma'ki, Indigenous entrepreneurs, businesses and organizations are creating opportunities, driving innovation and strengthening communities. These investments will help provide the capacity, connections and assets needed to generate lasting economic benefits. By supporting Indigenous leadership in sectors ranging from fisheries and tourism to research and clean technology, we are advancing economic reconciliation and creating a stronger economy for everyone."

Funding announced on October 21st is provided through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's (ACOA) Regional Economic Growth through Innovation program, Innovative Communities Fund and Business Development Program. Indigenous Services Canada also provided funding for three of these projects through the Strategic Partnerships Initiative and the Community Opportunity Readiness Program and Fisheries and Oceans Canada also provided funding for one of these projects through the Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative.

"Indigenous Peoples are building vibrant economies that reflect their priorities, strengths, and aspirations. These investments support Indigenous-led projects that expand business opportunities, attract visitors, strengthen workforce and procurement readiness, and open doors to new markets. By investing in Indigenous entrepreneurship and economic leadership, we are helping create sustainable prosperity and stronger communities across Atlantic Canada." was a closing comment from, *The Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services.*

(For project details See $3.3 Million Invested In 9 Indigenous-Led Projects on Page 16)

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