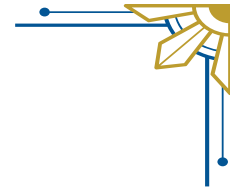
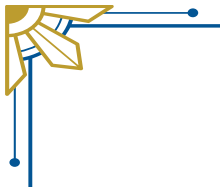


Music Notes for April 2023

Hello everyone,

Sorry this edition is a little late I got back from a trip to Toronto on the 29th of March and the next day I tested positive for Covid-19. It started with my son testing positive on the 26th, my granddaughter's birthday, which is the reason we went to Toronto to celebrate as her birthday is the day before mine (the 27th). I tested positive the day we got back and shortly after that everybody else started testing positive so it has been a very challenging week. I am still pretty down and out but wanted to get the column out without too much delay, so it may not be my best effort.

First item on the agenda of course is the Grand Opening of the Hall of Fame, which will take place on April 15th at the Fredericton Motor Inn. This has been mentioned in the March column but it is important to the Executive and Board of Directors that we promote this occasion as much as we can. We urge all members as well as the general public to come and be a part of another positive change in our history and growth as we move into the future! The invitation below has all the information on who, what, where, and when. Please share with family and friends, it is a perfect opportunity to come and see your frame hanging in its new location and touch base with other Hall members as well!



Invitation

**The New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame
cordially invites you to attend the Grand Opening of our new home.**

April 15, 2023 - 2:00pm
Fredericton Inn - 1315 Regent St., Fredericton, NB

**Join us for the ribbon cutting, tour of our new home, finger foods and
music featuring our Hall of Fame members**

For more info contact:
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We will be ready to start our annual guitar lottery in support of the Hall of Fame on the 15th as well and will have tickets available should you wish to purchase some or to help out by selling some the table will be set up at the Grand Opening.

I am including a few photos from President Ivan Hicks and wife Vivian along with Hall member Brenda Best. They have been busy down south and stopped by at the Nashville Nightlife Theatre to visit resident artist our very own Brenda Best and played some tunes for a very appreciative audience! While the videos won't fit in the column you can see them on facebook or maybe even a link on the website!

In the picture below, left to right are: the McMullins, the Hicks, Brenda Best and Phil O'Donnell Hall of Famers from N.B.



In this next photo the lovely Brenda Best doing what she does best, entertaining the crowds! And a photo of Hall member David Wade and his wife who also dropped in for a tune:



I was fortunate enough to have been on that stage for a few numbers and I can tell you the band were top notch and very gracious hosts! Thanks to Brenda a lot of New Brunswickers have been able to realize a dream of singing on a stage in Nashville!! Thank you Brenda!!

I spoke with Hall member Fred Shaw who was going to send in some items of interest that he participated in but as of this moment I haven't received any e-mails so they will have to go in next months column, sorry Fred we'll get them in next time for sure!

I received a wonderful little note from Marilyn Craft wife of Hall of Famer Perry Craft

who left us some eight years ago. She wrote:

Thank you Reg for all you are doing promoting country music. I love your columns and wish you the best of health.

I am great Reg for 91. It will be 8 years this May since Perry passed and I miss his and all the old gang's music too. One of my best memories besides your singing and gifted guitar playing is the night at the Imperial when little Doc Rogers and Pat Belanger came out and led the Saint John Fiddlers in a medley Doc put together. So happy you are continuing with the country music sound we oldies enjoy the most.... Marilyn

We sure miss Perry and think of him often, thank you for your support Marilyn!

The following is a health update on Hall of Famer Bob Henry, former long time host of the weekend Jamboree he sent in the following update and I thought I would share it with you:

Hello,

I'm sharing this with you, only as an update. All is well, Hester, in concert with the Provincial Heart Centre, has laid down new rules on diet, exercise and a handful of other can and can'ts.

This past Sunday afternoon, 27 February, I developed a severe pain in my stomach and my son, Rob, drove me to the Emergency Department of the Saint John Regional Hospital. In just over an hour, I was in the operating room with a cardiac surgeon pushing a wire into an artery in my right wrist.

Yup, it was my first heart attack.

I'll spare you the boring details of my stay in this world-class cardiac unit except to say they inserted 2 stints and for the next 3 days poked, prodded and tested this 8 decade overweight body.

I'm now home, feeling good, taking handfuls of pills, developing a new regime and happy to be "above ground".

I learned two things:

1. The medical system works like a well-oiled clock when you really need it; and
2. Call an ambulance instead of having someone drive you to the ER.

Stay well,
Bob

So glad you are on the mend Bob and I am sure your fellow Hall of Famers are pleased to hear you are on the mend and wish you only the best!!

I am also going to forward a message from Executive Director Linda Gaston that was sent to all as a reminder of certain information we need to be able to properly archive member information. Please read the following and send along any info you would like to share to Linda:

Greetings Hall of Famers,

The HF is making a database of members who have albums, books, sheet music they have produced.

Please let us know, yes or no, if you have produced any of the following:

1. Albums/Cassettes/CDs etc.

If yes, how many?

You may list titles if you wish.

2. Sheet Music

If yes, how many songs/tunes?

3. Music Books

If yes, how many?

4. Other books

If yes, how many?

This info is a good record for the history of HF members and also helps with grant applications for the Hall of Fame.

We need this info by March 10, 2023.

Many thanks for your help,

Vivian & Linda

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"Keep on the Sunnyside"

Even though the info was required by March 10th I believe you can still send it in and it will still be archived.

Once again I will remind you of our New Brunswick Country Music Podcast hosted by Hall members Brent Buchanan and Reg Gallant and can be accessed through the Hall of Fame website or through the Pure Country website your support is greatly appreciated.

The tickets have been on sale now for a while and our 40th anniversary Gala promises to be a spectacular event so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment! October seems like a long ways away but time flies when your not paying attention!

Well folks I think I am at the end of my string for this session and I need to go have a rest. So I will leave you all with a reminder to send any items of interest and I will add it to the column. So for May the info should be in to me before the end of April (last week of). Thanks folks for your support

Reg Gallant
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