

## THE HEALERS



### **Pearl White Quills**

Dorvina Pearline White Quills is known as Pearl, Blackfoot from Kainai and Siksika in Alberta. Blessed with the name "Ahkanskyaki ~ Sings Many Different Songs Woman". Her passion is expressed through all forms of art. As a professional beadwork artist, teaching at schools and in the community, Pearl developed courage to step into more opportunities to grow. As a pow wow dance class teacher, leading youth is empowering. Traditional hand drum singing allows her to spread the spirituality through powerful music of the First Nations.

Taking the initiative to arrange and host Women's Ceremony and Gatherings is important to Pearl, she believes it is most needed in the community.

Past challenges and barriers are encouragement to pass the message on to others that change is possible.



## **CURT YOUNG & THE HEALERS** **Music is Medicine....Dancing is Healing...**

### **Who is he? What does he do?**

Curt Young is a Blues Rock artist, singer/songwriter and musician from the Saulteaux-Cree First Nation Cowessess in Saskatchewan. Curt has been playing guitar for over twenty years and plays many musical instruments: bass, drums, cedar flute, piano, and harmonica.

Curt uses a traditional/ contemporary style of music and dance to share his life experiences, and culture, while talking about topics such as bullying, women's rights, Empowerment, equality, youth leadership, Role Modeling, Believing in You and self-esteem. Performances can be anywhere from 1 minute to an hour and it consists of many musical genres. In the production Curt sings, plays guitar, cedar flute and hand drum, along with story-telling and opens with an honor song and prayer using the hand drum.

Curt has had the opportunity to open-up shows for many talented artists such as Colin James, Oscar Lopez, Tom Jackson, Derek Miller, Jesse Ferrell and many others.

