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 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

May 31 to June 4, 1995
SPRUCE MEADOWS NATIONALS. Spruce Meadows, near Calgary.
Festival of Music, Spruce Meadows, RR9, Calgary, Alberta T2J 5G5; (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.
(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 11, 1995
JUNEFEST SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL. Nanton Community Centre, Nanton.
Annual since 1981
George Thompson; (403) 686-5747
Enjoy a weekend of square and round dancing. Twirl from Friday evening at the Trail In Dance, to the Junefest Ball Saturday night, to the Farewell Dance after brunch on Sunday.

June 9 to 17, 1995
CARIFEST. Calgary.
Indra Lall, Suite 211, 212 7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta 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
(403) 627-4047

June 16 to 18, 1995
NORTH COUNTRY FAIR. Joussard.
Ellis O'Brian; (403) 776-2205
Folk music festival.

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

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

July 7 to 16, 1995
EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL STREET PERFORMERS FESTIVAL. Edmonton.
(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.
Cowboy Poetry Chairman, Calgary Stampede Association, Box 1060, Station M, Calgary, Alberta 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.
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.
Annual since 1989
Kerry Clarke (Artistic Director), Folk Festival Society of Calgary, P.O. Box 2897, Station M, Calgary, Alberta 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. Alberta, 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.
Annual
Shirley Skinner, Box 5151, Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 3A3; (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.
Terry Cashin; (403) 939-4321
Includes a fiddle contest.

August 5 to 7, 1995
EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Edmonton.
Annual since 1976
Dennis Fahlman, 202, 10715 124th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H2
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.
Annual since 1987
Mitra Zarei, 10404 102 Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 2W3
Bus.: (403) 538-4611; Fax: 538-4607
"Cultural activities, music, dance, ethnic foods. All day festival at Muskoseepi Park."

August 7, 1995
HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL. Prince's Island Park, Calgary.
Annual since 1976
Lydia Hladyshevsky, 303, 229 11th Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0Y1
Bus.: (403) 262-8499; Fax: 232-8760
"The Calgary Folk Arts Council showcases over 100 performers, displays and food booths from around the world. Everyone is welcome to attend. Noon to 7:00 p.m. on Prince's Island."

August 14 to 19, 1995
AFRIKADEY!. Calgary.
Tunde Dawodu, African Festival and Presentation Society of Calgary, 1111 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4; (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 14 to 20, 1995
INTERNATIONAL NATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL. Calgary.
Annual since 1989
Maria Donato, P.O. Box 502, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2J1
Bus.: (403) 233-0022; Fax: 233-7681
"The festival gathers together Native visual, performing and literary artists from throughout the Americas for seven days of art exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment, readings and workshops. Share in the culture, heritage and vision of the Native American."

August 18 to 20, 1995
COWBOY POETRY AND WESTERN ART FESTIVAL. Stony Plain.
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, 1995
SHADY GROVE BLUEGRASS AND OLD Tyme MUSIC FESTIVAL.
Broadway Farm, Nanton.
Annual since 1989
Rosemary Wishart, Box 846, Nanton, Alberta T0L 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'."

August 27, 1995
Friends' Annual Ukrainian Music Festival
C/o Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society
8820 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 2P8
"The Festival takes place each year on the last Sunday of August at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village just east of Edmonton. Although once just a talent contest, the Festival has evolved into a showcase for Ukrainian musicians who play traditional and old-time dance music. The day is structured somewhat like a Folk Festival workshop, with sections featuring individual instruments, such as the fiddle, accordion and tsymbaly (hammered dulcimer), among others. The day ends with a giant jamboke/jam session, with all the musicians on stage taking turns playing together in various combinations."

September 3, 1995
CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES. Centennial Park, Canmore.
Annual since 1991
Sandy Bunch, c/o Box 3156, Canmore, Alberta T0L 0M0
Res.: (403) 678-2015; Fax: 678-2015
"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 9 and 10, 1995
INDIGENOUS SOCIETY TRADITIONAL POW WOW. Slave Lake.
Vina Auger, (403) 849-4690
"The Festival takes place each year on the last Sunday of August at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village just east of Edmonton. Although once just a talent contest, the Festival has evolved into a showcase for Ukrainian musicians who play traditional and old-time dance music. The day is structured somewhat like a Folk Festival workshop, with sections featuring individual instruments, such as the fiddle, accordion and tsymbaly (hammered dulcimer), among others. The day ends with a giant jamboke/jam session, with all the musicians on stage taking turns playing together in various combinations."

