



February 2024

Issue 13

Hello everyone,

I hope everybody is staying warm and safe as we move into February and while it hasn't been too bad of a winter (at least for most of NB) so far there is still a fair bit left to go!

February is of course the shortest month of the year and it is also Valentines month so don't forget to sing your sweetheart a great country love song and embellish it with chocolates and flowers on the 14<sup>th</sup>! Things are heating up on the music scene and there have been lots of events and concerts to go to already as well as a bevy of things that are coming up.

Firstly though I would like to announce the new inductees for the Hall of Fame for 2024:



As always our Selection Committee has done a great job choosing a very well deserving bunch of folks from across the province and we welcome them to the Hall of Fame. The official induction and gala will be celebrated on October 19 at the Fredericton Motor Inn.

Brent Buchanan and I will be doing interviews with the new inductees over the next little while and you will be able to hear in their own words some of their history, achievements, and the contributions they have made to country music in New Brunswick. So be sure to keep tuning in to the NB Country Music podcast on Pure Country 103.5FM Fredericton and you can listen to them online as well at:

<https://omny.fm/shows/fredericton-s-pure-country-103-5/playlists/i-love-my-country-with-brent-buchanan>

On February 4 Hall member Steve Lyons was at the 69 Branch Legion in Saint John with Anna Marie Burke. These two always put on a fun show with great dancing !



**Branch 69 Dance Night**

**MUSIC**

**Steve Lyons & Anna Marie Burke**

**Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, 7-10PM**

**Steve & Anna Music**

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Email-lyonsjjl@nbnet.nb.ca

**Tickets \$8ea at the door**

**Wear your favorite dance attire and enjoy an evening with us**  
**All welcome! Fun times@ Br69 !**

Ball Room Dancing      Shake Dancing      Line Dancing



Hall member Joyce Boone is appearing regularly at O'Malley's Irish Pub in Saint John hosting an Open Mic on Thursdays from 7 – 10 pm

Hall members Ivan and Vivian Hicks will be hosting the first Fiddle–Doo of the New Year at the Salisbury Lions Club on Saturday February 10 at 1:30pm.

Hosted by Ivan & Vivian Hicks  
*hôtes Ivan et Vivian Hicks*

# Fiddle Doo

**Sat, Feb 10, 2024**  
**Le samedi 10 Fev**  
 1:30pm / 13h30

**Salisbury Lions Club**  
 63 rue Peter st

All welcome. Bring your musical instruments  
 Emmenez vos instrument de musique.

Admission par/by donation

**\*There is no Potluck / il n'y aura pas de repas**

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item  
 for foodbank .  
 Veuillez apporter un aliment non périssable  
 pour donation

Info: Ivan Hicks – 506-386-2996  
 or [ivan@ivanhicks.com](mailto:ivan@ivanhicks.com)



On Sunday February 11 Hall member Susan Butler will be hosting a concert. Below is the poster and information on the event, looks like a great evening coming up in Miramichi!



*White Gold*  
DINNER/CONCERT  
**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**  
BEAVERBROOK KIN CENTRE

Supper at 5 pm followed by show (MENU CATERS TO SPECIAL DIETS)  
**DOOR PRIZES** (Sign Back of Ticket)

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On February 24, 2024, Hall member Ron Vautour will be hosting another Pure Country show at the Marysville Heritage Center and its gonna be a dandy!

**TICKETS  
\$15**

**DOORS OPEN  
AT 6:00 PM  
SHOW STARTS  
AT 7:00 PM**

**FEATURING**

**RILEY TAYLOR**

**MAVIS O'DONNELL**

**KYLIE WATSON**

**WITH THE PURE COUNTRY SHOW BAND**

**Marysville Heritage Center**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

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Going through some stuff I ran across these two fellas, do you recognise them? The first photo is recent and the second photo goes back a ways (hehe), it is none other than Hall member Gary Morris and his long time friend and bass player Hal Pennell!



My memory is a bit foggy and I can't seem to remember the other gentleman in the second photo with Gary on the right and Hal seated this would have been an early verison of Gary Morris and Crossroads band lots of great history (and hair!) there.

Here's a great photo of one of this years new inductees, Brian Mallery from Cap Pele, is receiving an award for 20+ years in the music business! Congrats Brian and here's to another 20+!



