

GALA EVENT 2011**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, BATHURST – DANNY'S INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE**

The organizing committee for the 2011 Gala Event is looking forward to welcoming everyone to BATHURST for the **October 15th** Gala including Reception, Banquet, Induction Ceremony, with festivities **beginning at 4:00 pm, Banquet 4:30 pm** and a Concert at the **Bathurst High School** at 8:00 pm. This year's Official Host is Hall of Famer, **Derek Knowles**. We wish to congratulate the new inductees and hope to make this a special evening for everyone.

If we can be of assistance, (including tickets) please contact us at:
Committee co chairs: **Opal Ellis – 546-5025** jorbryar@nb.sympatico.ca
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For Hotel Reservations

Danny's Inn, 1223 Principale Street, Ph: 1 800-200-1350 – ask for Carol

Atlantic Host Hotel, 1450 Vanier Blvd – Ph: 1 800-898-9292

Let them know you are with the Hall of Fame activities

Reserve or purchase your tickets early – limited seating

Banquet & Concert-\$40; Concert only-\$15 adv, \$18 - door - at the following Outlets

Miramichi – Books Inn – 622-1185
Saint John - Morris Music - 672-5556
Riverview - Ivan Hicks – 386-2996

Bathurst – Stitching Post – 548-8706
Sussex – Morris Music – 433-5556

Fredericton - Mavis O'Donnell - 472-7534; C 470-3385

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 INDUCTEES

Dave McNeill

Russ Wheeler (posthumously)

Charles Kennedy (posthumously)

Vince Barlow

Joe Hachey

Dave McNeill began his musical career at the age of 12, performing with his mentor Fred Fulton and Oscar Egers. Later, David, his brother Vernon and Eddie Richard formed a group called *Mother's Love*. They performed in Alberta under the band name *Noah's Ark* and had a 45 record produced, which got a lot of airtime. David also performed vocals with *The Original Cast*. After moving home he began playing with Gary Morris and his band and then started his own group. At present, he and Greg Turner form the *David McNeil Show* performs all over the Province. In 2004, he released his first CD – *It's About Time*, featuring 11 songs, 9 of which were written by David. His sons, Lonnie and Lance, did some backup, along with his sister Joselyn and close family friend, Wendy Robichaud. He helps young people in the Minto/Chipman areas develop their musical abilities and showcases them whenever possible. Many individuals and organizations have benefited greatly from David's generosity. In 2001, he was one of the first groups to be inducted into the Minto Country Music Wall of Fame.

Vince Barlow was born in Limestone, Maine to MicMac Indian parents, was brought up on Indian Island, NB and has lived in NB for 40 years. He began singing at the age of 5 and started his public appearances at the age of 17, singing for church fairs, local talent shows and parties. It wasn't until later on in years, he really decided that is what he wanted to do. Vince began to venture into the New England States, singing in small clubs and then moving to Massachusetts, where he landed a job singing at *The Lone Star Ranch* from 1974 until it closed in 1983. Vince is also a songwriter, plays guitar and accordion and has released 2 CD's, *Keep it Country* and *Instrumental Side of Vince Barlow*. Vince is no stranger to performing on stage, entertaining in Canada and across the US and has opened for many Nashville Stars and has performed at Nashville Fan Fair. Vince performed for many benefits in Canada and US, e.g. Jerry Lewis benefit for MS, D.A.R.E., AMVETS to name a few and entertains for seniors and other benefits. Vince is very strong and proud of his heritage and is still performing throughout NB.

Russ Wheeler was born in Priceville, Miramichi. Russ served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He worked on a farm and in the woods to buy a guitar for \$4.95 at the age of 8, at which time he wrote his first song, *Boisetown Blues*. He performed with Hall of Famer, Earl Mitton for two years before moving to ON. He performed regularly every Sunday night at the Crang Plaza in TO and appeared with Kitty Wells, Hank Snow, Johnny Cash, Wilf Carter, Tom Connors and many other Nashville stars. Russ produced and led his own Radio Broadcast over CJRH and appeared every week over CKVS-TV, Barrie, ON. Over the years, he formed the bands, *The Echo Valley Boys*, *The Country Happenings*, *Country Heat* and *The Centennial Settlers*. Russ has released several LP and single recordings and returned to NB and the province he loved, as was always presented on his albums and in his writing of music. After returning to NB, he performed for the people of his roots, for the farmers and small community halls in the Miramichi and Gagetown/Cambridge areas, etc. Russ left the proceeds from his album sales to be used to fund a scholarship program for students entering arts programs.

Joe Hachey was born in St. Isidore in 1938. Joe plays, fiddle, guitar, piano and accordion. He is a great vocalist, entertainer and has been a huge promoter of country music all his life. Joe has been a member of the Sainte-Famile Choir, Hachey Boys band and Pig & Whistle group. He also directed the choir at Cathedrale de Bathurst from 1978 – 1986. For many years, he entertained, and still does, at the Fournier Senior Home and at other senior homes, hospitals, schools and for city hospitality days, etc. Joe also has been very active in sports activities, e.g., hockey, golf and has served extensively in community affairs.

Charles Kennedy was born in Hibernia, NB. He had been involved in music since the age of 14 playing guitar and fiddle. Charles was most active in the music industry from the 40's up to the 90's. He was a songwriter, vocalist, emcee and promoter of country music. His band in the 1950's was called *Golden Guitar Boys*. His favorite singer was Hank Snow, which helped to style his music. Charles was a well respected humanitarian in his community, performing at church events, benefits and entertaining seniors. He was a truck driver and raised a family of 8 children with his wife, Alice, who also performed with bands. All his children are musical, played and sang in bands, and daughter, Hall of Famer, and recording artist, Joan Kennedy, says 'all I learned about music, I learned from my Dad'. He worked on musical projects with Joan which was broadcast on TV. Charles's accomplishments and the venues he played are too numerous to mention here.

**A charter bus will be going to Bathurst. For information call Lorne & Hazel – 854-1930;
lhmcnull@nb.sympatico.ca – or check our website at www.nbcmhf.com**

**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 2011 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 15

NEWS

Congratulations to **Shirley Boulanger**, Saint John, winner of the guitar at the Gala Event 2010 concert, Florenceville/Bristol

CONGRATULATIONS

Ned Landry celebrated his 90th birthday February 2nd. Gary Morris's Valley Jamboree honoured Ned at a concert, with a full house. Ned's family was present and an award was presented from Maritime Fiddlers Association, certificate from NBCMHF and a certificate from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

A BIG THANK YOU

To Garold & Dorothy Hanscom and their **Committee** for hosting a very successful and enjoyable Gala for 2010. This was the first time holding the Gala in Florenceville/Bristol and tickets were sold out almost before they were printed. Premier David Alward was also in attendance along with the Mayor and other dignitaries

To all Hall of Famers who performed at the Atlantic National Exhibition, Saint John last September. A special thank you to Hall of Famer, **Gerry Taylor and Gary Morris** for, once again, organizing the show for our Hall of Fame. Thank you to all who volunteered to look after the Hall of Fame booth all week, especially Hall of Famer, **Hazel Marie Robertson**, for her time and efforts in overseeing the booth, **Joyce Ross** and **Garth & Hope Jones** for all their help

THE NEXT CONCERT AT SAINT JOHN EX WILL BE SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 – 7:00 PM

To all who are planning to attend the Gala Event 2011 and stay overnight, please visit the Gala Event page on our website at www.nbcmhf.com for a list of local accommodations with phone numbers. Names of the new inductees will be posted shortly on the site as well

**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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