

**Alysa Collins** – was born in Bathurst in 1985. From the age of 5 she sang in a junior choir and elementary school singing groups and learned to sing harmony. During High School, she was often lead vocalist in the choirs, jazz band and fund raisers for local charities and in 2004 won the title 'Hospitality Idol' during Bathurst's Summer Festival. She became more well-known when Hall of Fame Member, Derek Knowles, invited her to join him at an Ivan & Vivian Hicks concert, also Hall of Fame Members. Alysa has co-directed high school musicals since 2008, where she teaches. Most recently, she has the privilege of singing with a fabulous group of musicians known as the "The Down East Boys" and stated that 'witnessing the dedication to perform good country music and learning from their vast experiences is one of the biggest gifts I have been given'. She has also performed at the Miramichi Opry hosted by Hall of Fame Member, the late Bill Mullin.

### CONDOLENCES

Members of the Hall of Fame send condolences to the families and fans of **Ray Phillips, Sr** who passed away (Feb 20) and **Bill Budd** (Feb 22), to be forever remembered. As well, condolences to the families of **the late Bill Mullin** and **Marc Durelle**, whose wives passed away in March.

### NEWS, VIEWS and THANK YOU'S

- **CONGRATULATIONS and HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to two of our Hall of Fame Members, **Matilda Murdoch** (98 in January) and **Ned Landry** (97 in February).
- **A big thank you** is sent out to all Hall of Famers who performed at the Saint John Exhibition Concert in September 2017. This show was most successful with special credits to band leader, **Gary Morris** and to **Gerry Taylor** who helped to organize this event and **Brent Buchanan MC** for the evening. From all the comments, a most enjoyable time. Also, a tip of the hat to **Rogers TV** for all their support.
- Another successful Gala was held on October 14, 2017 in St. Stephen. Hall of Fame member, **Carson Leighton**, was the host for of this event. A big thank you is extended to **Gary Sturgeon** and the band 'Running out of Time,' the committee, our sponsors, donators and to all who made this another great Gala. Plan to attend this year's Gala in Bathurst.
- Thank you to Morris Music and Yamaha for supplying the guitar for the raffle. The winner was David McGuire, Saint John. Congratulations David!

### NOMINATIONS

If you would like to nominate someone for the Hall of Fame, remember nominations deadline for **2018** is **November 30th, 2017**. Nomination forms are available on the website: [www.nbcmhf.com](http://www.nbcmhf.com) or head office 506 386-2996 at 1631 Hwy 112, Upper Coverdale, NB E1J 1X9 or email [ivan@ivanhicks.com](mailto:ivan@ivanhicks.com)

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### *Our Founder's Purpose and Personal Vision of the*



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- \* **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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**GALA EVENT 2018**

The organizing committee for the 2017 Gala Event is looking forward to welcoming you to **Bathurst** for the Gala Event which includes; Reception, Banquet and Induction Ceremony, with festivities **beginning at 4:00 pm**; Concert at the **Bathurst High School Theatre**

This year's Official Hosts are Hall of Fame Members, **Roger Lanteigne and Derek Knowles** along with Committee co-chairs Opal Ellis and Connie Whalen. We wish to congratulate the new inductees and make this evening a welcoming celebration.

**Banquet & Concert: \$60. Concert only: \$20 advance; \$25 at the door. Please check with Kay Morrison: 506 546-6012 for ticket availability email: [akmorrison@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:akmorrison@nbnet.nb.ca)**

**Accommodations in the Bathurst area – check our website – [www.nbcmhf.com](http://www.nbcmhf.com)**

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### INDUCTEES

**Thérèse Albert**

**Donald Joseph Bertin** (posthumously)

**Alysa Collins**

**Sam Aucoin**

**Jeannie Clark**

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### IMPORTANT NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR – GARY MORRIS

**All Hall of Famers are invited to perform at the Gala Concert. We are looking for one song/tune from past inductees and 2 songs/tunes from the new Inductees.**

If you have not already done so, please send name of song(s)/tune(s), key and copy of selection (charts would be great) to:

**Gary Morris**, 590 Main St, Sussex, NB E4E 7H8; phone - 506 433-5556; fax - 506 433-5599; email – [gary@morrismusicltd.com](mailto:gary@morrismusicltd.com)

**Thérèse Albert** – was born in Caraquet in 1926. She had a special taste for music and played secretly on her father's fiddle as he had forbidden her to touch it. Later she risked playing in front of him and he was amazed. She also learned to play mandolin and guitar. A friend encouraged her to enter a fiddle contest and to her surprise won first place. She served on the Festival de la tradition for 5 years and performed with her musicians during the festival and for 7 years, as well, at the festival La Virdeé in Carleton, also many other festivals. In 2014, Thérèse was chosen to play a tune for the movie, Les Heritiers du club with ONF in Caraquet.

She launched 2 CD's with some of her own compositions. she also participated in many fund raisers and Committee projects. Thérèse has a skin-deep sensibility that shows through her musical play, and she always adds some personal notes which reflect a very developed musical ear.

**Sam Aucoin** - was born in Stephenville, Newfoundland in 1961 and lives in Saint John. He started to play the steel guitar in 1980. In 1993 he was the opening act at the Convention Center, Saint John for Waylon Jennings and Jessie Colter. He has backed up Dick Curless with the band consisting of Marc Durelle and Randy Russell – Hall of Fame Members and Charley Kingsley. He has also opened for Hall Member Joan Kennedy and as well Chris Cummings. Sam did a showcase at the East Coast Music Awards in PEI with J. R. Vautour. Sam has 15 CD's of his own steel music as well as 60 CD's of various artists and is presently working with Reg Gallant and Yesterday's Wine. He credits Hall Member, Fran Rooney, who taught him everything he knows, along with many other artists too numerous to mention. In 2014 and 2015, Sam won Instrumentalist of the Year at the Saint John Music Awards. He also credits, Hall Member, Gary Morris, for being a great help. Hall Member, Reg Gallant says, "you would be hard pressed to find a musician who doesn't know who Sam Aucoin is".

**Jeannie Clark** – was born in 1947 and brought up in Chipman. Jeannie is someone that has lived around the music circles of the Sussex area since 1970. She was a vocalist with the Country Traveller Band and went on to perform with other local groups such as Whiskey River, Morning Light and the Country Blues. During the time with this group, she performed on a LP album with Morning Light and recorded 2 solo 45 RPM records, all of which received local air play and recognition. In 1991, she became a vocalist with the Valley Jamboree and this is where she introduced her "other side" of Eunice P. Dolittle which brings many laughs and smiles. Jeannie is also a sought-after performer for any of the shows that are in need and is always the first to offer assistance. She has spent her entire adult life giving back to her community through music and is a worthy ambassador for country music.

**Donald Bertin** – (1947 – 2016) lived in Beresford. Hall of Fame Member, Derek Knowles had known Donald most of his musical life and played in a band with him for more than 15 years. He played guitar, mandolin, banjo and fiddle. Donald was considered an excellent musician and a positive influence for Derek. He provided entertainment for many years in New Brunswick and Quebec. He took part in many charitable events. He was a member of the Band 'Country Road' which won the New Brunswick Country Music Fest in 1979 in St. Antoine. He has a CD recording – Memories/Memoires Vol. 01. Donald will surely be missed by his family, friends and fans of Country Music.