



Erik Johnson Biography

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the son of a native born Manitoulin Islander father and my mother, whose family background was United Empire Loyalists.

I am the product of the Scarborough, Ontario school system, with a three year stint at University of Toronto Schools

I had an interest in poetry most of my formative years which lead me to songwriting. I was one of those who went to Woodstock and was a volunteer water system technician there.

I joined the great Canadian migration West, living 3 years on a commune up

Indian Arm (across from Deep Cove)

My first job in Vancouver was converting school buses , highway coaches and vintage flatbed trucks into living caravans.

We moved to a blueberry pickers shack without electricity or running water in the South Surrey ALR.

We were eventually able to buy the 5 acres, add on to the tiny home and built a barn. I was offered a Nashville record deal in 1989 and toured the resulting album in the alt country circuit, in between building curved staircases and curved windows and doors commercially The album did very well at radio, and produced a hit video at CMT

We sold our Surrey farm and bought raw ALR property on Gabriola Island in 1990, building a small home and fencing the land for our horses.

I am the author of Order of Canada blues great Jim Byrnes title track to his Juno winning album "That River"

We took a sabbatical to Nashville, playing and writing music.

I was volunteer Crew Chief for Habitat For Humanity for several years I have had songs and background music in several major movies

We returned to full time living on Gabriola in 2012.

Since then I have been a semi retired Red Seal carpenter and a working musician based on Gabriola Island.

I continue to write music and have had two title tracks on guitar great David Gogo's last two hit albums

For years I have had an intense interest in The Trust and I study its mandate and directives regularly