



# **JERRY ALFRED & SHUN DUN**



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**Jerry Alfred** is a Northern Tutchone Crow Clan member of the Selkirk First Nation. At birth, he was named 'Keeper of the Songs' for his First Nation. A self-taught musician, Jerry received his first guitar at the age of seven – a gift from his father. He played his first gig at nine for a dance in Pelly Crossing, Yukon.

Jerry is a very talented and humble multi-instrumentalist playing drum, harmonica and mandolin along with 6- and 12-string guitars. He is inspired by Bob Dylan and Rod Stewart.

In 1995, Jerry won a Juno Award for Aboriginal Recording of the Year. Jerry has toured Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia promoting his music.

In the winter of 2009, Jerry Alfred formed his new band, Shun Dun, comprised mainly of Northern Tutchone musicians.

Shun Dun means 'Song People' in Northern Tutchone and the music is inspired by this poetic language. "Its about hanging on to a bit of the culture or trying to bring the culture back. It is about the land, the animals, the people, the waters."

Jerry resides in his home community of Pelly Crossing and serves as a Crow Councilor for Chief and Council of the Selkirk First Nation Government. His portfolio is cultural development.

When Jerry is not busy with music and government responsibilities he is working with the youth in his community assisting with the development of the Selkirk traditional dance group. When opportune, his public performances are complimented by six dancers.