

Music Notes for July 2022

Hello everyone,

A very Happy Canada Day! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer so far, the weather is nice and warm (for the most part) and the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming. It is a wonderful time to count our blessings and to be alive!

After two years of restrictions and not much activity on the music scene things seem to be really picking up! Out door weekly music concerts are being sponsored by communities far and wide, local shows are slowly starting to make a comeback and the number of attendees seems to be rising.

The Rogersville Country Music Festival was held last week and was a big success with large crowds at all the performances! Hall of Fame inductee Flo Durelle was one of the featured acts and has sent in a few pictures of her performing at the venue:



Another popular festival hosted by Hall member Susan Butler is the Miramichi Folksong Festival coming up from August 4th to the 7th. Canada's longest standing folk song festival in its 65th year will have something for everyone and will be 4 days of musical memories that will last a lifetime! A great road trip for sure!

Dr. Manny's legacy lives on.
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Folksong Festival Inc.

Thursday, August 4th - Sunday, August 7th, 2022

*Canada's Longest Standing
Folksong Festival*

- **Four Days of Music**
- **Fiddlers & Singers**
- **Noon Luncheon**
- **BBQ**
- **Children's Show**
- **Pub Night with the Corner Boys & The Beaulieu Band**

ALL SHOWS AT BEAVERBROOK KIN CENTRE (100 NEWCASTLE BLVD.)
CLOSING DINNER/CONCERT AT CARREFOUR BEAUSOLIEL

Welcome new director of the Miramichi Folksong Festival
Melanie Ross



John Gracie



Miramichi Fiddlers



Jason & Melissa Barry



Ivan & Vivian Hicks



Dan McKinnon



Mike Bravener



Fr. Stanislas Paulin



The Children's Show

- **ROB CURRY**
- **THE CORNER BOYS**
- **THE BEAULIEU BAND**

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Myself and my brother and fellow Hall member C. J. Gallant will be putting on a concert of classic country music in Lorneville on Saturday August 20th at 7pm. We will be doing mostly era appropriate songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's featuring music by Lefty Frizell, George Jones, Merle Haggard, Mel Tillis, Ronnie Milsap, Buck Owens, Jim Ed Brown and many more! Tickets are 15\$ and can be reserved by sending me an e-mail or calling 738-2941.

There will once again be music in Gagetown at the Queens County Fair in September! I'll have more details on that in future columns.

Another taping of Gary Morris' Valley Music was held a couple of weeks ago and two shows will be broadcast on Rogers T.V. featuring Hall members Jack MacAfee, Hazel Marie Robertson, Allison Inch, Moe Flemming, Tammy and Gary Morris, and yours truly. Be sure to watch out for these great shows!

Hall member Steve Lyons will be hosting an all-star cast of local Saint John performers during exhibition week in August at the Saint John Exhibition grounds at the new Field House. This will be in partnership with the K.V. Old Boys club and the Saint John Exhibition association. More information on that will be included in the next column.

Remember if you have any news, milestones, announcements or performances that would be of interest to Hall members please send me the information by the last week of each month and I will be glad to share with everyone in the next column.

Moving on to other news the board of directors responsible for archiving music, pictures, and videos of Hall members performing are reminding everyone to send in any music or photos to Bev Gaston via either e-mail or snail mail (regular post) so we can add the material to the archives. Bev's email address is: bev.k.gaston@gmail.com

The Hall of Fame nomination forms are going to be translated to the two official languages and will be available online soon. This is much needed for French speaking New Brunswickers who wish to nominate an artist in the French language.

A further note of support to Hall member Randy Vail who along with his wife Glenna having been having a rough time in medical terms, I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best as we send our prayers of support to a wonderful couple and good friends! We are with you Randy and Glenna.

Vice-President Gerry Taylor is still in hospital as I write this column and we send our love and support to him and his wife Carol. Don't hesitate to send e-mails to Gerry and Randy or a card to the Regional Hospital for Gerry and they will make sure he gets it!

We have sad news with the loss of Hall of Fame member Al Kingston. The Hall of Fame extends condolences to his wife Helen and all of Al's family as they deal with these difficult times. Al was unique amongst all inductees, he is the only square dance caller inducted. He also was the sole inductee for the year 1995.

Sadly we must also send condolences to the family of Hall of Fame member Jeannie Clark. Jeannie was a fixture on the Valley Jamboree for many years and her character "Eunice P. Doolittle" brought tears of laughter to the audiences, but Jeannie was also a wonderful vocalist who loved to sing and entertain people. A quick-witted, kind and generous person, she will be missed by all who knew her.

It is hard to announce the passing of Hall members, many of whom we have performed with over the years, but it is another reason why the Hall is so important. The legacy that our Hall of Fame members leave behind will live on we will carry the torch for them and pass it on to future generations so it can keep burning bright!

So rest easy Al Kingston and Jeannie Clark, they've left us but their legacy will never be forgotten.

Stay safe, play music and enjoy life!

Reg Gallant

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