



SHARON SHORTY





Voted one of the 'Top 10 Yukoners to Meet' in Up Here Magazine, **Sharon Shorty** is from Teslin Tlingit, Northern Tutchone and Norwegian heritage. Sharon is from the Raven Clan and was raised in the storytelling tradition of her southern Yukon community.

Mentored in the art of storytelling by her Tlingit Grandma Carrie Jackson and Northern Tutchone storyteller Louise Profeit-Leblanc, Sharon is an award winning actor, a television story producer, and a playwright.

She received a Ross Charles Broadcasting Award and a CTV Fellowship. Ask Sharon about her most important award and she'll tell you it was receiving second place in the Bannock-Making Competition at New Yukon Indian Days in 2003.

Her popular character 'Grandma Susie' tells the old stories as well as her adventures with Colonel Saunders and her trips to New York City. She performs with Duane Gastant' Aucoin to make an unforgettable duo 'Gramma Susie and Cash Creek Charlie.' "The whole thing for me as a performer is to make stories accessible. That is why I created Grandma Susie, it was a fun way to tell stories. I rely on my culture to be inspired, it is my source. To me culture is everything, it is every part of us. I keep that in my work because that is who am."

Her performances have taken her across Canada in the role of storyteller and keynote speaker. Television and radio appearances include APTN, CBC and CTV. She has toured internationally to New Zealand, Switzerland and the US.