

GALA EVENT 2009**Saturday October 17th, FREDERICTON****Official Host - Frank Hartt***Reception: 3:30pm ~ Banquet: 4:30pm***Fredericton Inn,***1315 Regent St, Fredericton, NB**1 800 447-4136**Rooms \$99 – let them know you are with NBCMHF***Concert****Fredericton High School Theatre***300 Priestman St., Fredericton NB ~ 8:00pm***Tickets available at the following Outlets****Miramichi – Books Inn – 622-1185****Bathurst – Stitching Post – 548-8706****Saint John - Morris Music - 672-5556****--- Saint John Sewing Centre – 634-8757****Sussex – Morris Music – 433-5556****Fredericton - Tony's Music Box-452-8286 – Terri George****Brookside Irving 458-5645 – Sue Blizzard; Bonnie Messer - 459-5306****Riverview - Ivan Hicks – 386-2996****CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 INDUCTEES****Johnny Comfort
Reg Gallant****Al Dupuis
Stan Taylor****Hughie Yorke (posthumously) 1953 – 2002**

Johnny (Melanson) Comfort was born in Moncton, NB in 1945. A singer/songwriter, he has played country music most of his life. He plays the acoustic and electric guitar, fiddle, harmonica as well as saxophone. Although his home base was at McSweeney's and Urban Jorral in Moncton, during the 1980's he and his Johnny Comfort band toured Canada, USA and Europe, e.g., England, Germany and Switzerland. Johnny has released several albums and a CD on which are some of his own compositions that reached the top 10 on the music charts. In 1985, he played for the Country Music Awards in Brandon, Manitoba. In 1984, he was nominated Rising Star along with another Hall of Famer, Joan Kennedy. With years in the field of music, Johnny has established quite a reputation among his peers and has been referred to as Canada's number one 'Outlaw of Country Music'

Al Dupuis was born in Chipman, NB in 1952 and grew up in nearby Minto. At the age of 5 he started strumming a Mickey Mouse guitar determined to become good enough to accompany his dad on the fiddle. He wasn't long reaching that goal. Al thanks his father for his first start in music. "If it hadn't been for him, it's not likely I would have been a guitar player." During his

teenage years, Al learned some rock 'n roll. After receiving his Bachelor of Education, he settled into teaching, but the music in him could not be denied. In 1977, Al, singer/songwriter, resigned from teaching and became a full time solo performer on the Maritime circuit, Ontario and USA. He wrote his first song at the age of 13. Al is very versatile, playing anything from country, folk, rock, Cajun, Irish & Scottish, bluegrass, pop to Newfoundland jigs and is also a whistler. He has appeared on television shows such as Wrap Around Nashville, The Tommy Hunter Show, Ryan's Fancy and a variety of others, both French and English. Al was the first recipient of the French Music Awards - Male Vocalist of the Year. His first single Be With Me was recorded in 1980 and his first album in 1982 was recorded in Nashville.

Reg Gallant was born in Rexton, NB in 1955 into a musical family who often had get-togethers on weekends. This laid the foundation for Reg's musical background and his love of Country Music. He learned to play guitar, mandolin and later 5-string banjo, fiddle and bass. He also 'tinkers' with the piano, hammer dulcimer, harmonica, dobro and steel. In his younger years he appeared on Supper Club and Time for Juniors, and won many contests. As a teenager, he earned a spot in a popular band called the Twilights and then was offered the lead vocalist with the band Time Zone. He and his brother Claude formed their own band called Blackjack. Reg has accompanied many Hall of Famers, too numerous to mention, in concerts and recordings. He does sound and lights at many events and was music director for popular jamborees at the Imperial Theatre. Reg has written many songs. He still finds time to entertain at seniors homes and fund raisers. Reg continues to work hard to keep the flames of country music alive and well in New Brunswick, as well as in his heart and the hearts of his many friends.

