



six string nation

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Jowi Taylor, M.S.M. is a multiple award winning writer, broadcaster, and cultural entrepreneur. His seminal series for CBC Radio, *The Wire: The Impact of Electricity on Music*, was the recipient of the prestigious Peabody Award, among other international citations. Many of his broadcast productions, including *The Nerve: Music and the Human Experience*, *Invisible Cities: Toronto* and the long-running weekly show *Global-Village* have been internationally recognized. Jowi left CBC in 2009.

Six String Nation, conceived in 1995, took eleven years to bring to life. Centred around a single acoustic guitar – nicknamed *Voyageur* and built from over sixty pieces of Canadian history representing different cultures, communities and characters from every part of the country – the project combines Jowi's fascinations with music, media, community engagement, and the dynamics of Canadian history, reconciliation and multicultural identity. Special additions to the case and strap continue to expand the project's storytelling range and cultural inclusivity.

His presentation about the project can be seen at schools, festivals, community and corporate events and his bestselling book for the prestigious Canadian publisher **Douglas & McIntyre**, *Six String Nation: 64 Pieces. 6 Strings. 1 Canada. 1 Guitar*, now in its second printing, is available from online sellers and bookstores across Canada as well as directly from Jowi at selected events.

In 2015, Jowi was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada for his work on Six String Nation.

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