

# Don Freed's FAMILY/LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Songwriter and poet Don Freed has put together a wonderful one-hour presentation of song and story suitable for the whole family or grades 1-6 in elementary schools. Reaching into the folkloric stories and language of the Cree, the Kaska, the Lakota and the Metis, Don masterfully spins these yarns and sings the songs. Hear the oldest story in Canada, the Kaska legend of "Dunna Cho" told in song. Listen to the Lakota legends; hear a story of Gabriel Dumont.

Don has traveled and worked all across Canada from Dawson City to Manitoulin Island writing songs and gathering stories in five different dialects. His knowledge is so rich that he has the ability to tailor entertaining and educational presentations to suit audiences of any age.

*"I have five ADD boys in my class, and not one of them moved the whole time!"*

**-- A teacher in Regina Saskatchewan after one of Don's shows**

*"That was the best show I've ever seen in my whole life."*

**-- A Regina student age 10**

*"In the morning that's when we're mostly bad because we're tired. When we're tired we're grumpy, but when Don came in we were always happy. Everyone started showing up at school."*

**-- A Student at Sioux Valley School, Sioux Valley, Manitoba**

We are story-telling beings every culture on earth has done this for thousands of years sitting and dancing around campfires. Now we sit in front screens and instead of communicating with each other face to face, we send cyber signals and most often we miss the point. Don Freed bridges that gap.

