



**DUANE GASTANT' AUCOIN**



**Duane Gastant' Aucoin** is a Wolf/Yanyedi member of the Teslin Tlingit Council. He received training from his elders as the lead singer/drummer/dancer for the Deeslin Khwaan Dancers and has performed with them throughout Canada and the US since 1996. Prior to his return to Teslin, Yukon, Aucoin received formal schooling in the First Nation Theatre Training, taught by nationally-acclaimed director Carol Grey-Eyes.

Aucoin produced/directed/wrote/starred in 'Kichx Anagaat Yatx'i: Children of the Rainbow,' a celebration of two-Spirited peoples which premiered at the 2003 Out On Screen Queer Film & Video Festival where he won the 'Audience Favorite for Best Feature.' This work led to his receiving the 'International Two-Spirit Male Warrior' Award at the 19th International Two-Spirit Gathering held in Saskatchewan in 2007.

In 2004, Aucoin was the associate producer for the Our City Our Voices Project with the National Film Board of Canada. The project helped First Nations people living in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside tell their stories.

Aucoin recently completed a documentary entitled 'My Own Private Lower Post' in which he journeys with his mother, Vicky Bob, a survivor of a residential school, to discover how he, too, is a survivor.

He is working on new video productions but his most important work continues to be supporting the elders in his community of Teslin to bring back his Inland Tlingit language and culture.

He is currently performing solo and as 'Cash Creek Charlie' along with Sharon 'Gramma Susie' Shorty in the stand-up comedy routine 'Susie & Charlie' at venues across Canada.