

Music Notes for May 2022

Hello fellow Hall of Famers,

The column is a little late this month as I was in Dalhousie with my mother and family to say goodbye to my stepfather Robert Pelletier who passed at the age of 85 after a long battle with heart disease and other health issues. It has been a sad week for us all but one filled with love and good memories too.

Here are some items of interest beginning with board member Frank Hartt who will be celebrating his 70th birthday on Saturday May 14th at the Gladstone Curling Club, 224 Sunbury Drive in Fredericton Junction at 6pm. If you are in the area stop by and give him your best wishes.

We are getting set to launch a “virtual museum” in our Hall of Fame and the screens have been mounted by now. Nigel Mullen and Bev Gaston are collecting photos so if you have some photos of yourself that you would like to submit you can e-mail them to Nigel or Bev and they will get it done! Pictures of Hall members performing would be ideal. More will be added as we roll out the virtual part of things with the possibility of having video streams as well.

Hall of Fame Medallions: Thanks to Hall member Gary Morris for this brilliant suggestion that a nice addition to our Gala Awards ceremonies would be a medallion. This medallion would serve as a symbol of achievement and as an identifier for future years to come. Gary envisioned all members of the Hall wearing our medallions to each Gala, showing everyone who we are, and that we are a family in “spirit”. Our first Hall of Fame medallions were presented to our 2021 inductees. Other presentations were made to Susan Butler, Mavis O’Donnell, Ivan & Vivian Hicks, and at a later date to Bill & Prudie Harmer and Gerry Taylor.

Hall member Brenda Best is back again this year entertaining at The Nashville Nightlife Theater (2416 Music Valley Dr., Nashville Tennessee). Be sure to visit the official website www.nashvillenightlife.com calendar dates throughout the year; especially if you’re planning to be in Nashville. You may also visit her official website: www.brendabest.net

The tickets are now available for the 2022 Gala in Sussex on October 15 you can get your tickets by contacting Sharon and Maurice Flemming (sharon.moef@gmail.com) for the details. The tickets are selling quite well so get yours early to avoid disappointment!

I would ask everyone to put their thinking caps on and help to come up with some ideas for fundraising towards the operation of the Hall. You can send your ideas to Linda Gaston our executive director via e-mail (linda.e.gaston@gmail.com) and don't be shy with suggestions, something that may sound far-fetched or silly may be just the thing we need!!

While our president Ivan Hicks is gearing up for a change in 2023 he will still be there to mentor the new executive and will continue to be very active in the music business, here are a few things that Ivan and Vivian are doing in the next few weeks and months ahead:

- On May 17th the Hicks will be at Mountain View Church, 85 MacBeath Avenue in Moncton, show starts at 7pm.
- On May 21st there will be a fiddle jam at the Golden Age Club 11 rue Age D'or in Sainte Antoine from 1:30-4:30pm. There will be a number of fiddle leaders including Allison Inch, Eddie Poirier, Leo Cormier and Ivan Hicks. There is no potluck. Everyone is welcome. Bring your instrument. You are in for a fiddling good time!
- An interesting event will be taking place on May 25th at the Vogue Theatre, Bridge Street in Sackville with the Sackville Arts Wall inductions. They will honour two new inductees to the Wall. One person who is being honoured will be Delanor Wheaton, a member of the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame. Del has contributed in so many different ways to the life of the community, including musically (a member of many bands such as the "Marshwinds dance band", "Maritime Express" old time and bluegrass band); a member of the 8th Hussars band; a member and president of the Kinsmen Club; serving with the local St. John Ambulance; involvement in local sports as a player, coach and referee; and the list goes on. Everyone is welcome and the program time is 6pm to 8pm.
- Two events this summer involving the Sussex Avenue Fiddlers include:
 1. June 18th from 12:30 to 1:30pm at the Hal Betts Field in Moncton for the Moncton Highland Games; and
 2. August 16th starting at 7pm outdoor concert at Victoria Park in Moncton. For more info call 506-386-2996.

Congratulations to the Miramichi Folksong Festival on 65 years of preserving and promoting the music of New Brunswick!! Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's Miramichi Folksong Festival from August 4 to 7. There is something for everyone – all musical tastes and all ages. We extend a very special welcome to the new festival director, Melanie Ross.

Dr. Manny's legacy lives on.
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The first showing of Hall member Gary Morris' pilot project on Rogers T.V. was aired on April 30th at 6:30pm in all 4 zones of the province and I will get more info on upcoming shows featuring more Hall of Famers. I have seen it and it is very well done. A marvellous way of promoting the Hall of Fame and its members!

I have been doing a series of small shows and they have been well received the next show I am doing is on June 18th in Lorneville at the community center and will feature accordion wizard and Hall member Roger Lantiegne with Manon Frenette on piano as well as Hall member Allison Inch on fiddle and myself on guitar and vocals. The show is titled "Accordion to the Fiddle " and promises to be a fun evening of music. Tickets for this event are \$15.00 at the door and can be reserved by calling 506-738-2941. We can seat 200 in the hall so we hope to see you there!!

REG GALLANT PRESENT'S

ACCORDION TO THE FIDDLE

*An evening of music with New Brunswick
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Reg Gallant



Allison Inch



*Roger Lantiegne
&
Manon Frenette*

Join us for a great night of country music with highly acclaimed accordionist Roger Lantiegne accompanied on keyboard by Manon Frenette from the northern Acadian Coast! Roger is a crowd favourite wherever he goes and always leaves his audience wanting more.

Master fiddler Allison Inch will bring a maritime kitchen atmosphere with lively reels, jigs and waltz's too. He is well known throughout the maritimes for his traditional fiddle stylings.

Vocalist Reg Gallant will sing some of your favourite country tunes and will accompany Allison and Roger on guitar. Reg runs the popular Port City Jamboree and is also in demand for his live performances.



Saturday June 18, 2022
Lorneville Community Centre
Doors open at 6pm // Show starts at 7pm
Tickets \$15 by reservation
To reserve call 738.2941

Here is a photo of the 2021 frames that were mounted at the Hall of Fame recently:



The frames are being professionally mounted and they look wonderful!

As things progress in the new Hall, it was decided that a message of welcome and a painting of Hall of Fame founder Aubrey Hanson will be placed in the main entrance to the Hall. Below is the message that will accompany the painting:

“Keep on the Sunnyside” - Aubrey Hanson
Founder, NB Country Music Hall of Fame (1983)

With this positive attitude towards life Aubrey brought his dream to fruition; a dream of a Hall of Fame where the pictures and stories of New Brunswick Country Music artists would be honored and celebrated! “No dream is too small, no dream is too big.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, presenting Aubrey's Dream!

**“Restez du côté ensoleillé” - Aubrey Hanson,
Fondateur du Temple de la renommée de la musique country du N.-B. (1983)**

Grâce à une attitude positive, Aubrey a su concrétiser son rêve; celui de créer un Temple de la renommée qui permettrait, à l'aide de photos et d'anecdotes, d'honorer et de mettre en valeur les artistes de la musique country du Nouveau-Brunswick. “Aucun rêve n'est trop petit, aucun rêve n'est trop grand”

Mesdames et Messieurs, voici le rêve d'Aubrey!

This message will greet visitors to the Hall and guide them to the frames.

Well folks this was a lengthy column but there was a healthy amount of news to pass on and that's great! I will close once again by asking you to send any information to me that you would like to see sent to the members and I will include it in future columns.

Please continue to support our Hall and stay connected to our future.

Reg Gallant
N.B.C.M.H.F. (2009)

