

SCHOOLS

Ever since Mary Kieftenbeld's song *Alberta* was chosen as winner of the Province's official song contest, she has been sharing it with schools across the region. Students and teachers alike have been raving about her performance of *Alberta* as well as the inspirational messages she brings to her listeners through other songs and stories.

Have Mary perform at your school...

With a positive outlook and openhearted nature, Mary has a natural ability to connect with her audiences through her music. While performing, Mary touches listeners with her warmth, humour, sincerity and openhearted style, encouraging them to believe in dreams, trust in themselves, have courage, take risks, make good choices and reach for the stars.

What does the performance involve?

School concerts include a one-hour session of music and storytelling, with a motivational theme designed to appeal to the age of the audience. Mary incorporates fun into the performance with interactive chants and songs, CD give-ways and a teacher participation song called "My Dubble Bubble Gum and Me", which has become a hit everywhere she performs! Mary concludes her performance with "*Alberta*" and shares the inspiration behind composing it and the exciting things that have happened since it was chosen as Alberta's Official Song.

What is required of the school?

Besides making arrangements to have students gather in a suitable location for the performance, there is not a lot required of the school. Mary brings all her own sound equipment and needs one hour prior to the concert for equipment set up and sound check. Also, in order to build excitement about the performance and the Centennial, it is recommended that schools play Mary's music and the Alberta song prior to her appearance.

What is the performance fee?

Please contact Mary directly for an estimate to have her perform at your school.

A little bit about Mary...

Mary Kieftenbeld is a singer/songwriter/storyteller who was born and raised near Calahoo, Alberta. As part of a musical family, she began singing in her local church choir at age six. At age ten, she picked up a guitar and has been singing and playing ever since. In May 2003, she released her debut album, "*takin' time*". Mary currently lives near Riviere Qui Barre with her husband Ed, who is a farmer, and their four children. For more information about Mary, visit her website at: www.marykief.com.

If you are interested in having Mary perform at your school, please contact her by email at music@marykief.com or call 780-460-1176.

** Press kit and "*takin' time*" debut CD available upon request.*

