Canadian Folk Festival Directory

We try to get information directly from festivals where possible. However, where we don’t have a mailing address or where festivals don’t respond to our queries, we’re dependent on other agencies, such as provincial tourist bureaus. The sort of information that these agencies provide varies from province to province (as well as from year to year within a single province). So if there is a perceived imbalance between our coverage of one province and another, this is the likely explanation.

Readers who help us get in touch with festivals which are not listed here, or who provide mailing addresses for festivals for which we don’t have that information, will earn our undying gratitude.

ALBERTA

April 29 and 30, 1995
ALBERTA HIGHLAND DANCE PROVINCIAL COMPETITION
Edmonton, Alta.
Annual since 1967
Sponsored by Edmonton Highland Dancing Association.

May 22 to 27, 1995
CALGARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL. In and around the Centre for Performing Arts, Calgary, Alta.
Annual since 1987
Donna Rapp (Marketing Manager), 205 8th Ave. SE, Calgary, Alta. T2G 0 K9
Res.: (403) 283-3772; Bus.: 294-7414; Fax: 294-7457
“The Calgary International Children’s Festival is a six-day festival of international arts and activities for children and families honouring the power of children. Happening in the heart of downtown Calgary, this acclaimed festival presents high calibre theatre, puppetry, masque, dance, music, physical comedy and more.”

May 31 to June 4, 1995
SPRUCE MEADOWS NATIONALS. Spruce Meadows, near Calgary, Alta.
Festival of Music, Spruce Meadows, RR9, Calgary, Alta. T2J 5 G5
(403) 974-4200
Primarily an equestrian competition, the event also features a “Festival of Music” with live entertainers from many cultures.

May 31 to June 4, 1995
DREAMSPEAKERS. Edmonton, Alta.
(403) 439-3456
An international cultural, artistic and film festival where First Nations cultures from around the world demonstrate their culture and history. Cultural performances, films, Native art and food are presented.

June 9 to 17, 1995
CARIFEST. Calgary, Alta.
Indra Lall, Suite 211, 212 7th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alta. T2P 0W9
(403) 292-0310
A cultural extravaganza showcasing food, music, dance, literature, arts and crafts.

June 16 to 18, 1995
COWBOY POETRY GATHERING. Pincher Creek, Alta.
(403) 627-4047
June 16 to 18, 1995
NORTH COUNTRY FAIR. Joussard, Alta.
Ellis O’Brien, (403) 776-2205
Folk music festival.

July (no dates specified)
BUSKERS’ FESTIVAL. Banff, Alta.
Steve Hansen, (403) 762-8562
Street performers bring Banff alive with bold colours and grand illusions.

July 6, 1995
PYSANKA FESTIVAL. Vegreville, Alta.
Vegreville Cultural Society, (403) 632-2777

July 7 to 16, 1995
EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL STREET PERFORMERS FESTIVAL.
Edmonton, Alta.
(403) 425-5162
Downtown Edmonton welcomes the world’s best street performers for over 900 performances. The parks and streets are alive with family fun provided by magicians, clowns, jugglers, musicians and comics.

July 7 to 16, 1995
CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE. Stampede Grounds, Calgary, Alta.
Cowboy Poetry Chairman, Calgary Stampede Association, Box 1060, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2K8
(403) 261-0101
The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth includes a Cowboy Poetry Gathering and much western-flavoured music.

July 21 to 23, 1995
BUFFALO DAYS POWWOW AND TIPI VILLAGE. Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, near Fort Macleod, Alta.
Louisa Crow Show, (403) 553-2731
Three days of Native dance competitions, a traditional tipi village and a natural outdoor setting. Half price admission to the interpretive centre.

July 24 to 30, 1995
CALGARY FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL. Calgary, Alta.
Annual since 1989
Kerry Clarke (Artistic Director), Folk Festival Society of Calgary, P.O. Box 2897, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2P 3C3
Bus.: (403) 233-0904; Fax: 266-3373
"At the Calgary Folk Music Festival, enjoy a week-long celebration of music without borders—Celtic, zydeco, blues, alternative, country, rockabilly, world, klezmer, roots, folk-rock and more! Music, dancing and fun around the city of Calgary in the week—most of it free!—then down to the beautiful island setting of Prince’s Island Park for the weekend. Albertan, Canadian and international musicians provide continuous music on multiple stages in mini-concerts, jam sessions and mainstage concerts. The island comes alive with street performers, children’s entertainment, craft and specialty food booths and a beer garden. Don’t miss it!"

August 4 to 6, 1995
BLUEBERRY BLUEGRASS AND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL.
Exhibition Park, Stony Plain, Alta.
Annual
Shirley Skinner, Box 5151, Spruce Grove, Alta. T7X 3A3
Res.: (403) 963-5217
"Bluegrass and country bands, craft tables, concessions, Kids’ Korner, cowboy poets, open stage, bluegrass gospel Sunday morning, covered pavilion if needed. Bring lawn chairs. Camping on site, campfire picking and jam sessions."
August 4 to 6, 1995
FESTIVAL IN THE PARK. Morinville, Alta.
Terry Cashin, (403) 939-4321
Includes a fiddle contest.

August 5 to 7, 1995
EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Edmonton, Alta.
Annual since 1976
Dennis Fahlman, 202, 10715 124th St., Edmonton, Alta.
Bus.: (403) 488-3378; Fax: 455-9097
Annual since 1976
August 5 to 7, 1995
Heritage Day. Grande Prairie, Alta.
August 6, 1995
EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Edmonton, Alta.
Annual since 1976
Dennis Fahlman, 202, 10715 124th St., Edmonton, Alta. T5M OH2
Bus.: (403) 488-3378; Fax: 455-9097
"The world's largest three-day multicultural festival. Over 60 cultures from five continents; over 6000 volunteers; over 1000 performers; exotic foods; non-stop entertainment; arts and crafts; authentic costumes; admission-free public attendance of over 300,000."

August 6, 1995
HERITAGE DAY. Grande Prairie, Alta.
Annual since 1987
Mitra Zarei, 10404 102 St., Grande Prairie, Alta. T8V 2W3
Bus.: (403) 538-4611; Fax: 538-4607
"Cultural activities, music, dance, ethnic foods. All day festival at Muskoseepi Park."

