

Jowi Taylor - Intro

("Jowi" is pronounced the same as "Joey")

For more than a decade, Jowi Taylor communicated knowledge, insight and enthusiasm for all kinds of music and the way it works in our lives and cultures for a number of CBC radio programs and special series. Along the way, he picked up a loyal listenership and an armload of awards - including the prestigious Peabody Award, the **Prix Italia** (pronounced "pree-ee-TAL-ya"), the Gabriel Award, the New York Festivals medal and many others.

That ability to communicate about music weaves together with his passion for the stories and histories, characters, cultures and communities of Canada in his utterly unique project, Six String Nation for which he received Canada's **Meritorious** Service Medal in 2015. ("mehr-i-TOR-ee-us")

The presentation he's here to share with us today has moved and inspired audiences young and old in every province and territory of Canada and the guitar at the heart of the project has been played by everyone from young students to gifted amateurs to some of Canada's most beloved music artists and everyone in between. It's the story of Canada as you've never heard it – or held it – before.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Jowi Taylor.