Another of this year's new inductees, Rik Reese from Campbellton, was recently featured on the cover of Forbes Morocco !

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## Rik Reese

From Country Tunes to Runway Glamour: A Tale of Business Acumen and Artistic Spirit

**F** by Forbes Staff · January 7, 2024 · 865 views

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Here's a link to the article:

<https://forbesmorocco.com/2024/01/07/harmonizing-passion-and-business-the-dynamic-duo-of-shelby-doll-and-rik-reese/>

I'd like to remind everyone again of the upcoming 2024 Induction Ceremony and Gala on October 19 at the Fredericton Motor Inn. It's a little ways away yet but preparations are already underway to ensure that this year's 40<sup>th</sup> Gala will be just as memorable as last year's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala (which was actually our 39<sup>th</sup> Gala because there was no Gala in 2021 due to Covid)! Be sure to get your tickets and book rooms early if you plan on attending!



**NEW BRUNSWICK COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME**

# Gala Event 2024

*Celebrate the best in NB country music!*

**Induction Ceremonies, Banquet & Gala Concert**  
October 19, 2024 Fredericton, NB

Fredericton Inn - 1315 Regent St, Fredericton NB

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Check out our monthly 50/50 draw at [www.nbmchf.com](http://www.nbmchf.com)

A big congrats to the winner of the January 50/50 raffle: Philip Hebb who took home \$105!





**Congratulations to Phillip Hebb.**

You are the winner of \$105.00 from our January draw. We will be contacting you by email & phone.

*Thank you!*

Grand Prize  
Winner: Phillip Hebb  
Grand Prize  
One winner will receive 50% of the total jackpot!  
Winner Pending

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February's 50/50 draw is now live – please consider buying tickets to help support the Hall with programs and projects and maybe win a few bucks too!



<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nbcmhf>

It's time for our new monthly feature...

### **Who is making waves in Country Music?**

This month we've got a double feature of two young gentlemen from the Woodstock area: The Martin Boys – brothers McAuley and Micah Martin.



These young men are the real deal and are working their dream of being in the country music business in a big way!

They may be young, late teens/early 20s, but they sound like a couple of seasoned pros and are fast gaining a fanbase of newer country fans but these boys grew up on Johnny, Merle and Hank so they've got the roots in classic country too!

Their new release "Live Like This" was recorded in Nashville and is getting noticed! Brent and I interviewed them for the NB Country Music podcast and we were very impressed with their vocals and musical abilities. You can listen to the podcast on the Pure Country website at New Brunswick Country Music podcast and follow the brothers on Spotify, AppleMusic, and YouTube :



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGnrbVT28DXuECAG-MjKloQ>

[https://omny.fm/shows/fredericton-s-pure-country-103-5/thanks-to-the-martin-boys-from-woodstock-for-being?in\\_playlist=i-love-my-country-with-brent-buchanan](https://omny.fm/shows/fredericton-s-pure-country-103-5/thanks-to-the-martin-boys-from-woodstock-for-being?in_playlist=i-love-my-country-with-brent-buchanan)

So much more to come from these two I'm sure!!

Here's a message from our Executive Director, Linda Gaston:

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to continue as your Executive Director. The challenge is rewarding to me personally and my goal is to work for you, the members, under the direction of our new president, Reg Gallant.

Our vision is:

*To become a financially stable non-profit country music resource influencer in all areas of NB; by celebrating our past with our ongoing archive collection, and be recognized for organizational professionalism; willingness to promote, educate, and guide emerging artists; to build on new ideas such as product & services; while maintaining a well-advertised, elite public attraction into the future.*

One of our main goals for 2024 is to connect and communicate better with you, our members. Please let us know how & where you would like to see us get involved.

Sincerely,  
Linda



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Thanks Linda! I really can't stress enough that this is your Hall of Fame and we encourage your participation so if you have some news, event or milestone that you would like to see in Music Notes or any issue you want brought forward to the Board of Directors please don't hesitate to reach out to any Board member, our Executive Director Linda Gaston or myself, Reg Gallant (President) and we will be happy to chat.



Well folks this wraps it up for this month. Stay tuned in for more Hall of Fame happenings and information on the 2024 Gala.

Keep it country !



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