August 14 to 20, 1995
INTERNATIONAL NATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL. Calgary, Alta.
Annual since 1989
P.O. Box 502, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2J1
(403) 233-0022
Performances by Native dancers, musicians and other performers are held at Bankers’ Hall, the Glenbow Museum and in and around tips erected along Stephen Avenue Mall. Guests are invited to attend workshops featuring art demonstrations, symbolism, culture and artifacts and drum making.

August 14 to 19, 1995
AFRIKADEY! Calgary, Alta.
Tunde Dawodu, African Festival and Presentation Society of Calgary, 1111 Memorial Dr. NW, Calgary, Alta. T2N 3B4
(403) 283-7119
"Afrikadey! is a dynamic week-long festival which focuses on music, art and culture from the continent of Africa and the Diaspora. A diverse array of traditional and modern African music, South American music, blues, jazz and Caribbean music is featured in indoor and outdoor concerts, in addition to films, drum and dance workshops, visual arts, literary presentations and symposiums during the week, throughout the city of Calgary. Afrikadey! moves to Prince's Island Park for a full day Saturday. A market area with African food, clothing and crafts, a large interactive children's area, ongoing mainstage performances and a beer garden are the Island's features."

August 18 to 20, 1995
COWBOY POETRY AND WESTERN ART FESTIVAL. Stony Plain, Alta.
Annual since 1993
Frank Cantafio, (403) 963-4600
The best poets, pickers, singers, storytellers, artists and crafters in the country will be appearing. The show will also include pottery, bronzing, silversmithing, saddlery, campfires, blacksmiths and Cowboy Church service.

August 18 to 20, 1994
SHADY GROVE BLUEGRASS AND OLD TYME MUSIC FESTIVAL
Broadway Farm, Nanton, Alta.
Annual since 1989
Rosemary Wishart, Box 846, Nanton, Alta. TOI 1R0
Res.: (403) 646-2076; Bus.: 287-2901; Fax: 243-0472
"Pickin' and grinnin' for folks of all ages, all weekend, in the country Camping down on the farm. Workshops, home cooking, 'Bluegrass for Kids. Everyone is welcome. Join in 'the bluegrass experience.'"

September 3, 1995
CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES. Canmore, Alta.
Sandy Bunch, (403) 678-2015
Individual and band competitions for pipes and drums, Highland dancing, Scottish ceilidh with live music, sports competitions and more. Largest Highland games event in Alberta.

September 9 and 10, 1995
INDIGENOUS SOCIETY TRADITIONAL POW WOW. Slave Lake, Alta.
Vina Auger, (403) 849-4690
Youth/elder events, round dance, traditional pow wow, storytelling and cultural events.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

April 23 to 25, 1995
MACKENZIE SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE. Mackenzie, BC.
Annual since 1991
Pearl & Kevin Blood, Box 903, Mackenzie, BC VOl 2C0
Res.: (604)-997-3129
"Club: Blue Diamond Dancers. Friday: Trail In Dance. Saturday: 2:00 p.m. workshop, 7:30 p.m. evening dance and rounds. Sunday: 9:00-11:00 a.m. pancake breakfast and Trail Out Dance. Caller to be announced."

May 19 to 21, 1995
CITYFEST '95. King Edward College, 1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC.
Annual since 1994
Jon Bartlett, (604) 526-2804
"A celebration of cultural diversity. A free grassroots festival promoting local music, dance, poetry, art and crafts from a wide array of ethnic and cultural traditions. This second annual event promises to be every bit as good as the inaugural one."

June 30 to July 2, 1995
BURNS LAKE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. Darter Ranch, 15 miles south of Burns Lake, BC, via Highway 35
Annual since 1986
Richard Cannon, P.O. Box 113, Fraser Lake, BC VOJ 1SO
Res.: (604) 699-8697; Fax: 699-8535
"Tenth anniversary special, on 450 acres of ranchland with fields and poplar grove amongst duck ponds overlooking Francois Lake, 95% pure. Children’s activities, wagon rides, crafts, dance floor, playground, mini golf, and much more too numerous to mention."

July 8 to 16, 1995
HARRISON FESTIVAL. Harrison Hot Springs, BC.
Annual since 1978
Ed Stenson, Box 399, Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0
Bus.: (604) 796-3664; Fax: 796-3694
"A nine-day celebration of Afro-root music, theatre, dance and visual arts."

July 14 to 16, 1995
VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL. Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver, BC.
Annual since 1978
Sal Ferreras (Artistic Director), Brent Gibson (General Manager), 3271 Main St., Vancouver, BC V5V 3M6
Bus.: (604) 879-2931; Fax: 879-4315
"Long heralded as a first class festival for regional, national and world music, the Festival features three evenings of mainstage concerts and six smaller daytime stages. Audiences can choose from numerous themes in traditional and contemporary folk music. There is wonderful programming for the kids as well. There are substantial savings on early bird weekend tickets (purchased prior to June 21)."

July 21 to 23, 1995
ISLANDS FOLK FESTIVAL. Providence Farm, Duncan, Vancouver Island, BC.
Annual since 1984
Brent Hutchinson, Box 802, Duncan, BC V9L 3Y1
Res., Bus. & Fax: (604) 748-3975

"A weekend of contemporary and traditional music, dancing, panel concerts, workshops and children's activities. Arts, crafts and food booths, camping on heritage site."

August 7 to 13, 1995
HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL. West Vancouver, BC.
Annual since 1990
Sarah Chievers, c/o Ferry Building Gallery, 1414 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver, BC V7T 1C2
Bus.: (604) 925-3605; Fax: 925-3645

"The Harmony Arts Festival is a free multi-arts festival held along the West Vancouver shoreline, and features North Shore musicians, artists and performers."

August 13, 1995
UNDER THE VOLCANO FESTIVAL. Cates Park, North Vancouver, BC.
Annual since 1990
Irwin Oostindie, Box 21552, 1850 Commercial Dr., Vancouver, BC V5N 4A0
Bus.: (604) 984-ARTS; Fax: 988-ARTS

"A festival of art and social change. A grassroots event produced by volunteers. In 1994 an audience of 8,000 enjoyed this outdoor event, featuring three stages, workshops, artisans, foods, political tables, speakers, poets, children's area, art exhibition. No ticket price, with artists' fees paid, makes this a unique festival."

