



# CHUCK COPENACE

An Anicinabe musician and social worker offering inspiration to young people through his story and his music.

Chuck's vision is to combine spoken word and story with musical performance.

He shares his story of recovery and spiritual awakening, his struggles and progress with finding his identity as a native person in Canada, and his learning as an addictions worker. His spiritual sharing is quite general, accessible and easy to digest, hopefully inspiring the listener to look within and discover the answers that he or she may be seeking. He takes great care in speaking only from what has worked for him, and what he has seen work for others. His approach to addictions is non-judgemental and easily understandable, based on his own experiences and knowledge.

Chuck's ideas of how to tell his story in a way that would effectively impact young people has evolved over time since he was first inspired to do so. He has many years experience as a public speaker, through

presenting Addiction Foundation of Manitoba programming and his experiences in 12 Step recovery. He also has many years experience performing for people in various venues, at jazz festivals and on television all across Canada and in parts of the USA. These two skills combined are what Chuck would like to present over an afternoon. He envisions this session as being informal, humorous and informative; alternating between speaking and performing his original music with a live band.

The musical aspect of his presentation would be trumpet-led jazz music, presented with a more concert like approach. He is hoping that this will provide youth with an opportunity to hear music that they may have not heard before, perhaps providing an altogether new experience.

Fee: \$1500-\$2500

Performers: 4

- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ School Shows
- ▶ Youth Gatherings
- ▶ Career Fairs
- ▶ Jazz Performance

For Booking

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