British Columbia

June 9 to 11, 1995
VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS BALKAN FESTIVAL. Vancouver.
VIFD Festival, Box 2452, Vancouver, BC V6B 3W7; (604) 224-1359
Lots of live music. Dancing, eating and drinking in the most festive Balkan manner.

June 23 to 25, 1995
MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL. Smithers.
Lorne Clarke, Bulkley Valley Music Society, P.O. Box 2236, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0; (604) 847-8881
Concerts. Workshops in blues, African drumming, dance, guitar, songwriting. Crafts.

June 25 to July 3, 1995
VICTORIA FOLK FEST. Centennial Square, Victoria.
Annual since 1973
Dominique Pilon (Folkfest Coordinator), 200-2504 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8T 4P7; Bus.: (604) 388-5322; Fax: 386-4395
"The InterCultural Association of Greater Victoria's nine-day festival of entertainment by a variety of cultural groups; dance to music from around the world; international food, arts and crafts; no entrance fee; wheelchair accessible."

June 30 to July 2, 1995
BURNS LAKE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. Darter Ranch, 15 miles south of Burns Lake, via Highway 35
Annual since 1986
Richard Cannon, P.O. Box 113, Fraser Lake, BC V0J 1SO
Res.: (604) 699-8697; Fax: 699-8535
"Ten anniversary special, on 450 acres of ranchland with fields and poplar groves overlooking French 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.
Annual since 1978
VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL. Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver. Annual since 1978
Sal Ferreras (Artistic Director), Brent Gibson (General Manager), 2271 Main Street, 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)."

ISLANDS FOLK FESTIVAL. Providence Farm, Duncan, Vancouver Island. 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."

MISSION FOLK FESTIVAL. Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission. August 7 to 13, 1995
HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL. West Vancouver Annual since 1990

WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL. Forks National Historic Park, Winnipeg. Annual
Donna Wills, 300 112 Market Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba 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."

BACK FORTY FOLK FEST. Morden, Manitoba Dave Stobbe, 163 11th Street Morden, Manitoba R6M 1E7; (204) 822-5251 Featuring folk, bluegrass and Celtic music.

THOMPSON FOLK FEST. Recreation Grounds, Thompson. T.W. Smith, Thompson Folk Fest, P.O. Box 766, Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1N6; (204) 677-2816 Featuring traditional and contemporary blues, jazz and rock, performed by local and provincial musicians. Bike show, art displays. Workshops in guitar. Contests in children's games, stage."

MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING. Selkirk. Annual since 1966
Henry or Leona Strong, Box 59, Selkirk, Manitoba R1A 2B2 Res.: (204) 757-2365 (evenings/weekends)
"Promotion of Scottish heritage through Highland dancing, piping and drumming competitions, pipe band competition, games of brawn, Scottish market and foods, clan booths, historic displays, sheeplog herding, sheep shearing, canoe and kayak races, and multicultural entertainment in beer garden."

WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL. Bird's Hill Provincial Park. Annual since 1974
Dianne Smith, 264 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba 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."

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

CANADA'S NATIONAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL. Dauphin. Annual since 1965
Pat Waksymchuk, 119 Main Street South, Dauphin, Manitoba R7N 1K4 Bus.: (204) 638-5645; Fax: 638-5851
"The festival is a unique event, offering something for each member of the family. Come and see our beautifully costumed folk dancers. Let our musicians serenade you with traditional and contemporary Ukrainian music. Savour the authentic Ukrainian cuisine. See the time-honoured crafts, pysanky, wheat weaving, and wood carving. Visit the displays and demonstrations."