November 10 to 12, 1995
FOLK WEEKEND. Strathcona Park Lodge, near Campbell River, BC.
Annual since 1975
Margot MacMullen, P.O. Box 2100, Campbell River, BC V9W 5C9
Bus.: (604) 286-3122; Fax: 286-6010

"Professionals and amateurs gather together to share musical moments within Strathcona's warm, cozy atmosphere. Young and old join in folk dancing, playing an assortment of folk instruments, storytelling, songwriting and singing, and old-fashioned crafts. Fee includes two nights' accommodation, two breakfasts, two lunches and one dinner, workshops, and an evening concert and dance."

MANITOBA

June 1 to 4, 1995
WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL. Forks National Historic ark, Winnipeg, Man.
Annual
Donna Wills, 300 112 Market Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3B 0P4
Bus.: (204) 958-4735; Fax: 957-0879

"The Winnipeg International Children's Festival present an annual festival in early June for children and families. This arts and culture event features music, dance, puppetry, storytelling, physical comedy, plus creative and educational drop-in activities."

July 1, 1995
MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING. Selkirk, Man.
Annual since 1966
Henry or Leona Strong, Box 59, Selkirk, Man. R1A 2B2
Res.: (204) 757-2365 (evenings/weekends)

"Promotion of Scottish heritage through individual Highland dancing, piping and drumming competitions, pipe band competition, heavy games of brawn, Scottish market and foods, clan booths, historic displays, sheepdog herding, sheep shearing, canoe and kayak races, and multicultural entertainment in beer garden."

July 6 to 9, 1995
WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL. Bird's Hill Provincial Park, Man.
Annual since 1974
Dianne Smith, 204 Taché Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2H 1Z9
Bus.: (204)-231-0096; Fax: (204)-231-0076

"Held in beautiful Bird's Hill Park, the Winnipeg Folk Festival is an internationally acclaimed event featuring a world of music on seven daytime stages and an evening Main Stage. Other festival highlights include a Family Area where kids and parents together can enjoy activities and entertainment; a Handmade Craft Village with over 50 artisans; and foods as varied as the music."

July 28 and 29, 1995
CENTRAL CANADA FIDDLER'S FESTIVAL. Austin, Man.
Features step dancing and jigging as well as fiddle music. Held in conjunction with the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede.

August 4 to 6, 1995
CANADA'S NATIONAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL. Dauphin, Man.
Pat Waksymychuk, 119 Main St. South, Dauphin, Man. R7N 1K4
(204) 638-5645; Fax: 638-5851

Celebrates freedom. The flavour of the old traditions and culture of the Ukraine come alive in hearty celebrations of song, dance, costume and delectably satisfying Ukrainian cuisine.

August 4 to 6, 1995
CARMAN FIDDLE FESTIVAL. Carman, Man.
Winston Simpson, Box 1364, Carman, Man. R0G 0J0
(204) 745-2386

Music festival featuring talent from the United States and Canada, fiddlers' breakfast, jam sessions and fiddling competitions.

August 5 to 7, 1995
ICELANDIC FESTIVAL OF MANITOBA (ISLENDINGADAGURINN).
Gimli, Man.
Iarry Markusson, Box 1871, Gimli, Man. R0C 1BO
(204) 642-7417

Celebration of Icelandic heritage, featuring parade, poetry and music presided over by the Fjalkona (Maid of the Mountain), art displays and traditional Icelandic cuisine.

August 6 to 19, 1995
FOLKLORAMA. Various venues throughout Winnipeg, Man.
Annual since 1970
Kelly Fielding (Communications Assistant), 200 180 King St., Winnipeg, Man. R3B 3G8
Bus.: (204) 982-6230; Fax: 943-1556

"Folklorama, Canada's cultural celebration and number one event, is a two-week multicultural extravaganza which showcases the cultures of Canadian people through exhilarating entertainment, exotic foods and captivating cultural displays."

August 12 and 13, 1995
BRANDON FOLK MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL. Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Keystone Centre, Brandon, Man.
Annual since 1985
Murray D. Evans, Box 2047, Brandon, Man. R7A 6S8
Bus.: (204) 727-3928

"The festival showcases a wide range of music; everything from blues to bluegrass and Celtic to worldbeat are featured on the Main Stage and afternoon stage. The festival also includes a kids' area with performers and art instructors, and a craft exhibition show and sale. Concessions are located on site, and off-site camping is available."

August 13 to 19, 1995
OPASQUIAK INDIAN DAYS. The Pas, Man.
Wayne Young, Box 297, The Pas, Man. R9A 1K4
(204) 623-5483

Celebrates the Native culture and its traditional skills and sports with fiddling and jigging, an Indian princess pageant, a square dance competition, and the festival highlight, a 60-mile canoe race.
September 14 to 23, 1995
OKTOBERFEST. Winnipeg, Man.
Terry O'Reilly, 375 York Ave., 2F, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3J3
(204) 956-1720; Fax: 943-0310
Largest indoor Canadian festival featuring the finest in Bavarian delicacies, domestic and imported beverages. Includes bands, dance troupes and nightly parades.

October 6 to 8, 1995
MIAMI FUN AND FIDDLE FESTIVAL. Miami, Man.
George Jackson, RR#2, Miami, Man. ROG 1H0
(204) 435-2272
Sweet melody of the fiddle is featured during this three-day event, with fiddle competitions, old-time dances and stage show.

February 9 to 18, 1996
FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR. Forks National Historic Area, Winnipeg, Man.
Normand Gousseau, C.P. 10, 768 ave Taché, St-Boniface, Man. R2H 2C4
(204) 237-7692; Fax: 233-7576
Celebrates the voyageur and the fur trade era; activities include more than 400 shows, international snow sculpture competition and exhibit, arts and crafts, beard growing, fiddling and jigging contest, Native entertainment, historic fur trade encampment at the Forks, and the "Grand Rendez-Vous", a street party hosting more than 14,000 people.

