

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Prairie Spirit plans innovative music conference for students**

Prairie Spirit School Division is hosting an innovative music conference for students on March 19 and 20. The *Resonate Student Music Conference* is the first of its kind in the school division.

The conference has been planned to encourage students in grades 7 through 12 to become more engaged in music. “We hope students return to their schools inspired to be catalysts for increased music learning opportunities,” said Kendra Worman, Music Support Facilitator for Prairie Spirit School Division.

Because the conference is designed for students and offers a wide variety of musical genres, it is a unique event in the province, she added.

The two-day conference has been organized to provide students with the opportunity to choose their sessions from a variety of options, based on their musical interests. These sessions will be presented by music industry professionals and will be designed for students with a range of ability and knowledge.

Approximately 200 Prairie Spirit students from 18 different schools have registered for this inaugural conference.

Session topics include: song writing, guitar, drumming, music recording technology, instrument repair, hip hop, and many others. Some of the presenters will provide keynote performances and stories from their musical careers for the students.

Resonate takes place Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20, at Cedar Lodge overlooking Blackstrap Lake near Dundurn, SK.

Media are invited to experience the conference on Thursday, March 19 at approximately 12:30 p.m., when a keynote performance will be taking place. This part of the conference would be visually interesting and offer a sample of the conference.

If you are planning to be part of this event, please contact Brenda Erickson at (306) 683-2880 or [brenda.erickson@spiritsd.ca](mailto:brenda.erickson@spiritsd.ca) by Wednesday, March 18.

**Resonate 2015 Guest musicians and presenters include:**

- Dr. Peter Meechan, composer, UK
- Shane Philip, musician, Courtney, BC
- Chris Crockarell, RowLoff Productions & percussion composer, Nashville, TN
- Chris Brooks, RowLoff Productions & percussion composer, Nashville, TN
- Kevin Junk, Musicraft Instrument Repair, Saskatoon, SK
- Craig Hynes, St. John's Music, Winnipeg, MB
- InfoRed (aka Brad Bellegarde), Storyteller and musician, Regina, SK
- Randy Woods, Recording technologist and musician, Saskatoon, SK
- Adam Streisel, teacher and musician, Saskatoon, SK
- DJ Tanner, C95 radio personality, Saskatoon, SK
- Ian Martens, musician, Saskatoon, SK
- Andrew Merryweather, Administrator and teacher, Saskatoon, SK
- Michelle Styles, teacher, Saskatoon, SK
- Koryn Graham, St. John's Music, Saskatoon, SK
- Absofunkinlutely, Performing group, Saskatoon, SK

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