



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault College Continuing Education to Offer Music Programs**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON January 16, 2011) Sault College is introducing music programming for Winter 2012. Courses are being offered through the School of Continuing Education.

For those new to the music scene, Adam King will offer an introductory course in Acoustic Guitar. "This is a 'learn to play' opportunity," states King. "The focus will be on learning the basic chords and patterns and upon completion of the 10-week course; students will be playing some of today's most popular songs."

Band without Audition, another course being offered, is a unique opportunity for musicians who have the basic ability to play an instrument. Students will participate in group practice, playing the instrument of their choice, guitar (bass and electric), keyboard or percussion. During the 16 workshop-style sessions, students will have the opportunity to develop playing expertise as well as learn about the music industry. The first 2 hours of each session will be dedicated to group practice led by an instructor as well as studying the "business of bands." Each evening will end with the entire group participating in a jam session.

Leading the band course is Mike Case, a well-known musician and music instructor in the community. Case is also a member of the Northern Ontario Country Music Hall of Fame and founder of Case Music and the Case All Stars. A slate of up to 4 musicians will be on hand to work with students in their various instrumental groups. There is the potential for one or more bands to evolve from the class that could then be involved in college activities on campus.

“We are gauging interest at this point, and seeing whether development of a full-time applied popular music program will be in the works for the future,” states Colin Kirkwood, Dean of Natural Environment, Business and Technology at Sault College. “We’re expecting to have a preliminary advisory meeting before the end of February to explore the possibilities.” The advisory committee will be drawn from a wide variety of people with expertise in the music industry to serve as resources to guide the possible program.

Introduction to Acoustic Guitar begins January 26. Cost is \$199.11. Band without Audition runs January 31 through March 22, on two evenings per week from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at a cost of \$841.53. To register or find out more about these courses, please call Sault College at 705.759.6700 (option 3).

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### **About Sault College**

Sault College transforms the lives of students through providing innovative education and training, and granting Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Maclean’s magazine has ranked the College at the top of the province in graduate satisfaction, with 85% of graduates saying that they were highly satisfied with their education at the College. Educating over 4,500 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$100 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards is distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Nearly 85% of graduates are employed within six months of graduation. Visit our website at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) to learn more.

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