NEW BRUNSWICK

May 25 to June 4, 1985
LE FRANCO-FROLIC. St. John, NB.
Ted Parisé, Centre communautaire Samuel de Champlain, RR#1, Boar's Head Rd., St. John, NB.
Bus.: (506) 658-407; Fax: 658-3984

June 29 to July 8, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA FRANCOPHONIE. Tracadie/Sheila, NB.
Gina Benoit or Weldon McLaughlin, C.P. 1498, Rue du couvent, Tracadie, N.-B. E3B 4X7
(506) 652-5238
Offers cultural events and artists displaying the francophone culture in this part of the world. Music, songs, literature, dances, humour, food, expositions and the famous "Rue ver l'Art."

July 3 or 9 [sic], 1995
FESTIVAL AU COEUR D'ACADIE. Cap-Péle, NB.
Chantal LaViolette, C.P. 448, Cap-Péle, NB E0J 1J0
(506) 395-7946; Fax: 395-2491

July 8, 1995
POLEY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL. Sussex, NB.
Brent Mason (Co-ordinator), 259 Princess St., Apt. 5, St. John, NB E2L 1L4
(506) 652-5238
"A one-day musical extravaganza showcasing the talents of regional and national musical performers, billed not solely as a folk festival. Visitors are exposed to many genres of music, and are able to sample blues, rock, country, Celtic, folk and jazz, all in the spectacular wilderness setting of Poley Mountain. Families welcome. Be sure not to miss the best variety of original music at one of the fastest-growing festivals on the East Coast."

July 13 to 16, 1995
CANADA'S IRISH FESTIVAL ON THE MIRAMICHI. Miramichi, NB.
Farrell McCarthy, 109 Roy Ave., Newcastle, NB E1V 3N8
(506) 622-4007; Bus.: 778-8810
The first and largest Irish festival in Canada featuring Irish groups from around the world.

July 14 to 16, 1995
KINGSCLEAR POW WOW. Kingsclear First Nation, NB.
Dick Paul, Comp. 19, Site 6, RR#6, Kingsclear, NB E3B 4X7
Bus.: (506) 363-3028; Fax: 363-4324

July 21 to 30, 1995
BON AMI FESTIVAL GET-TOGETHER. Dalhousie, NB.
Patrick Roy, P.O. Box 2118, 414 Adelaide St., Dalhousie, NB E0K 1B0
(506) 684-0088; Bus.: 684-5395; Fax: 684-5395
This celebration of friendship and New Brunswick's wealth of languages a cultures includes music events, dances, sports activities, pageants, li performances and giant parades.

July 28 to 30, 1995
NEW BRUNSWICK HIGHLAND GAMES. Fredrickton, NB.
Carolyn Morton, P.O. Box 21021, Fredrickton, NB E3B 7A3
Res. & Bus.: (506) 459-5166

July 29, 1995
FESTIVAL OF CULTURES. Peron Andover, NB.
Terry McCarthy, Upper St. John Multi-Cultural Assn., P.O. Box 573, Perth Andover, NB E0J 1V0
(506) 273-2875; Bus.: 473-2750 or 273-2970; Fax: 473-2759 or 273-4779
Multicultural festival featuring a village market, a parade of cultures, performances by local musicians and dancers, featuring western and folk music, drills by majorettes and their bands, band concert and a gala closing.

August 1 to 6, 1995
FESTIVAL BAIE JAZZ ET BLUES. Shediac, NB.
Lise Bourgoin, C.P. 218, Edmonston, N.-B. E3V 3K8
(506) 727-6515
Authentic traditional as well as contemporary folksongs steeped in Miramichi and Maritime lore. Tap your heel to the fiddler's bow, enjoy downhome hospitality, good food and workshops for young and old.

August 2 to 6, 1995
LA FOIRE BRAYONNE. Edmonston, NB.
Lise Bourgoin, C.P. 218, Edmonston, N.-B. E3V 3K8
(506) 739-6608
This internationally renowned festival features concerts, Brayonne fare, crafts, cultural activities and sports events, all creating a joie de vivre. The biggest francophone festival outside Quebec, this is one of the most vibrant and dynamic cultural events in New Brunswick.

August 4 to 15, 1995
FESTIVAL ACADIEN. Caraquet, NB.
Paul-Marcel Albert, C.P. 2, Caraquet, N.-B. EOB 1K0
(506) 727-6515
Huge cultural party in Caraquet, featuring concerts, exhibitions, diverse activities featuring the vitality of the Acadian culture. Includes the Blessing of the Fleet and the Tintamarre.

August 11 to 20, 1995
FESTIVAL BY THE SEA. St. John, NB
Annual since 1985
Gary Arbuths (General Manager), P.O. Box 6848, Sta. A, St. John, NB E2L 4S3
(506) 632-0086; Fax: 632-0994
"For ten days each August, historic St. John celebrates as hundreds of entertainers from across Canada present over 100 performances. Evening performances unfold under the stars in a unique outdoor harbourfront theatre. Come sing, dance, laugh and celebrate Canada with us."
August 13 and 15, 1995
LE FESTIVAL ACADIEN. St. John, NB.
Rodney Doucet, RR#1, Boar's Head Rd., St. John, NB E2L 3W2
Bus.: (506) 658-4600; Fax: 658-3984

August 15, 1995
RENDEZ-VOUS ACADIENS. Petit-Rocher, NB.
Guy Clavette, Village de Petit-Rocher, C.P. 270, Petit-Rocher, NB E0B 2E0

August 25 to 27, 1995
MIRAMICHI HIGHLAND GATHERING. Miramichi, NB.
Murray Allen, RR#1, Site 3, Box 9, Douglastown, NB E0C 1H0
Res.: (506) 773-4278; Bus.: 622-2036; Fax: 662-5351

September 8 to 10, 1995
CHARLO FALL FAIR. Charlo, NB.
Adolphe Goulet, Village of Charlo, C.P. 60, Charlo, N.-B. E0B 1M0
Bus.: (506) 684-3597; Fax: 684-4481

September 13 to 17, 1995
HARVEST JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL. Fredericton, NB.
Brent Steaben, 1111 Regent St., Unit 3, Suite 369, Fredericton, NB E3B 3Z2
Res.: (506) 457-2552; Bus.: 454-2583; Fax: 457-1815

July 27 to 30, 1995
FESTIVAL OF THE TARTANS. New Glasgow, NS.
Res.: (902) 752-2148; Bus.: 755-1999; Fax: 752-2517

September 13 to 17, 1995
MONCTON JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL. Moncton, NB.
J.R. (Jack) MacAleese, P.O. Box 184, IIII Main St., Suite 105, Moncton, NB E1C 8K9
Res.: (506) 383-4605; Bus.: 858-8308

NEWFOUNDLAND

July 7 to 9, 1995
BURIN PENINSULA FESTIVAL OF FOLK SONG AND DANCE. D.C.
Jamieson Academy, Burin, Nfld. Annual since 1984
Ruth Matthews, P.O. Box 312, Burin, Nfld. A0E 1E0
Bus.: (709) 884-1546

“Indoor event showcasing traditional Newfoundland music, song and dance, including set dances passed down through the generations. An authentic folk event. Children’s tent features workshops in traditional dance steps, and traditional games and pastimes.”