CARMAN FIDDLE FESTIVAL. Carman. August 4 to 6, 1995
Winston Simpson, Box 1364, Carman, Manitoba 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.
Larry Markussen, Box 1871, Gimli, Manitoba R0C 1B0; (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.
Annual since 1970
Kelly Fielding (Communications Assistant), 200-180 King Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba 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.
Annual since 1985
Murray D. Evans, Box 2047, Brandon, Manitoba 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.
Wayne Young, Box 297, The Pas, Manitoba 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.

July 29, 1995
FESTIVAL OF CULTURES. Perd’Andover.
Brenden Cowthrone, 100-2nd Ave., Rossburn, Manitoba R0C 0C0; (204) 684-5395
"Cultures includes music events, dances, sports activities, pageants, live performances and giant parades."

September 14 to 23, 1995
OKTOBERFEST. Convention Centre, Winnipeg.
Annual since 1980
Terry O’Reilly, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3J3
Bus.: (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.
Annual since 1973
George C. Jackson, RR2, Miami, Manitoba R0G 1H0 or Linda Pritchard, Roland, Manitoba R0G 1T0; Res.: (204) 435-2272 or 343-2047
"Our event starts Friday evening with a show and an old time dance. Saturday and Sunday are full days of competition, with old time dances in the evening. Food available in the building. Trailer parking in the same yard, with electric hookups."

October 13 and 14, 1995
IRISH FEST ‘95. Irish Cultural Centre, Winnipeg.
Annual since 1988
Stephen Riley, 27 Tulane, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2T8
Res.: (204) 269-8779; Bus.: 788-3752; Fax: 788-3791
"Two evening concerts, one featuring local musicians, one featuring guest musicians. Saturday afternoon workshops in musical instruments (fiddle, harp, whistle, strings, bodhran, &c.), Irish traditional dance (sets and group), storytelling, song and poetry. Session music enthusiastically encouraged. Private music lesson available as time permits. Cultural displays. Sales shop for tapes."

February 9 to 18, 1996
FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR. Forks National Historic Area, Winnipeg.
Normand Gousseau, C.P. 10, 768 ave Taché, St-Boniface, Manitoba 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

June 29 to July 8, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA FRANCOPHONIE. Tracadie/Sheila.
(506) 395-9746
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 8, 1995
POLEY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL. Sussex.
Brent Mason (Co-ordinator), 259 Princess Street, 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 Poleym 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 9 to 16, 1995
MIRAMICHI FOLK SONG FESTIVAL. Miramichi.
(506) 627-1495
"Two evening concerts, one featuring local musicians, one featuring guest musicians. Saturday afternoon workshops in musical instruments (fiddle, harp, whistle, strings, bodhran, &c.), Irish traditional dance (sets and group), storytelling, song and poetry. Session music enthusiastically encouraged. Private music lesson available as time permits. Cultural displays. Sales shop for tapes."

July 13 to 16, 1995
IRISH FESTIVAL ON THE MIRAMICHI. Miramichi.
(506) 778-8810
The first and largest Irish festival in Canada features music, pubs, dancing, pipe bands, sports, children’s and cultural activities. The only Irish Festival in Canada featuring Irish groups from around the world.

July 21 to 30, 1995
BON AMI FESTIVAL GET TOGETHER. Dalhousie.
(506) 684-5395
This celebration of friendship and New Brunswick’s wealth of languages and cultures includes music events, dances, sports activities, pageants, live performances and giant parades.

July 29, 1995
FESTIVAL OF CULTURES. Perth-Andover.
(506) 435-2272
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.

July 30 to August 4, 1995
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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
FOIRE BRAYONNE. Edmonston.
(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.
(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
Annual since 1985

NEWFOUNDLAND

July 7 to 9, 1995
BURIN PENINSULA FESTIVAL OF FOLK SONG AND DANCE. D.C.
Jamieson Academy, Burin.
Annual since 1984
Ruth Matthews, P.O. Box 312, Burin, Newfoundland A0E 1E0
Bus.: (709) 891-1546
"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.
Annual since 1980
Audrey Dailey, P.O. Box 237, Twillingate, Newfoundland A0G 4Mo
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."

