

Donny Parenteau. (b. 1981)

This Metis country and western music star was born and raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He started playing fiddle at age fifteen. Donny toured for 12 years with the Neal McCoy Band. Prior to that he performed professionally with Grant and Sean Carson and at age 19 toured with them across Canada, England, Scotland and Wales. In 1990 he returned to Prince Albert and became member of the *Number One West Show*. In 1991 he joined Neal McCoy as a fiddle and mandolin player and moved to Nashville, Tennessee. He has appeared at the *Grand Ole' Opry*, *Nashville Now*, *Prime Time Country* and on the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno. He retired from Neal McCoy's Band in 2002 and returned to Prince Albert to pursue his own record deal. Since then his band has played all over Saskatchewan and they have played at Batoche Days. In 2003 he was the featured performer at the Manitoba Metis Federation 35th annual General Assembly. He has also played as the headliner at the *International Metisfest* at the Peace Gardens.



Donny is a lifetime member of the Saskatchewan Country Music Association. In 2003 he won the SCMA fiddlist of the Year. Previously he was awarded the International Humanitarian Award and the Merit Award. In 2007 he garnered five Saskatchewan Country Music Association Awards: Aboriginal Artist of the Year; All-Star Band (Fiddle); All-Star Band (Specialty); Back Up Band and Record Producer of the Year with Steve Fox.



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