July 27 to 30, 1995
FISH, FUN AND FOLK FESTIVAL. Twillingate, Nfld. Annual since 1980
Audrey Dailey, P.O. Box 237, Twillingate, Nfld. A0G 4M0
Res.: (709) 884-2678; Fax: 884-5278

“Traditional Newfoundland music and dances. Fireworks, parade, craft booths and displays. Fish meals served throughout the town for three days. Lots of beautiful scenery, museums and icebergs to see. We have tourists from all over Canada and the U.S.”

NOVA SCOTIA

May 25 to 29, 1995
ANAPOLIS VALLEY APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. Annapolis Valley, Windsor to Digby, NS.
Annual since 1933
Mrs. Dorothy But, 37 Cornwallis St., Kentville, NS B4N 2E2
Res.: (902)-678-4791; Bus.: 678-8322; Fax: 678-3710

“Official opening, princess teas, coronation ceremonies, dances, concerts, barbecues, sports, art show, fireworks, children’s parade, grand street parade. ‘Saturday in the Park’ (buskers, children’s entertainment, etc.).”

June 16 to 18, 1995
CELEBRATION ‘95. Waterfront, Dartmouth, NS.
Annual since 1983
Barbara Campbell, 1809 Barrington St., Suite 901, Halifax, NS B3L 2Y6
Bus.: (902) 423-6534; Fax: 422-0881

“Celebration is a multicultural festival that helps support and promote multicultural communities throughout Halifax and Dartmouth. Celebration is international food and drink, displays, dancing, music and fun for all ages. Plan to join us for three days of festivities, showcasing the richness and diversity of over 25 different cultures. Creating a world of colourful entertainments, Celebration ‘95 offers you a chance to explore the world. Hosted by the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia.”

July 16 to 23, 1995
BIG POND SUMMER FESTIVAL. Big Pond, Cape Breton, NS.
Annual since 1964
Fred White, 575 Gillis Lake Road, Sydney Forks, NS B0A 1W0
Res.: (902) 828-2373; Bus.: 539-5300-228

“Includes Celtic music, best in Cape Breton entertainers. Strawberry festival children’s day activities, square dances.”

July 17 to 23, 1995
FESTIVAL OF THE TARTANS. New Glasgow, NS.
Annual since 1938
Ms. Wendy Haines, P.O. Box 452, New Glasgow, NS B2H 5E5
Res.: (902) 752-2148; Bus.: 755-1999; Fax: 752-2517

July 28 to 30, 1995
NOVA SCOTIA BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL.
Ardoise (near Windsor), NS.
Annual since 1971
Fulton Iseron, P.O. Box 42, Elmsdale, NS B0N 1M0
Res.: (902) 883-2353

“Family event, field camping, instrument workshops, children’s programs, acoustic instruments only.”

August 5, 1995
HIGHLAND VILLAGE DAY. Highland Village, Hector’s Point, Iona, NS.
Annual since 1982
Rodney Chaissou, P.O. Box 58, Iona, NS B0A 1L0
Bus.: (902) 725-2272; Fax: 725-2227

“Daylong celebration of Scottish and Cape Breton folk, traditional and contemporary music. Two concerts, followed by a square dance under the stars.”

August 11 to 13, 1995
NOVA SCOTIA GAELIC M6D. St. Ann’s, NS.
Annual since 1938
Sam MacPhee, P.O. Box 9, Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0
Res.: (902) 736-9168; Bus: 295-3411; Fax: 295-2912

“Highland gathering—pipe band, piping and drumming competitions, highland dance competition, workshops in Gaelic, Cape Breton fiddling, piping, weaving, etc. Fiddling and step dancing demos. Concerts featuring local and
national artists. Heavyweight Highland games (caber, stone, sheaf, etc. competitions)."

August 18 and 19, 1995

DOWN EAST OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST. Sackville, NS.
Annual since 1976
Jim Cullen, Box 25, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2S8
Res.: (902) 865-3545; Fax: 864-2174
"Top fiddlers in the Maritimes compete for prize money. Dancers and guest performers are also participants."

September 2 and 3, 1995

STONE MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL. Lynch's River, Rich County, NS.
Annual since 1992
Frank R. Sutherland, 48 Balsam Circle, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 1A9
Res.: (902) 865-1715 or 535-2586
"This open air festival is a multicultural event consisting mainly of local talent of French, Irish, Scottish and Native Indian origins. Traditional music is encouraged. Also includes horse rides, concession stands, etc. Hospitality and spectacular scenery are the festival's attributes."

September 9 and 10, 1995

HELEN CREIGHTON FOLKLORE FESTIVAL. Citadel Hill, Halifax, NS.
Annual since 1990
Clary Croft, P.O. Box 236, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3
"A celebration of folkways from the Maritimes. Includes tradition-bearers and contemporary participants in song, dance, crafts and folklore."

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

We know that certain events exist, and assume that they include traditional music, particularly Native music, but don't have specific dates for them. We advise contacting them to confirm before making plans to attend.

March

CABIN FEVER DAYS. Fort Liard, NWT.
Recreation Coordinator, Hamlet of Fort Liard, Ft. Liard, NWT X0G 0A0
(403) 770-4104

BEAVER TAIL JAMBOREE SPRING CARNIVAL. Fort Simpson, NWT.
Annual since 1980
Stella Gargan, Box 769, Ft. Simpson, NWT X0E 0H0
Res.: (403) 952-2428
"Traditional events, tea boiling, log sawing, bannock making; scavenger hunt; ski-doo rally; talent show (youth and adults); family dance; broomball tournament."