June 16 to 18, 1995
CELEBRATION '95. Waterfront, Dartmouth.
Annual since 1983
Barbara Campbell, 1809 Barrington Street, Suite 901, Halifax, Nova Scotia 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."

les 6 à 9 juillet 1995
FESTIVAL ACADIEN DE CLARE. Municipalité de Clare.
Annuel depuis 1955
Darlene Comeau ou Claude Comeau, Livraison Générale, Saulnierville, Nouvelle Écosse B0W 2Z0; Res.: (902) 645-2050 (Claude), 769-2593 (Darlene); Bus: 769-2432; Fax: 769-3101

Gary Arthus (General Manager), P.O. Box 6848, Station A, St. John, NB E2L 4S3; Bus.: (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."

September 13 to 17, 1995
HARVEST JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL. Fredricton.
(506) 454-2583
A musical celebration featuring jazz gals in the city's concert halls to hard rockin' blues in local bars and cafés, from traditional acoustic blues to the most progressive jazz in a variety of indoor and outdoor venues.

Dates to be announced
MONCTON JAZZ AND BLUES. Moncton.
(506) 858-8308
Sounds from all edges of the jazz spectrum; mainstream to contemporary, cool classic blues, red hot salsa, and the street music of New Orleans. Features world class musicians from Canada, the United States and Europe.

MARITIME OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST. Prince Andrew High School Auditorium, Dartmouth.
Annual since 1952
James Delaney, P.O. Box 3037, Dartmouth East P.O., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2W 4Y3; Res.: (902) 434-5466; Bus.: 434-4190; Fax: 420-9222
"Old time fiddling contest. Five categories of competition: Championship, Open, 12 Years and Under, 18 Years and Under, 60 Years and Over; also Group class. Trophies and prize money to all finalists. Special awards. Headline guest entertainers."

July 7 and 8, 1995
MARITIME OLD TIME JAMBOREE. Beazley Sport Field, Dartmouth.
Annual since 1978
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NOVA SCOTIA

July 28 to 30, 1995
CONCEPTION BAY FOLK FESTIVAL. Paddy's Garden, Valley Road, Carbonear.
Annual since 1987
Cynthia M. Clarke, P.O. Box 550, Carbonear, Newfoundland, A1Y 1B9
Res.: (709) 596-7877; Fax: 596-6043
"Our festival is held annually, and promotes traditional music of Newfoundland and Irish music, food and crafts. We have a beer garden and interesting things for children such as face painting. Over 100 performers perform every year at our festival, which in 1994 was held at a newly-built amphitheatre."

August 4 to 6, 1995
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FOLK FESTIVAL. Bannerman Park, St. John's.
St. John's Folk Arts Council, Jean Hewson, P.O. Box 6283, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 6J9; (709) 576-8508; Fax: 576, 2323
Featuring traditional and contemporary musicians, dancers and craft demonstrators, dancing, storytelling.

"Une célébration de la culture et langue acadienne par l'entremise d'activités telles que: soirée d'ouverture avec choix d'Évangeline et Gabriel, spectacles musicales, pêche en haute mer, défilé de chars allégoriques, &c."

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Annual since 1952
James Delaney, P.O. Box 3037, Dartmouth East P.O., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2W 4Y3; Res.: (902) 434-5466; Bus.: 434-4190; Fax: 420-9222
"Old time fiddling contest. Five categories of competition: Championship, Open, 12 Years and Under, 18 Years and Under, 60 Years and Over; also Group class. Trophies and prize money to all finalists. Special awards. Headline guest entertainers."

July 9, 1995
MARITIME OLD TIME JAMBOREE. Beazley Sport Field, Dartmouth.
Annual since 1978
James Delaney, P.O. Box 3037, Dartmouth East P.O., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2W 4Y3; Res.: (902) 434-5466; Bus.: 434-4190; Fax: 420-9222
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NOVA SCOTIA
Scotia B2W 4Y3; Res.: (902) 434-5466; Bus.: 434-4190; Fax: 420-9222

Outdoor variety concert featuring individual and group fiddling, step dancing and other musical entertainment. Headline guest entertainers.

