

James Gordon (2003)



James Gordon is a singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, producer and performer whose love of music has brought joy and inspiration to many.

He launched his career as founder of Canada's premier folk group "Tamarack", performing songs about Canadian identity, environment and heritage. He is a regular contributor to CBC radio and television programs and has written music for theatre, dance and film. He records and tours extensively in Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

James' composition "Home's Where the Heart Sings" performed at the official opening of the River Run Centre aptly describes his love of Guelph. As an arts administrator, he served on the board of directors of the Guelph Spring Festival and was Artistic Director of the Hillside Festival.

Working with young people is James Gordon's forte. At elementary and secondary school workshops, he inspires budding songwriters to create compositions, presents concerts and records CDs. Through his video production "Breaking the Mask", he has raised the awareness about mental illness in young people.

To quote James, "There's more that can be done through the arts. It brings something of the soul and allows you to speak in a way that perhaps you didn't feel comfortable speaking before."