

Jay Semko

Jay Semko is known worldwide as singer/songwriter/bassist with multi-platinum Canadian pop icons the Northern Pikes, and as an award winning music composer for numerous film and television productions, including one of Canada's most successful internationally syndicated series, "Due South". In addition to Jay's songwriting and composing for film & TV, Jay is a member of ACTRA as an accomplished voiceover actor and narrator who has voiced numerous regional, national, and international radio & television advertisements, public service announcements, documentaries, and dramas. Jay has also instructed Songwriting 101 & 201 at the University of Saskatchewan, and has participated in many panels and workshops in conjunction with such organizations as the Songwriters Association of Canada, SOCAN, and the Western Canadian Music Awards. Jay has earned 2 Canadian Music Publisher Association Awards and received 5 Juno Award nominations as a member of the Northern Pikes, and 2 Gemini Award nominations for Best Original Music Score in a Dramatic Series, among many others. He has co-written with many well-known songwriters in Canada and the USA, and was recently nominated in the 2011 Western Canadian Music Awards for Songwriter of the Year. His most recent solo album, simply entitled "Jay Semko", has received stellar reviews, and Jay's songs, film & television scores, and legendary live performances continue to garner him international recognition as one of Canada's most prolific and versatile music, film and television talents.

Jay's voiceover, broadcast credits include:

BrettYoung - Canada's Seed Company (Radio spots - USA & Canada)

PARTICIPACTION (TV & Radio spots - Canada)

SASKPower (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

SASKEnergy (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

SASKTel (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

Foster Parents Community Resources (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

SASK Culture, Youth & Recreation (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

Saskatchewan Teachers Federation (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

Workers Compensation Board (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

Agristability Sask Crop Insurance (TV & Radio spots - Saskatchewan)

A Fairytale Christmas (singing voice - 1 hour animated drama - International)

The Making Of Big Bear (narrator - 1/2 hour documentary - Canada)

Due South Ep #160 "Mountie Sings The Blues" (Jay performed as a special skills extra as a member Michelle Wright's band with Ronnie Hawkins) - International

Jay has also acted in 28 music videos, both as a member of the Northern Pikes and as a solo artist, with most receiving national and international broadcast on MuchMusic, MusiquePlus, MTV and CMT

Jay has composed the music score for:

"Dust Up" 2011

Paperny Films/History Television
6 episode documentary series

"Live For Sunday" 2008

Marshall Ward Productions
80 minute documentary

"Stolen Sisters" 2007

Fahrenheit Films/Global Television
60 minute documentary

"A Fairytale Christmas" 2005

Waterfront Kids Productions
60 minute Animated Television Musical

"Big Mother" 2004

Kahani Entertainment
NSI Award Winner

"Body & Soul" 2002/2003

Edge Entertainment
PAX Television (USA) / Showcase (Can)
8 Episode Dramatic Series

"Sweetness In Life" 2002/2003

Blue Hill Productions/APTN
13 Episode Documentary Series

"Men With Brooms" 2002

Serendipity Point Films/Alliance Atlantis
(co-composed main title theme and "Kiss
You 'Til You Weep")

"Rider Pride" 2000

Rider Pride Productions
NSI Award Winner

"The Dinosaur Hunter" 1999

Independent Moving Pictures/Credo

"The Rink" 1997

Cinepost Productions
30 Minute Drama

"Gift of the Grandfathers" 1997

CBC
One Hour Documentary

"Cotter's Wilderness Trails" 96-7

Discovery Channel
27 Episode Television Series

"Jack MacKenzie's Waterton Winter"

1996
Discovery Channel
One Hour Documentary

"Jack MacKenzie's Tonic of Wilderness" 1995

Discovery Channel
One Hour Documentary

"Paris or Somewhere" 1995

CanWest / Global
Two Hour Television Movie

• *Winner - Best Original Music Score - Saskatchewan Motion Picture Industry Association 1995*

• *Winner - Best Original Music Score - Manitoba Motion Picture Industry Association 1997*

"Strange and Rich" 1994

CanWest / Global
Two Hour Television Movie

"Due South" 1993-1998

CBS / CTV - Alliance
Two Hour Pilot and 66 Episodes

• *Nominated in 1995 & 1996 for Best Original Music Score in a Dramatic Series - Canada's Gemini Awards*

Jay's songs have been featured on:

Being Erica
Rabbit Fall
Trailer Park Boys: the Movie
Men With Brooms
Due South
Paris or Somewhere
Liberty Street
Jersey Girl
Country Beat
Gift Of The Grandfathers
A Fairytale Christmas
Dating Game
Super Dave Osborne Show
Open Mike with Mike Bullard
eTalk
eTalk Daily
CBC Figure Skating
HSBC Stars On Ice
CBC Juno Awards
Life on Venus Avenue
MuchMusic
MTV
Neon Rider
New Music
Nunavut Snow Challenge
Renegade Press
Rise Up
Rock N Talk YTV
South of Wawa
Spirit of Big Bear
This Country
Vicki Gabereau Live
Vivid
Ziggy