July 16 to 23, 1995
BIG POND SUMMER FESTIVAL. Big Pond, Cape Breton.
Annual since 1964
Fred White, 575 Gillis Lake Road, Sydney Forks, Nova Scotia 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.
Annual
Ms. Wendy Haines, P.O. Box 452, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia 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).
Annual since 1971
Fulton Isenor, P.O. Box 42, Elmsdale, Nova Scotia 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.
Annual since 1982
Rodney Chaisson, P.O. Box 58, Iona, Nova Scotia 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 9 to 13, 1995
HECTOR FESTIVAL. Pictou.
Darlene MacDonald, P.O. Box 39, Pictou, Nova Scotia B0K 1H0
(902) 485-8848; Fax: 485-8828

August 10 to 13, 1995
LUNENBURG FOLK HARBOUR FESTIVAL. Lunenburg.
Cary L. Worden, P.O. Box 655, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia B0J 2C0

August 17 to 20, 1995
SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL. Fort Smith.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Annual since 1989
Chris MacCullum, Box 147, Ft. Smith, NWT X0E 0P0
(807) 597-1213

July 22 and 23, 1995
FOLK ON THE ROCKS. Long Lake, Yellowknife.
Vicki Tompkins, P.O. Box 326, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2N3
(403) 920-7806; Fax: 873-3456
*Features northern musicians, workshops in songwriting and instruments. Crafts.*

August 17 to 20, 1995
SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL. Fort Smith.

ONTARIO

June 2 and 3, 1995
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL. Memorial Centre, Brockville.
(613) 342-9895
*Ethnic dancing, singing, drumming, skits and food; children’s program.*

June 2 to 4, 1995
ATIKOKAN ANNUAL POW-WOW AND NATIVE AWARENESS DAYS.

June 2 to 4, 1995
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June 2 to 4, 1995
GREEK FESTIVAL. Richmond Hill.
(905) 737-1236
Greek food, dancing and entertainers.

June 3, 1995
CANADIAN IRISH FESTIVAL. Douro Community Centre, Peterborough.
(705) 743-5816
Irish entertainment, crafts, musicians, variety show and dance.

June 3 and 4, 1995
SUCKER CREEK POW-WOW. Little Current.
(705) 368-2228
Traditional dancing, Native arts and crafts.

June 3 and 4, 1995
TRADITIONAL DANCING. MacIntyre Community Centre, Schumacher.
(705) 268-0735
Parade, food, dancing, music

June 4 to 10, 1995
GREEK FESTIVAL. Richmond Hill.
(905) 932-9106
Greek food, dancing and entertainers.

June 9 to 10, 1995
LA FÊTE DE LA SAINT JEAN-BAPTISTE. Cook Lake, Timmins.
(705) 267-8401
Children's activities, music, folk dancing.

June 9 to 11, 17 and 18, 1995
CAROUSEL OF NATIONS. Teutonia Club, Windsor.
(519) 969-3815
Free multicultural festival with German village, dancing and performances.

June 16 to 24, 1995
FESTIVAL CARAVAN. Toronto.
(416) 977-0466
International festival, with entertainment, food and crafts at 50 pavilions representing the cultural capitals of the world.

June 17, 1995
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL. Athletic and Recreation Complex, Dryden.
(807) 223-4112
Food booths, crafts, dances, music.

June 17, 1995
TIMBERLINE SQUARES SALUTE TO SUMMER. Centennial Centre, Huntsville.
(705) 636-5466
Open square dance, mainstream and plus levels.

June 17 and 18, 1995
FIRST NATIONS POW-WOW. Memorial Auditorium Complex, Kitchener.
(519) 745-0303, 744-9592
First Nations cultural celebration, Native arts and crafts, dance competitions, art gallery.

June 18 to 25, 1995
FIESTA WEEK. Oshawa.
(905) 404-2785, 728-1223
Parade, ethnic concert and pavilions.

June 24, 1995
LOCH SLOY HIGHLAND GAMES. Historic Old Fort Erie, Fort Erie.
(905) 871-6454
Part of Friendship Festival, June 24 to July 4. Championship supreme, Highland dancing, pipe band competitions, athletic events, sheep dog herding.

