

Artist: Leela Gilday

Album: *North Star Calling*

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Acclaimed musician Leela Gilday is poised for a big return with her first new album in five years, *North Star Calling*. She dropped the record's debut single in May, a powerhouse of a blues track called "K'eintah Natse Ju," which she wrote "in celebration of the resilience of Indigenous northerners." Gilday's voice is like a fire lighting the way, illuminating the dark, calling us closer. When the backing powwow vocals flood in to join Gilday on the key change, it's a moment of love and triumph. *North Star Calling* will likely be Gilday's most personal offering yet. "It's been a tough five years, some real hard personal realities to face, and so I delayed making this record," Gilday told CBC Music. "As a result, and as a result of meeting my amazing producer Hill Kourkoutis, it's the most honest and raw record I've ever made. It was hard to make, but a beautiful experience, too." — *AW*

