



## **Veronica Johnny** Aboriginal Artist | Entertainer Singer | Songwriter | Guitarist | Workshop Facilitator Audio Engineer | Entrepreneur | Inspirational Speaker

Veronica Johnny is the front woman, vocalist and rhythm guitarist of *The Johnnys*, a high-energy rock'n'roll band she founded with drummer and husband Dave Johnny. She is an Aboriginal artist of Cree, Chipewyan, & Ojibwa heritage, hailing from Fort Smith, *Northwest Territories*. Since beginning her musical journey, Veronica has become a seasoned performer as both solo artist and a member of groups; amassed studio experience on either side of the mixing console; promoted or managed other musicians, and facilitated performance, industry and inspirational workshops for schools, festivals, bands, organizations and individuals.

*"She has the qualities of an achiever." Cliff Jones, Director, Trebas Institute*  
*"The most inspirational woman in this hemisphere!" Leela Gilday*

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS – Veronica Johnny

- Nominated for 2008 Canadian Aboriginal Music Award - Best Producer/Engineer
- Sang backup with Eagle & Hawk players for Stevie Salas at 2009 Native American Music Awards
- Performed at 'Creator Within', a gathering of Indigenous Artistic Expression hosted by ANDPVA
- Performed at Canadian Aboriginal Festival in 2008 in the Toronto Rogers Centre (skydome)
- Performed at Banff Centre for the Arts with the Songs Above the Treeline participants
- Studying traditional drumming & singing with Juno winner, Brenda MacIntyre – Medicine Song Woman

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS – The Johnnys

- Performed at 2008 Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards – taped in Winnipeg for APTN
- Performed on Arbor Live! – a high profile music variety show broadcast on APTN in 2009
- Nominated for three 2008 Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards including Best Rock CD, Best New Artist & Best Group or Duo
- Showcased on "Larger Than Life" shown in Cineplex theatres across Canada in January 2009.
- Showcased at the Northern Arts & Cultural Centre in Yellowknife in January 2009.
- Showcased at Canadian Music Fest 2009 at the Hard Rock Café in Toronto
- Performed on Rez Tunes – an all aboriginal music variety show to be broadcast on APTN in 2010

### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Healthy Living /Choices / Life Skills
- Self Esteem Building
- Basic Song Writing (Beginner)
- Basic Guitar (and/or Bass) (Beginner)
- How to Apply for an Arts Grant
- Music Industry Info Session
- Marketing (for Artists & Musicians)
- Bio & Press kit (for Artists & Musicians)

2009 PERFORMANCES: Concert for a Cure; Hard Rock Café, The Legendary Horseshoe Tavern, The Central, Rok Boutique, Sneaky Dees, Woman Voice; Yellowknife - Northern Arts & Cultural Centre, Top Knight, St. Joseph School, Folk on the Rocks Endless Summer, Ts'eko Celebration; Ft. Simpson Beavertail Jamboree.

2008 PERFORMANCES: Toronto - Lee's Palace, The Bovine, Revival Theatre, Clinton's, Sneaky Dees, iNative Festival - El Macombo; Yellowknife - Ramble & Ride Old Town Festival, Top Knight, Ts'eko Celebration of Women in Music; Winnipeg - Pyramid Cabaret, Regal Beagle, MTS Centre; Banff - Banff Centre for the Arts

2009 WORKSHOPS (accumulated # of participants): YK District 1 Schools Tour (1500+); South Slave Education Schools Tour (40); YWCA's Taiga Adventure Camp (60), NWT Foster Families' Camp Connections (80), Beavertail Jamboree (130); Ts'eko Celebration of Women in Music (15)

MEDIA: First Story, Entertainment Beat, Inside Fashion, Arbor Live, Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards

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