WOOD BUFFALO FROLICS. Fort Smith, NWT.
Wood Buffalo Frolics, Town of Fort Smith, Ft. Smith, NWT X0E 0P0
(403) 872-2014

KAMBA WINTER CARNIVAL. Hay River, NWT.
Shirley Camsell, Hay River Dene Band
(819) 979-4095

LAC LA MARTRE WINTER CARNIVAL. Lac La Martre, NWT.
Jeff Summers, Hamlet Office, Box 71, Lac La Martre, NWT X0E 1P0
(403) 573-3401

CARIBOU CARNIVAL and TREE OF PEACE ANNUAL TALENT SNOW. Yellowknife, NWT.
Caribou Carnival Association, Box 1258, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2N9
(403) 873-9698
Joni Greenland (talent show), (403) 873-2864
Both events are part of the Canadian Championship Dogsled Derby.

April

MAD TRAPPER JAMBOREE. Aklavik, NWT.
Mavis Arey, Gen. Del., Aklavik, NWT X0E 0A0
(403) 978-2536

NATTIK FROLICS. Coppermine, NWT.
Hamlet of Coppermine, Coppermine, NWT X0E 0B0
(403) 982-4471

PEEL RIVER JAMBOREE. Fort McPherson, NWT.
Hamlet of Fort McPherson, P.O. Box 57, Fort McPherson, NWT X0E 0V0
(403) 952-2428

TOONIK TYME. Iqaluit, NWT.
Chamber of Commerce, Box 1107, Iqaluit, NWT X0A 0H0
(819) 979-4095

SPRING FLING FESTIVAL. Norman Wells, NWT.
Recreation Director, Town of Norman Wells, Box 5, Norman Wells, NW X0E 0V0
(403) 587-2238

BELUGA JAMBOREE. Tuktoyaktuk, NWT.
Hamlet Office, P.O. Box 120, Tuktoyaktuk, NWT X0E 1C0
(403) 977-2286
August 17 to 20, 1995

SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL. Fort Smith, NWT.
Annual since 1989
Chris MacCullum, Box 147, Ft. Smith, NWT X0E 0P0
Bus.: (403) 872-2014; Fax: 872-4345
"Features performers from the South Slave region of the Northwest Territories. Others are welcome. Multvenue allows for all styles of music. Joining in with our performers is encouraged."

ONTARIO

June 30 and July 1 to 3, 1995

EARTHSONG. Princess Point, Hamilton, Ont.
Annual since 1989
Doris Sanchez, 401 Main St. W, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1K5
Bus.: (905) 525-6644; Fax: 525-8292
"A celebration of cultures past and present, through food, music and dance, arts and crafts, costume and pageantry. Presentations of folk, roots and traditional music and dance. Tour the world; free admission; presenters showcase the best they have to offer to 250,000 people over four days."

July 1 to 8, 1995

INTERNATIONAL VILLAGES FESTIVAL. Various community/ethnic halls in Brantford, Ont.
Annual since 1974
Elfrieda Neumann, 288 Murray St., Brantford, Ont. N3S 5T1
Bus.: (519) 753-2350; Fax: 753-1687
"Multicultural festival featuring ethnic food, dances, entertainment and cultural displays. Admission by passport or day pass, children free."

July 6 to 9, 1995

NORTHERN LIGHTS FESTIVAL BORÉAL. Bell Park, Sudbury, Ont.
Annual since 1971
Paul Favero, P.O. Box 1236, Stn. B, Sudbury, Ont. P3E 4S7
Res.: (705) 523-2770; Bus.: 674-5512; Fax: 671-1998
"This bilingual festival is celebrating its 24th year of presenting music, artists and artisans. Set in Sudbury's Bell Park, you can enjoy workshops and concerts from five stages, including the 2000-seat amphitheatre, or take a musical cruise on Lake Ramsay. A jewel of a festival!"
July 14 to 16, 1995

HOME COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL. London, Ont.

July 28 and 29, 1995

ONTARIO OPEN FIDDLER AND STEP DANCE CONTEST. Bobcaygeon-Verulam Community Centre, Bobcaygeon, Ont. Annual since 1969
Mrs. Mary Stockdale, Box 119, Bobcaygeon, Ont. K0M 1A0

July 28 to 20, 1995

HILLSIDE FESTIVAL. Guelph Lake Conservation Area, Guelph, Ont. Annual since 1984

Hillside Festival, 123 Woolwich St., Guelph, Ont. N1H 3V1
Bus.: (519) 763-6396; Fax: 763-9514

A three-day celebration of music, dance, crafts and theatre. A diverse range of musical styles on five stages: folk, jazz, rock, worldbeat, children's performers and an open stage. Craft area with 30 Canadian artisans. All natural and international foods.

August 4 and 5, 1995

GLENBARR HIGHLAND GAMES. Maxville, Ont. Annual since 1948
Connie Blaney, Box 341, Maxville, Ont. K0C 1T0
Res.: (613) 527-5629; Bus.: 527-2876; Fax: 527-1594

"North American Pipe Band Championship, piping and drumming individual competitions, heavyweight sports competitions, i.e., caber tossing, sheaf tossing, hammer throwing and putting the stone."

August 5, 1995

MILL RACE FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC. Mill Race Park, Cambridge, Ont. Annual since 1993
Brad McEwen, P.O. Box 22148, Galt Central P.O., Cambridge, Ont. N1R 9E3

"This festival was held in the historic centre of Cambridge amidst 19th-century heritage architecture. Its focus is on traditional forms of folk music and dance. Weather permitting, the main events will be held in the outdoor theatre at Mill Race Park, with its scenic backdrop of the Grand River. If the weather is inclement, events will be held in a variety of indoor locations within walking distance. Admission is free. Rain or shine!"

August 10 to 13, 1995

MARIPOSA '95. Olympic Island and Queen St. W area clubs, Toronto, Ont. Annual since 1961
Colin Puffer, 60 Atlantic Ave., Suite 107, Toronto, Ont. M6K 1X9
Res.: (416) 599-4317; Bus.: 588-8371; Fax: 588-8974

"The 35th annual Mariposa Festival will present its usual eclectic mix of new talent, cutting-edge folk, worldbeat and traditional music, with special attention paid to the festival's historic roots, to mark its 35th year."

