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Woodland Cultural Centre Mourns the Passing of Robbie Robertson

The Woodland Cultural Centre mourns the passing yesterday of our friend and champion, the iconic Robbie Robertson.

Robertson's career was influenced by early trips with his mother Rosemarie to visit family in Six Nations of the Grand River - a community known for supporting musical and artistic talent. Robertson's passion for music was matched by his kindness and humility and his work was an inspiration to many young musicians and community members.

Woodland Cultural Centre plays an important role in the lives of many emerging Indigenous artists through exhibitions, open mic nights, workshops and supporting of acts of cultural reclamation. One of the ways Robertson demonstrated this support was by serving as the honorary chair of the campaign to build a new cultural centre. His greatest legacy will be the opportunities his trailblazing work continues to provide other artists to celebrate and promote Indigenous culture.

Former elected chief of Six Nations of the Grand River Ava Hill served with Robertson as campaign committee co-chair. "Robbie was a dear friend and colleague, a giant in the music industry and an inspiration to many young Indigenous musicians and youth across the country," she said. "The community of Six Nations is saddened today, but know that his music and his dedication to all Indigenous Peoples will live on as we continue to work towards creating a new Cultural Centre, a place where we can showcase future musicians who have been inspired by Robbie."



Ava Hill presents Robbie Robertson a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Gathering Place, Six Nations in October 2017 (courtesy of Ava Hill).

Robbie's family encourages people to continue his support of the Centre's Capital Campaign. Donations can be made in his name through the [Woodland Cultural Centre Website](https://www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca).

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