

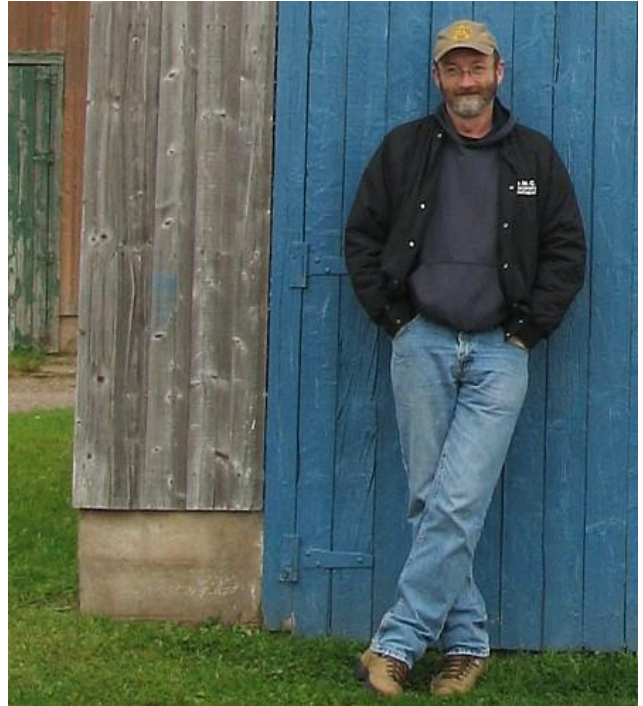


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DAVID FRANCEY ~ BIOGRAPHY

David Francey - from carpenter to songwriter. Since leaving construction to record **Torn Screen Door** in 1999, Scottish-born Canadian **David Francey** is recognized as one of today's finest singer-songwriters.

"Francey's straightforward songs tell honest stories of real people and real places. Poetic perception and a keen eye for the heart of the matter are trademarks of Francey and his music. His songs and stories are a direct connection for audiences seeking depth and meaning in the day-to-day." Shelter Valley FF

Earlier this year Francey's CD, **Right of Passage**, earned him his third **JUNO** in less than 5 years. Francey recently had the honour of receiving the prestigious **SOCAN Folk Music Award**. He won a 2007 **Canadian Folk Music Award - Best Singer/ Contemporary for Right of Passage** along with first prize (Folk) in the 2007 **USA Songwriting Competition** with "Ballad of Bowser Macrae."



David Francey was born in Ayrshire, Scotland where he got his first taste of the working life as a paperboy. David learned to read at an early age, and by age 12, was devouring the newspapers he delivered, establishing a life-long interest in politics and world events while developing the social conscience that forms the backdrop of his songs.

David was 12 when he and his family immigrated to Toronto. His love of the landscape, the history and the people of his adopted country can be traced back to family weekend drives exploring southern Ontario. Music played a large part in these family outings. The Franceys sang traditional Scottish tunes as they drove through the Canadian countryside. David's dad and sister sang melody while David and his mother sang harmonies.

David's attachment to Canada grew with his travels. He hitchhiked across the country three times and then thumbed his way to the Yukon. This attachment surfaces in his songs of rail lines, farms and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

His understanding of the people grew as he worked in Toronto train yards, in the Yukon bush and in construction in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

In concert David Francey is a singer and a storyteller. His wry humour and astute observations combined with his open-hearted singing style have earned him a loyal following.

David lives with his wife, artist Beth Girdler. They have three grown children, Amy, Julia and Colin. Beth and David share their home with Colin, two dogs and a cat in the quiet but charming Lanark Highlands of Ontario.