

# ABORIGINAL ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS.

## SKY BUFFALO PRESENTS

Thanks to the support from the Ontario Arts Council, John Somosi and Kathryn Edgecombe are pleased to be able to offer schools the opportunity to have them come and present their engaging and educational workshops involving music and story telling.

These workshops give students a hands-on experience of traditional music using hand drums and story telling using symbolism found in pictographs, making the curriculum come alive.

The workshops are suitable for one or two classes with John presenting the music component to half the students while Kathryn works with the other half of the group. Each part of the workshop takes about one and a half hours so a three hour time period is needed to complete the program.



John Somosi is a Metis (Cree and French) from Saskatchewan who now makes his home in Hanover, Ontario. He has spent much of the last twenty years travelling around North America as well as Australia speaking with and learning from Elders. He has also done ceremony in Canada, United States, Great Britain, Australia and Fiji. Sweat Lodges and a yearly trip to Sundance in Manitoba are part of John's regular spiritual path.



Kathryn was a teacher with the Waterloo Regional District School Board for seventeen years. Her great-grandmother was a Cree from Red River which has led to a life long interest in Aboriginal communities. Kathryn has attended many ceremonies and teaching gatherings and she has a Native perspective and world view which she shares with students.

“On April 26th, 2010, we had an outstanding experience; John Somosi came to our school and taught our grade 6/7 class to use hand made Native-Canadian drums. Our entire class thought that it was amazing how he was so involved and passionate about his culture.” Sarah and Jodi-Lynn

“As a teacher, Kathryn demonstrated a professional style that always reflected excellence. Her classroom exuded an aura of caring, respect, fairness, and active participation.” Brian Morgan, Principal MacGregor P.S.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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