August 11 and 12, 1995

CANADIAN OPEN OLD TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST. Sports Complex, Shelburne, Ont. Annual since 1951
Ken Gamble, Box 27, Shelburne, Ont. L0N 1B0
Res. & Bus.: (519) 925-3013

"Ontario's oldest and most prestigious fiddling competition. The 45th annual contest for the Canadian championship, along with classes for six other age groups."

August 11 to 13, 1995

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS. Gage Park, Hamilton, Ont. Annual since 1976
John LaRocca, 401 Main St. W., Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1K5
Bus.: (905) 525-6644; Fax: 525-8292

"Canada's largest free showcase of Canadian music and art. Concerts and workshops present folk, blues, jazz and more, with top Canadian talent from coast to coast. The festival also features crafts, dance, children's performers and activities, buskers and food concessions."

August 11 to 13, 1995

EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER: CELTIC ROOTS FESTIVAL. Harbour Park, Goderich, Ont. Annual since 1993
Warren Robinson, 20 Caledonia Terrace, Goderich, Ont. N7A 2M8
Res.: (519) 524-2400; Bus: 524-8221; Fax: 524-8221

"30 hours of mainstage Celtic music and dance, plus four workshop areas. Theme craft, art and food court. This year there is a four-day Celtic college August 8 to 11, leading into the festival. The emphasis is on a family festival—lots for kids."

August 18 to 20, 1995

SUMMERFOLK MUSIC AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL. Kelso Beach Park, Owen Sound, Ont. Annual since 1976
Judy Wilson, Georgian Bay Folk Society, Box 521, Owen Sound, Ont. M4K 5R1
Bus.: (519) 371-2995; Fax: (519) 371-2995

"The Owen Sound Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Join us at Kelso Beach Park, along the shores of Georgian Bay. Featured are some of the finest traditional and contemporary folk performers from around the world, participating in daytime workshops and evening concerts. There are also demonstrations of contemporary and traditional crafts, craft displays and sales. Summerfolk is a family festival, with a large children's area, a sandy beach and a wide variety of foods to suit all taste buds."

August 26 and 27, 1995

CKCU OTTAWA FOLK FESTIVAL. Ottawa, Ont. Max Wallace, (613) 788-2898

September 16 and 17, 1995

WYE MARSH FESTIVAL. Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland, Ont. Annual since 1985
John Lister, Box 100, Midland, Ont. L4R 4K6
Res.: (705) 526-3687; Bus.: 526-7809; Fax: 526-3687

"The Wye Marsh Festival, an environmental celebration, has a wide variety of events going on all weekend long, including live folk music, Canadian wildlife carving championships, archery competitions, children's catch-and-release fishing."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

It appears that in PEI the distinctions between festivals, concert series, and ongoing events get blurred somewhat. We have opted to fall on the side of inclusion even though time and space considerations preclude a similar treatment for other provinces which might merit it.

May 19 to October 20, 1995 (Fridays)

CEILIDH AT THE IRISH HALL. Irish Hall, 582 North River Rd., Charlottetown, PEI.
George O'Connor, (902) 566-3273
Irish and Scottish traditional music, song and dance, featuring the best of PEI's traditional performers.

May 24 to 26, 1995

KENSINGTON STEP DANCING FESTIVAL. Murray Christian Centre, Kensington, PEI.
Lorraine Hynes, (902) 836-5561
Adjudicated all-Island step dancing festival.

June 4 to October 9, 1995

MACKINNON FAMILY EVENTS.
Cecilia MacKinnon, Richmond, PEI COB 1Y0
(902) 854-2245

The versatile MacKinnon family of Scottish performers entertain with...
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**bagpipe, fiddle, piano, guitar and accordion music, songs, stepdance and a wee tale or two, at a variety of events held (except where otherwise specified)** at the MacKinnon Homestead Grounds, Richmond, PEI.

**June 4 and 5:** Outdoor Scottish Concerts

**June 11 and 12:** "The Magic Sounds of Outdoor Scottish Music" Dance Concerts

**June 18 and 19:** Outdoor "Amazing Grace" Scottish Concerts

**June 26:** Outdoor Scottish Ceilidh Concert

**June 28:** "Bonny Lassie/Highland Laddie Outdoor Scottish Concert"

**July 1:** Richmond Canada Day Showcase

**July 2 and 3:** "Mull of Kintyre Outdoor Scottish Concerts"

**July 5 to 26:** "Old-Fashioned Scottish Concert with a Distinctive 'Amazing Grace' Style," held at the B.I.S. Hall, Charlottetown

**Concerts**

**Rustico**

**August 6 and 7:** Outdoor Robert Burns Scottish Variety Concerts

**August 9:** Sounds of Scottish Music Concert, held at Lions' Club, North Rustico

**August 13 and 14:** Tribute to Mr. Linus C. MacKinnon (father of Scottish music and dance revival in Prince County)

**August 16:** MacKinnon Family in Concert, held at Lions' Club, North Rustico

**August 18:** "The Mist Covered Mountains" Outdoor Scottish Concert

**August 23:** Scottish Sounds of "Ye Banks and Braes" Concert, held at Lions' Club, North Rustico

**August 27 and 28:** Old-Fashioned Blueberry Ceilidh Concerts and Tea Parties

**August 30:** "The Kilt is Our Delight" Scottish Concert, held at Lions' Club, North Rustico

**September 3 and 4:** "Heather on the Hill" Scottish Concerts

**September 10 and 11:** Anniversary Celebrations of the Scottish Fiddlers and Ceilidh Dancers Assn.

**September 17 and 18:** "Let's Have a Ceilidh" Scottish Concerts

**September 24 and 25:** Harvest Home Scottish Ceilidh Concerts

**October 1 and 2:** St. Andrew (Patron of Scotland) Scottish Concerts

**October 8 and 9:** Auld Lang Syne Scottish Concerts

**June 21 to September 20, 1995 (Wednesdays)**

**CEILIDH.** Orwell Corner, PEI.

(902) 651-2013

Audience members are invited to share the stage with featured performers of traditional music and song.