June 24 and 25, 1995
CHIPPEWA OF SARNIA POW-WOW. Community Centre, Sarnia.
(800) 265-0316, (519) 332-1831
Traditional, fancy, jingle and grass dance categories, arts and crafts, food.

June 24 and 25, 1995
LA FÊTE DE LA SAINT JEAN-BAPTISTE. Cook Lake, Timmins.
(705) 267-8401
Children's activities, music, folk dancing.

June 30 to July 1, 1995
SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE COMPETITION. Fairgrounds Coliseum, Stratford; (519) 271-5140
Nine age groups.

June 30 to July 2, 1995
RIVER VALLEY COUNTRY AND BLUEGRASS GATHERING. River Valley Park, River Valley.

June 30 to July 2, 1995
TOTTENHAM BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. Tottenham.
Peter Deveau, Tottenham District Chamber of Commerce, 7 Ellendale Drive, Scarborough, Ontario L1P 1M9; (807) 755-9521

July 1, 1995
CANADA DAY CELEBRATION. Sudbury Arena, Sudbury; (705) 674-0795
Multicultural entertainment, food and craft fair, children's activities.

July 1, 1995
SPADINA FESTIVAL. Spadina Avenue, Toronto; (416) 348-0660
Celebration of Spadina Avenue's ethnic diversity, with dance, music and displays.

July 1, 1995
ZORRA HIGHLAND GAMES. Embro-West Zorra Community Centre, Embro; (519) 445-4528
Highland dancing, tug-of-war, massed bands, individual and band competition, sports, marathon, clan displays.

July 1, 1995
INTERNATIONAL PICNIC. Exhibition Grounds, Toronto; (416) 531-9991
Canada Day community song and dance entertainment.

July 1, 1995
CANADA DAY CELEBRATION. Trenton; (613) 392-3243
Ethnic food and musical entertainment, children's activities, fireworks.
July 1 and 2, 1995
N'AMERIND FRIENDSHIP GATHERING. Fanshaw Conservation Area, London; (519) 451-2800, 672-0131
Dancing, crafts, clothing.

July 1 to 8, 1995
INTERNATIONAL VILLAGES FESTIVAL. Various community/ethnic halls in Brantford
Annual since 1974
Elfrida Neumann, 288 Murray Street, Brantford, Ontario 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 2, 1995
COBOURGH HIGHLAND GAMES. Donegan Park, Cobourg; (905) 373-0047, 372-0626
Highland dancing competition, Scottish heavy events, pipe band competition, solo piping and drumming competition, clan displays, sheep dog displays, tug-of-war."

July 3 to 8, 1995
WORLDFEST. Civic Complex/Lamoureux Park, Cornwall; (613) 936-2222
Family-oriented music and entertainment, barbecues, games, shanty breakfasts.

July 6 to 9, 1995
NORTHERN LIGHTS FESTIVAL BOREAL. Bell Park, Sudbury.
Annual since 1971
Paul Favero, P.O. Box 1236, Stn. B, Sudbury, Ontario 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 7 and 8, 1995
TARTAN SERTOMA SUPREME HIGHLAND GAMES. Tecumseh Park, Chatham; (519) 352-8737
Family night, haggis hurl, caber toss, stone throw, hammer toss, massed bands, pipes, drum and band competitions.

July 7 to 9, 1995
WATERFRONT FESTIVAL AND FOLKLORAMA. Belleville
(613) 969-1980
Ethnic music and food are included.

July 8, 1995
BON ODOR!. Mel Lastman Square, North York; (416) 461-2384
Japanese folk dance festival, dance instruction.

July 8 and 9, 1995
KETTLE POINT POW-WOW. Ball Park, Kettle Point.
(800) 265-0316, (519) 786-6680
Traditional fancy dance competition, drumming performances, craft displays.

July 9, 1995
SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAY. Hutchison House Museum, Peterborough.
(705) 743-9710
Pipers, Highland dancing, skills demonstrations, open hearth cooking, historic house tours.

July 9, 1995
HERITAGE DAY AND BON ODOR!. Ontario Place, Toronto.
Japanese folk dance and taiko drums, temple bell ringing.

