

## Trevor Stewart: Music on the Chapman Stick

Trevor Stewart has been playing the Chapman Stick since October of 1998. Previous study on the guitar, piano and viola led to a quick adaptation on the Stick. Trevor studied viola and music composition and performance at Wichita State University. Frequently performing in Wichita he is one of the very few "Stickist's" residing in Kansas. Primarily performing solo, he has also contributed to various groups and projects- such as the Native-American music group Passing Through which was nominated for an Native American Music Award in 2006 and an Indian Summer Music award in 2005. Trevor's music served a large part in the soundtrack of the 2007 regional PBS documentary 'Flint Hills: Meditations from a Kansas Prairie'.

He currently leads a quartet named Earthlines which consists of a Native American flute, steel drums and percussion. The group earned a standing ovation for their performance at the celebrated Walnut Valley Festival in 2009. Their first album together entitled "Dreamwalking" is the soundtrack to a documentary starring New York Times bestselling author William Least Heat-Moon titled 'Return to PrairyErth'.



Trevor's music has been heard on the nationally syndicated 'Echoes' program on N.P.R. and is heard frequently on the Nightcrossing's radio program on 90.1 KHCC and on 89.3 KCUR in Kansas City. See [www.myspace.com/trevorstewart](http://www.myspace.com/trevorstewart) for music, performance video's and more.



The Chapman Stick (R) is a unique musical instrument invented by Emmett Chapman in 1969. It consists of a long fret board with twelve strings spanning a bass and guitar range. Sound is produced when the strings are "tapped" against the frets by the fingers. An electronic pickup is used to amplify the sounds. This new technique allows the musician to use both hands in order to play multiple parts like a piano while having the direct fingers-to-strings control and feel similar to a guitar. The model of Stick that Trevor uses utilizes a MIDI pickup on the upper strings which can trigger a synthesizer while simultaneously playing the natural sound of the Stick. Mr. Chapman continues to manufacture the Stick at his home in Woodland Hills, CA. See [www.stick.com](http://www.stick.com) for more information about the Stick.

"The music, and {Trevor's} Stick sound and performance style, is inspiring and uplifting..."  
-Emmett Chapman

"...a master musician and local gem of Wichita...The creativity, energy and passion he includes in each performances entices and inspires" - Splurge! Magazine

"...Chapman Stick virtuoso" -The Wichita Eagle

"People are magically drawn to Trevor Stewart's music". -The Wichita Register

"...a masterful musician" - Walnut Valley Festival Magazine