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## "Prairie Song" ~ October 5, 2019

## Singer-Songwriter Circle & Community Fundraiser

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Local musician Ryan Lindsay will be joined by prairie musicians for an intimate evening showcasing the stories that have inspired their song writing and music in support of the Spirit of the Land Foundation.

## The Artists:

Ryan Lindsay: An Augustana Alumni, Ryan is a fast-rising country artist and singer-songwriter, winning the Country 105 rising star in 2018 and, following the release of his first album this year was selected as a top 12 artist in Alberta Music's artist development program, "Project Wild".

Don Amero: Don is an engaging storyteller, songwriter and performer. With 7 albums to his name he has already garnered numerous national and international awards, including a JUNO nomination in 2013 and two more in 2016.

Joni Delaurier: Born into a large musical family, Joni has been in music her whole life. She considers herself a songwriter first, and her music has made her a SOCAN Award Winner and CCMA Songwriter of the Year nominee during her career.

*Troy Kokol:* Troy Kokol is a singer, producer, video director and songwriter with over 200 cuts to his name in a variety of music genres. Troy is a recipient of the SOCAN Award for Country Music and is a 2-time CCMA Songwriter of the Year nominee.

## The Fundraiser:

<u>Spirit of the Land Foundation</u> has been created to continue the legacy generated by the Spirit of the Land program at Augustana, U of A Campus, Camrose. Over the past 7 years students as well as many individuals from the larger community entered into a common journey to explore our relationship with the land and with each other. The program heightened the awareness of participants to the need to care for and nurture an environment that provides for our livelihood as well as our mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

The newly formed Spirit of the Land Foundation will focus on providing opportunities for place based, hands-on learning activities in the community and surrounding rural areas. The Foundation will also address the issue of making farmland affordable for new young agrarians through co-operative and community land ownership.

A kick-off fundraiser concert, "Prairie Song," will be hosted by the Spirit of the Land Foundation on Saturday, October 5 at the Camrose Regional Exhibition (CRE) in Camrose beginning at 6:30pm. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.spiritoftheland.ca">www.spiritoftheland.ca</a> or phone 780-781-5620.