**June 22 to August 31, 1995**

**COLLEGE OF PIPING EVENTS.** Summerside, PEI.

College of Piping, 619 Water St. East, Summerside, PEI C1N 4H8

(902) 536-5377

**June 22 to 25:** Clan Montgomery Society International Annual Gathering

**June 23 to 25:** Summerside Highland Gathering

**June 29 to August 31 (Thursdays):** "Come to the Ceilidh"

**June 25 to October 1, 1995 (Saturdays and Sundays except July 1 and September 9 and 10)**

**A LONG WAY FROM THE ROAD: STORIES AND FIDDLING FROM PEI.** Arts Guild Building, Charlottetown, PEI.

Roy Johnstone, (902) 675-2541; Libby Sears, 368-6176

A humorously poignant portrayal of Islanders through story and song.

**July 2 to August 27 (Sundays except July 30)**

**WOODLEIGH CONCERT ON THE GREEN.** Burlington, PEI

Cathy Simmons (902) 836-3401

Traditional Celtic and Acadian music in an outdoor setting.

**July 4 to August 31, 1995 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

**SONGS OF THE SEA.** Basin Head Fisheries Museum, PEI

(902) 357-2966

Maritime-Celtic concert series

**July 7 to 9**

**PEI BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Dunollie Park Fairview, PEI.

Kris MacDougall, (902) 675-3061

Variety concerts featuring bands from the Maritimes.

**July 8, 1995**

**LADY'S SLIPPER SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE.** Summerside, PEI.

Mary Kaye or Arthur Collett, (902) 436-5612

Mainstream plus star tips and rounds.

**July 13 to August 26, 1995 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays)**

**RENOUVES ACADIE—ACADIAN ROOTS.** Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown, PEI.

1-800-565-0278

An energetic group of contemporary Acadian traditional musicians, dancers and comedians entertain through anecdotes, songs, dances and comedy. Acadian Roots celebrates the Acadian culture.

**July 15 to 17, 1995**

**RULLO BAY FIDDLE FESTIVAL.** Rollo Bay, PEI.

Annual since 1976

Peter Chasson, (902) 687-2584

Talent from all over North America. Open air concerts and old time dances

**July 28 to 30, 1995**

**RENOUVES RUSTICO. South Rustico, PEI.**

(902) 963-3252

A weekend of Acadian music and fun in an enchanting seaside setting. Cultural workshops, historical conferences, Acadian food, concerts, dances, sports, children's games and more. Rain or shine.

**July 30, 1995**

**MUSSEL BAKE AND ISLAND CORN BOIL.** Basin Head, PEI

(902) 6357-2966

Traditional food and entertainment.

**August 1 to 31**

**HIGHLAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.** Summerside, PEI

(902) 436-5377, 888-2100, 1-800-267-7245

**August 4 and 5, 1995**

**CHARLOTTE TWIRLERS SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE.** Holland College Royalty Centre, Charlottetown, PEI.

John Rafuse, (902) 659-2002

Mainstream square dancing plus tips and round dancing.

**August 4 and 5, 1995**

**HIGHLAND GAMES.** Lord Selkirk Provincial Park, Eldon, PEI.

Gail Parker (dancing), (902) 566-4818; Douglas MacKenzie (piping), (902) 659-2337

Piping competitions, dancing competitions, traditional athletic competition, concerts, lobster suppers.

**August 4 and 5, 1995**

**TYNE VALLEY OYSTER FESTIVAL.** Tyne Valley, PEI

(902) 831-2073

Includes fiddling and step dancing championship.

**August 5, 1995**

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIDDLERS IN CONCERT.** Community Garden Arena Complex, Kensington, PEI.

Thelma Campbell (President, Prince County Fiddlers) (902) 836-5221

**August 6, 1995**

**CEILIDH IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE.** Beaconsfield, Charlottetown, PEI.
Includes traditional musical entertainment.

August 11 to 13, 1995

FIDDLERS AND FOLLOWERS. Rainbow Valley Amusement Park, Cavendish, PEI.
Mary Smith, (902) 963-2221
Three big fiddle shows, scores of fiddlers, including Maritime fiddle champions, piano accompanists, step dancers, BBQs, lobster parties, picnics.

August 15, 1995

FÊTE NATIONAL DES ACADIENS (ACADIAN NATIONAL DAY). Le Village, Mont-Carmel, I-P-E.
(902) 854-2227
Acadian music, traditional food, activities, games and much more.

August 17 to 23, 1995

COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL. Community Gardens Arena Complex, Kensington, PEI.
Leith Jollimore, Box 301, Kensington, PEI C0B 1M0
(902) 836-3509
Includes step-dancing contest.

August 18 to 20, 1995

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY FESTIVAL. Cavendish and area, PEI.
Paul Blacquiere, (902) 963-2082 (bus.)
Includes traditional musical entertainment.

August 18 to 20, 1995

ABEGOWIT POW-WOW. Panmure Island Provincial Park, PEI.
Annual since 1993
(902) 892-5314
Sunrise ceremonies, games, traditional dancing and drumming. Organized by the Native Council of PEI.

August 20, 1995

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES. Orwell Corner, PEI.
(902) 651-2013
Concert, pipers, fiddlers, singers, traditional Highland games, and haggis!

September 1 to 3, 1995

EXPOSITION AGRICOLE ET FESTIVAL ACADIEN DE LA RÉGION ÉVANGÉLINE. Abram Village, PEI.
Marcel Bernard, (902) 854-2189
Acadian soirées and entertainment are included.

September 11 to 17, 1995

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 1995. province-wide
Elizabeth Sears, (902) 368-6176; Fax: 368-4418
Includes traditional music as well as theatre tours, workshops, craft demonstrations, readings and visual arts displays. Gala performance September 16 in the Arts Guild Building in Charlottetown.

We young people would get a terrific amount of enjoyment going to school dances. Nowadays you dance only until one o’clock and then the band folds up and we all trundle off home but in my teen years, the musicians (a banjo, a guitar and a violin) would play music until there were no more dancers. In summertime, the night would grow late and the birds were announcing a new day before we would reluctantly take our leave. The midnight lunch was a great source of entertainment. Admission to the dances was—Gents-50¢, Please and Ladies-sandwiches or cake. After lunch was served, we always had a Dutch program; everyone with any talent would be encouraged to take part. The McKay brothers, Bill and Charlie, were excellent singers of the cowboy songs, and Steve Wright—how he could stepdance. They were good sports and real entertainers.

Clemmie (Berry) Horricks, Halkirk Home Fires (Halkirk, Alberta)