



Colony Educators of Manitoba

McMaster House, 191 Harcourt Street
Winnipeg, MB

KEYNOTE

Fred Penner



A gentle giant with an undeniable ability to make you feel good about yourself. This musical master brings 30 years of commitment, consistency and depth to a career that blends the many genres of performing and communication. From delivering a

prolific 12 CD's to families across North America to countless energetically live shows for eager audiences; to 13 seasons of *Fred Penner's Place* TV series, CBC (Canada) and *Nick Jr.* (USA), to composing the music for YTV's *Tipi Tales*, as well as keynote presenter at numerous early childhood conferences, he has, without a doubt, established himself as a fundamental part of the North American family entertainment scene.

Fred's visibility has allowed him the privilege and joy of using his voice to support organizations like UNESCO, World Vision, UNICEF and the Canadian Down Syndrome Society. In 2005, Fred journeyed to Zambia, Africa with World Vision to host a program for Child Sponsorship in the Western World.

As early as the age of four, Penner would make up songs while traveling on the bus with his mother. He taught himself how to play the guitar when he was in grade school, and performed in school choirs and pageants. Through his experience, with his sister Suzy who had Down syndrome he recognized the therapeutic value of music.

Whether it's through cd's, concerts, videos, books or television, his cornerstone philosophy remains the same: "Never underestimate your ability to make a difference in the life of a child". In 1991, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada for "using music and song to entertain and educate his young audience."

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Workshop #1: Music Is The Message

This session will begin briefly by outlining what 30 years in entertainment has taught Fred Penner and the practical gems he has accumulated. Fred will then focus on exploring different ways of integrating music and activity with life and the curriculum. You will be introduced to songs for self-esteem, identity, imagination and creativity. Yes, you will be singing, because music is the dialogue for this workshop!

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: A Walk On The Wild Side

Fred Penner will take you on a journey into the world of making music, patterns

and rhythm. Writing a song isn't a difficult task, so why don't you give it a try. You will see how Michelangelo fits into the system...really! Again, you will be singing! Your favourites are a chord away!

REGISTRATION

SAG Membership Fees

Full.....\$20.00

SAG Conference Registration Fees

SAG Member.....\$30.00

SAG Non-member.....\$49.00

Lunch available for CEM members.

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