

## Dougal Bios

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Dougal, a Gaelic name that means “dark stranger”, been creating music all his life, sometimes just in his imagination. The songs are sometimes topical, sometimes universal, always interesting and entertaining.

He was born in Regina, and grew up all over the place, on a houseboat on the Athabasca River, in Calgary, Collingwood, four years in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, three years in various Newfoundland outposts, before landing in Toronto at age 12. He has been there ever since.

His early musical education included: his father playing the harmonica, his mother teaching him the recorder, seeing a one-man-band in Africa, with guitar, rack harmonica, and a jiggling skeleton attached to the bass drum pedal, requisite piano lessons, learning bagpipes to play in the school band, playing tenor sax in a jazz group, had a number of band experiences, then went underground for a while. He later surfaced to bring together a free-improvisational group. They played regularly at the Gladstone Hotel, Art Bar, and a number of festivals.

Dougal currently concentrates on songwriting, guitar playing and finding appreciative audiences.

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Dougal (a Gaelic name that means “dark stranger”) has been creating music all his life, sometimes just in his mind. He has played various instruments including acoustic and electric guitars, bass guitar, saxophone, harmonica, keyboards, fiddle, bamboo flute, and bagpipes. He has played with different rock, folk, jazz and other genres of groups. The music is singer/songwriter, troubadour, urban folk style, thoughtful, intelligent, sometimes topical, sometimes universal, delivered with flair. It might even make you think. He currently concentrates on songwriting, guitar playing and finding appreciative audiences. He lives in Toronto.

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Dougal is unique, has been creating music all his life, sometimes just in his own mind. Lately, he concentrated on songwriting, guitar playing and finding appreciative audiences. The music is intelligent, thoughtful and well-written. The songs are sometimes topical, sometimes universal, always interesting and entertaining.