Stan Taylor was born in Truro NS in 1934, grew up in Dartmouth and has lived in NB for the last 35 years. Stan taught himself to play guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and bass. Following a stint in the Canadian Armed Services, it was back to the entertainment business. Stan lived in many places in the USA and Canada and played in several bands over the years. He did radio shows and worked with such people as Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper, Doc Williams and the Border Riders, Lefty Frizzell, Wilf Carter and many others too numerous to mention. In 1968, Stan was called to come to NS to be the lead guitar and vocalist on CBC's Country Time. It was at this time he did 3 more albums and a single that did very well. After Country Time was cancelled, Stan went on to form another trio Stan Taylor & Chapter 9. He has been playing in northern NB since 1974 with numerous bands including Hall of Famers, Jim Morrison and Jim Lawlor. He is a member of the Miramichi Fiddlers and appears at many fund raisers. Stan has his own group called The Rounders along with his friend Reg Cable.

Hughie Yorke was born in Parrsboro, NB in 1953 and moved to NB in the late 70's. The band in NS he played with was Saddle Tramp. A couple of his playing buddies were Matt Minglewood and Johnny Gold. Matt recorded a couple of songs that Stan wrote for him. He was Captain and #1 entertainer on the River Boat 'The Pioneer Princess' that traveled the Saint John River. Hughie was a regular on the NB Country Showcase and Country Junction. He started playing with Gerry McCarthy and the 'Smokin' Gun' Band as soon as he arrived in Fredericton. Over the years, they had 3 bands and he was still playing in the band 'Thirsty Rangers' at the time of his death. He recorded a few songs out of Out Reach Studio in Fredericton. One of the highlights of his musical career was front line act for Mel Tellis. Hughie had a passion for racing and was the voice of NB International Speedway for eight years. Hughie had a big heart and always found time for a good cause whether for children or fund raisers.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM
MUSIC DIRECTOR, GARY MORRIS**

"Thanks to the few Hall of Famers who have already been in touch with me as to their being on the Gala concert 2009. It certainly makes our task easier and we are better prepared for this event showing our 'best' at this important concert".

Please send name of tunes/songs, keys & copy of selections to Gary Ph: 433-5556; fax: 433-5599; 590 Main St. Sussex, NB E4E 7H8 gary@morrismusicltd.com well in advance if you wish to perform October 17th.

NEWS

Mildred (Gowan)Landry, wife of Hall of Famer, Ned Landry is in the Carleton County Hospital in St. Stephen, NB recovering from a heart attack. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Gary Morris is still accepting CD's/tapes, videos, photos, etc for the Hall of Fame **Music/Commentary CD** project. There has been very interesting footage submitted so far. Please check your memorabilia cartons for any treasures that would add to this project. Gary's email: gary@morrismusicltd.com

'**Save Our History**' is an ongoing project chaired by **Nigel Mullin**. We are really pleased with the response from the Hall of Fame members with donations and commitments of their memorabilia. If you haven't already talked to Nigel, we encourage you to contact him at 2pete@nbnet.nb.ca

Fundraisers

The Organizing Committee will soon be contacting Hall of Fame members for participation in the following:

NBCMHF Concert at the **Saint John Exhibition** - Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 7:00 pm

NBCMHF Concert at the **Fredericton Exhibition** - Saturday, Sept. 12. Watch for details on the H of F website. There will be a H of F booth at each of these venues. The coordinators will be pleased to have volunteers to assist. Please contact Vivian at ivan@ivanhicks.com or 506 386-2996

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**PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN PROMOTING THE FREDERICTON GALA
EVENT 2009, OCTOBER 17.**

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**IF YOU HAVE A NEW RECORDING, PERFORMANCE DATES, NEWS FROM YOUR AREA OR JUST UPDATES, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL INCLUDE IN THE NEWSLETTER



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Our Founder's Purpose and Personal Vision of the



- * **The sole purpose of recording, for history's sake, a photo and printed display of any artist from New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to country music**
- * **To preserve and promote Old Time Country Music**
- * **To induct country music artists into the Hall of Fame at a yearly banquet**

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