

Don Freed's SINGING ABOUT THE METIS

This forty-five minute performance in story and song is tailored especially for the primary grades. All of the material in this presentation was written as a co-operative effort between students and Don Freed.

Don did an eighteen-month stint as “writer in residence” with the public library in Prince Albert Saskatchewan; he visited elementary classes and crafted songs with the students from kindergarten to grade 7 chronicling various aspects of Metis history and culture. Some of the titles include “**The Mischievous Michif Mutts’, Daughters of the Country, Liberty and the Mean Old King, Red River Hunters**” and more. These optimistic songs and the informative stories that accompany them will make Canadian history come alive for your students. They will sing along with easy to learn choruses about Red River carts, hunters, trappers, traders, and Gabriel Dumont. They’ll learn about the very earliest days of their country and the important and unique place that the Metis had in it. They will bark like dogs and howl like wolves, jig, and all the while learn pertinent information.

Don Freed has been entertaining folk and children’s audiences for over 30 years. We are sure that your students will benefit from the time that they will spend with him. Having Don Freed in come to your classroom is truly a fascinating opportunity.

