

ALBERTA SONG PROJECT

AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO BE PART OF

SONG WRITING INTENSIVE

AN ALBERTA EDUCATION CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Students ...

Are you a grade 4, 5 or 6 class in Fall 2005?

Are you curious about how songs are written?

Would you love to spend a day and half with the writer of the Alberta Song (Mary Kieftenbeld) and another song writer composing songs about your school and your community?

Would you like to join Mary in a concert of your songs and hers for your school community?

If the answer is **yes**, write an essay (1-2 pages) explaining why your school should be one of the eight schools throughout Alberta selected to take part in this special Centennial project. Essays need to be submitted by June 17 to the address on the back of this brochure.

Information for Teachers:

Song Writing Intensive: The Centennial Music Project will provide students with the opportunity to explore the art and practice of song writing through one to two day workshops with a musician/songwriter/technician and Mary Kieftenbeld. At the workshop a group of students from grades 4-6, selected by the school, will learn about the forms and methods of song writing and will write and perform songs about their own school, community or region of Alberta. The workshop would culminate in a performance for the school and/or community of the new songs by the students and the Alberta song and others by Ms Kieftenbeld.

Objectives of this project:

- * Introduce students to the art and craft of song writing
- * Provide students with access to and interaction with professional musicians
- * Promote student exploration of their community through music



- * Provide an opportunity to encourage expression through song writing, an integration of language arts, community history and music
- * Provide an intensive workshop experience
- * Promote the *Alberta Song*.

How will the eight schools be selected?

From submitted essays, a panel will select the successful schools from both urban and rural areas. Special encouragement is given to schools which are not currently being served by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Artists and Education grant program, the Arts Touring Alliance of Alberta and other such outreach programs.

When are the workshops?

Workshops will take place throughout October and November.

What is the school's commitment?

Schools will be responsible for providing the venue for the workshops (classroom) and the performance at the end of the workshop, including venue, promotion and equipment costs. (Note: The performance can be just for the school but could also be offered to the community.) The musicians' travel, honoraria, accommodation and relevant meals will be paid for by the Alberta Education Centennial projects.

How to apply?

Applications for workshops must be in by June 17, 2005 and must include:

- 1) A short student essay describing why their school should be selected for a workshop.**
- 2) A statement from the teacher or principal giving the following information:**
 - ◆ A description of the school.
 - ◆ A description of the school's music program.
 - ◆ The need for the program.
 - ◆ The time frame during October and November 2005 suitable for the school.

To learn more about Mary Kieftenbeld go to www.marykief.com

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