

Objectives

To utilize my experience in social justice education, community music, non-profit and philanthropic fundraising in the development of educational programs for youth. I am seeking a position where I can expand on my experience in program management and social development with Indigenous Youth creating and sustaining engaging and collaborative programs with community and educational partners.

EMPLOYMENT

2017-Present DAREarts

- Remote Programs Manager, leading teams, creating workshops and developing programs for DAREarts First Roots Indigenous Program emphasizing leadership training through the arts. In this position, I organize flights, accommodations, consult with school, band council and community partners. Through careful positioning, I am responsible for assembling and managing artist teams locally and in the far north.

2006-Present: Music in Mind

- Formed a character, equity and social justice education company that provides original and unique educational programs, kits, workshops and keynote concerts for schools and corporations.

2007-2017 DAREarts

- Artist Educator for DAREarts working with their First Roots Program in fly-in indigenous communities and their inner city program, All The Arts, developing and creating unique and inspirational arts based workshops.

2017-June 2020: Programs Manager for ArtsCan Circle

- Management of artist teams including flight co-ordination and booking, accommodations, artist manual and training, team protocol development and training, locating and booking of artists for trips, instrument donation and donation strategies, culturally specific programming for workshops, program development, instrument collection, storage and shipping.

2015-Present: Camp Robin Hood-Seasonal Employment during the Summer

- **Camp Musical director**-creating and implementing music programs incorporating West African Drumming, songwriting and digital recording

2007-present: York Region District School Board's Arts Camp

- Employed as a songwriting teacher

2008-2016: Artist in Residence York Region District School Board

- a pioneer artist in the **A.I.R** program creating and implementing an innovative songwriting workshop, called “**Jam Speak**”, in schools across Ontario

2008-2017: Ontario Arts Council Artist in Education

- A.I.E. is a grant program that provides yearly funding for six schools that I use to teach social justice songwriting and playwriting with at risk students across Ontario.

2010-2014: Crestwood Valley Day Camp

- Created and implemented the camp music program, bringing in West African Drumming and a Ukulele Program.

2009: Music director for Heart for Africa in Swaziland

- Acted as director for international charity organization, Heart for Africa's production of *Litsemba- A concert of Hope*. Instructed and led children from the El Shaddai Orphanage and youth from the United States and Canada travelling with Heart for Africa, in rehearsal and performance for the concert event. Arranged, directed, performed and choreographed performance at a 1000 seat concert theatre

2010: Mission work and concert performance Litsemba II in Swaziland

- performed in front of 20 000 orphaned and at risk children and King Mswati III of Swaziland.
- Worked with a team, building a fence and planting a garden for a community in Swaziland

EDUCATION

2015-2017

- Completed my Master's Degree in Community Music at Wilfred Laurier University

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **2020**-Completed and published a book of poetry, **Dance with Fear, Live in the Light**, in collaboration with visual artist Courtney Revie.
- **2017**-Created and produced **The Sacred Canoe**, a final project for my Master's Program at Laurier that featured a 150-piece art exhibit, a 17' painted canoe and a 90-minute production on First Nations History in Canada.
- **2015-present**-Created a national anti-bullying campaign, **Say My Name Canada** and a music video for the song, "**Say My Name**", that was featured on the front page of The Toronto Star and on Global Television. The video has over 2 million views on You Tube.
- **2012-present**-Developed and implemented an **Anti-bullying Day** consisting of a keynote address-**Give to Live**, intensive workshops and a theme for the day based on school harmony, empathy and compassion.
- Created an anti-bullying program, **Positive Classrooms**, that includes two curriculum based resources supported by ministry research with the goal of creating positive classroom culture as an effective remedy against bullying and social isolation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Co-wrote the song "**Everybody Wants to Be Like You**", with the artist, "**Snow**" in **2000**. The song is the second fastest rising song in Canadian history, reaching the Top Ten and is currently the fifth most played song in Canadian radio history.
- Received a **Socan** award and was nominated for a **Juno** award in the best songwriting category for "**Everybody Wants to Be Like You**".
- November **2005** flew to Africa to film a video for my song, "**Like a Child**". Went to number one on **Much More Music's** "Clip Trip" show.
- On Sunday **Aug.13th /06**, the video for **Like a Child**, debuted at the **Rogers Centre Sky dome** for the **Toronto International AIDS Conference**. On Friday

Aug.18th/06 I closed the **Toronto International AIDS Conference** with a performance of **Like a Child** in front of 7000 people, broadcast internationally on CBC Newsworld.

- Came second in the **2006 Mix 99.9 Canadian Radio Star Contest**, with the song entry “**Don’t Let Your Love Go**”.

AWARDS

- **Nominated for Ontario Arts Foundation Artist Educator Award for 2018**
- **2017-Wilfrid Laurier’s 30 in 30** Recipient. Honoring 30 inspiring graduates over 30 years
- **2011-Toastmasters** Communications and Leadership Award
- **2010-York Region Character Award** Nominee
- **2006**-Second place in **The Great Canadian Radio Star** Contest for Mix 99.9
- **2000- SOCAN Number One** Award for “Everybody Wants to Be Like You” by the Artist Snow
- **2000-Juno** Nomination-Songwriting Category for “Everybody Wants to Be Like You” by the Artist Snow

CHARITY WORK

- **2015-present**-Created a national anti-bullying campaign, **Say my Name Canada** featured in The Toronto Star and on Global Television.
- **2015**-Anti-bullying video **Say My Name** released on You Tube. Currently at over 2 million views.
- **2015-Present**-Created a non-profit **Positive Classrooms**, to help address bullying in the school system.
- **2007-2010**-Raised \$100 000 to date for The Cotlands Orphanage in South Africa, working with the Stephen Lewis Foundation,
- **2010**-Composed a song, **One Candle** and created a charitable CD to raise money for the **Toronto Military Family Resource Center**
- **2000-2003**-Supported the charity, **The Starlight Children’s Foundation** that raises money for terminally ill children. To date I have raised over 10,000 dollars for them.

INTERESTS

- Writing, production and performance of music
- Audio engineering and production
- video production and editing
- creative writing short stories, poetry, children’s and adult novels
- enjoy tennis, cycling, and fitness