



**CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
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GREG RYCKMAN

Greg was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and received his undergraduate degree in music from the University of Western Ontario. Before he returned to school for a Bachelor of Education, Greg toured the country as a working rock musician. It was then that he understood the impact that music has on both audiences and performers.

Greg joined the Music Department Staff at Korah Collegiate & Vocational School soon after receiving his teaching credentials. As the driving force behind Korah Collegiate's "Mustang Sally", Greg has created a unique opportunity for young performers to hone their skills and to act as ambassadors promoting the value of the Algoma District School Board's Character Education Program. Members of Mustang Sally are truly leaders and demonstrate all the aspects of good character. This is evident in their energetic and extremely professional live show.

Mustang Sally is a 13 piece rhythm and blues band. It is comprised of four powerful vocalists, a solid rock rhythm section and a horn section that is commonly referred to as the "Pied Pipers of Funk". They have publicly performed more than a hundred times since the band's inception in January of 2004 and have wowed audiences across Ontario. Most performances are on a volunteer basis for a variety of charities and functions. These performances have increased band members' awareness of the charities and also the importance of "giving back" to their community.

In its tenth year, Mustang Sally now has members that first saw the band when they were in kindergarten. Through Greg's relentless hard work, the program has equipped itself with gear and gigs that many professional musicians would envy. The program is known for a consistent level of excellence, and has represented our community by touring provincially.

A number of Greg's students have gone on to careers in the entertainment industry.

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