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Growing up in a musical and supportive family helped Ed Peekeekoot become a highly skilled finger-style guitarist. A singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ed also plays fiddle, banjo, and traditional Native flute and drums. His **in the key of cree** was nominated for Best Country CD at the Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards 2008. While he didn't win, it was an honour to be nominated and he thoroughly enjoyed performing on the awards show broadcast live on APTN.

The music of Ed Peekeekoot goes from foot-stomping fiddle to virtuoso classical guitar, sprinkled throughout with his Cree humour and philosophy. He takes people on a wildly varied musical journey in styles ranging from country to folk to jazz.

Reviews:

- "one of the most popular acts this year" Robert McCourty, Artistic Director, Islands Folk Festival, 2008
- "I play over 1400 artists on NativeRadio.com [Taos,NM] and I must tell you that your music is truly some of the best I've heard. Every time I take the control board I almost always play your music. It is so excellent and so varied, that I inevitably find several slots to fit you in. Quite amazing really!" Patrick Doyle, CEO
- "You definitely captured and expressed the sounds of nature such as the wild animals and the howling wind through your musical interpretations. I find it difficult to illustrate the relationship of music to nature. I have studied music in Europe and Japan, but never have I experienced such music as your performance." Ilsa Greenwold, Instructor, Juilliard School of Music

Discography:

- **Dance Tonight** (2008) a collection of most requested cover tunes
- **in the key of cree** (2006) nominated for Best Country CD in the 2008 Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards Winnipeg. Genre: World/Aboriginal.
- **Front Porch** (2005) Genre: Instrumental/ Folk/Acoustic.
- **Two Worlds** (1988) BCCMA's EP of the Year 1988
- Also appeared on **Môcikan – Songs for Learning Cree** (2007) by Art Napoleon.
- Compilation CD **Dig Your Roots-Aboriginal** (2006) Campus Radio Association.
- CDs available at www.peekeekoot.ca or CD Baby <http://cdbaby.com/>

Film and Radio:

- ***in the key of Cree*** was #1 in the Top 30 at CHLY Nanaimo, June '08, on the Folk/Roots/Blues list :#3 at CFUV Victoria. #4 CKXU Lethbridge, #8 CJSR Edmonton in August. And was #8 on the national Folk/Roots/Blues for August..
- ***Full Moon Song*** and ***Kokum's Lullaby*** used in Harold Joe's film *Broken Down*.
- Ed's guitar instrumental ***Land of the Raven*** was the theme music for the film series, ***North American Indian Portraits***. He was featured in that series in a film called ***Gentleman Cowboy of Honkytonk***.
- The APTN (TV) series ***Beyond Words*** profiled Ed as artist & musician in 2006.
- Airplay on CBC and on campus & community radio in Canada and the U.S.
- The National Campus and Community Radio Association chose *Wild Lilies to Wheat Fields* from ***in the key of Cree*** for a track on their "Dig Your Roots – Aboriginal" compilation CD, in 2006. ***Five national concerts followed, each broadcast live nationally on campus*** and community radio stations.
- Kamloops Cowboy Festival, 2008 on YouTube.com.
- Duncan Garage Showroom, 2008 on YouTube.com.

PAST PERFORMANCES (Partial Listing):

- North American Indigenous Games, BC
- John Arcand Fiddle Festival, SK
- Saskatoon Fringe Festival, SK
- Salt Spring Island Folk Club, BC
- Native History Month at the Native American Art Gallery, Dallas TX (with support from Canadian Foreign Affairs)
- 100 Mile House Cowboy Concert, BC
- Kamloops Cowboy Festival, BC
- Concerts Under the Stars. Salt Spring Island, BC
- Elders Conference Gatherings, Quadra Island, BC
- Islands Folk Festival, Duncan, BC
- Winnipeg Children's Festival, MN
- Surrey Children's Festival, BC
- Penticton Children's Festival, BC
- Walking in Balance Conference, Fort St. John, BC
- Envision Twilight Concert Series, Mission, BC
- Mayne Island Folk Club, BC
- Abbotsford Agrifair, BC
- Armstrong Interior Provincial Exhibition Stampede & Rodeo, BC
- Dakota Dunes Resort and Casino, Saskatoon, SK
- Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards ceremony, Winnipeg, MN
- Manito Ahbee Festival

- McPhillips Street Station Casino, Winnipeg, MN
- Corporate Events: including Thrifty Foods and Finning Tractor
- Childrens' Events, Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, Shawnigan Lake, BC
- First Nations Elementary & High Schools across Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- Schools on Vancouver Island including:
 - Shawnigan Lake School, Shawnigan Lake
 - Tansor Elementary, Duncan (Art & Music)
 - Alexander Elementary, Duncan (Art & Music)
 - Koksilah Elementary, Duncan
 - Crofton, Elementary, Crofton
 - Alex Aitken Elementary, Duncan (supported K-3 curriculum in special Train-themed concert)
 - George Jay Elementary, Victoria
 - Craigflower Elementary, Victoria
 - Quw-utsun Smuneem Elementary School, Duncan