July 9 to 13, 1995
CANADIAN HIGHLAND DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS. Convention Centre, London; (519) 432-3681
Featuring Canadian Interprovincial and North American Open championships; 800 dancers; social events.

July 13 to 15, 1995
SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL. Confederation College, Thunder Bay
(807) 577-1305
Callers, rounds, squares, workshops, grand march, pipes and drums, dance.

July 13 to 16, 1995
WESTERN FESTIVAL. St. Joseph School, Wendover.
(613) 673-5070
Fiddle contest and step dancing are included.

July 14 to 16, 1995
HOMECOUNTY FOLKFESTIVAL. Victoria Park, London.
Annual since 1973
Home County Folk League, Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road, London, Ontario N6G 1G5; Bus.: (519) 645-2845; Fax: 645-0981
"The festival is renowned for its wide range of folk artists and craftspeople. Concerts take place each night at the Victoria Park bandshell."

July 14 to 16, 1995
JAMBOREE '95. Coliseum, Southampton; (519) 422-1049
Modern square and round dance festival.

July 14 to August 6, 1995
ELORA FESTIVAL. Elora.
Festival Office, 33 Henderson Street, Box 990, Elora, Ontario N0B 1S0
Bus.: (519) 846-0331; Fax: 846-5946
Includes folk music concerts as well as jazz, classical, &c.

July 15, 1995
FESTIVAL UNDER THE STARS. Riverside Cedar Park, Morrisburg
(613) 543-3704
Folk music, comedy skits and storytelling.

July 15, 1995
SANDBANKS FOLK FESTIVAL. Sandbanks Provincial Park, Bloomfield
(800) 667-1244
Featuring folk and bluegrass bands, children’s activities.

July 15, 1995
CAMBRIDGE HIGHLAND GAMES. Churchill Park, Cambridge.
(519) 578-2862
Championship supreme, Open Highland Dance Championships, pipe bands, sheep dog demonstrations, tug-of-war.

July 15 and 16, 1995
WALPOLE ISLAND POW-WOW. Highbanks Park, Walpole Island.
(800) 265-0316
Traditional fancy dance competition, food and craft booths.

July 16, 1995
ETHNIC DAY. H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, Port Colborne.
(905) 834-7061
Food booths, folk dancing, pipe and drum corps, marching bands
July 21 to 23, 1995
FARMERSVILLE EXHIBITION. Centennial Park/Centre 76, Athens. (613) 924-2006
Fiddle music is featured along with steam engines, vintage machinery, horse show and tractor pull.

July 22, 1995
BARRIE HIGHLAND GAMES. Barrie. (705) 722-4421
Piping, drumming, Highland dancing, Scottish wares, grand parade.

July 22 and 23, 1995
ALL FOLKS FESTIVAL. City Park, Kingston. All Folks Festival, P.O. Box 1697, Kingston, Ontario K7K 5J8 (613) 548-4415
Featuring local, national and international performers, including non-traditional music and singer-songwriters, storytellers, poets, children’s shows and workshops.

July 23, 1995
ITALIAN DAY. Ontario Place, Toronto; (416) 531-9991
Italian entertainment and music, Canadian Italian song festival competition, dancing.

July 23, 1995
GRASSROOTS FOLK FESTIVAL. Pickering Museum Village, Pickering (905) 420-4620
Early Canadian folk music; five stages, dawn to dusk.

July 24 to August 7, 1995
CARIBANA. Toronto; (416) 925-5435, (800) 363-1990
Festival of Caribbean music, art and culture.

July 27 to 29, 1995
FIDDLERS’ FESTIVAL DES VIOLONNEUX. Noelville Arena, Noelville (705) 566-1548, 857-2888
Competitions, heavyweight sports competitions, i.e., caber tossing, sheaf tossing, hammer throwing and putting the stone.

August 3 to 7, 1995
INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FESTIVAL. Sparks Street Mall, Ottawa. (613) 788-3573

August 4 and 5, 1995
GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES. Maxville. Annual since 1948
Connie Blaney, Box 341, Maxville, Ontario KOC 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 4 to 6, 1995
RIVER VALLEY BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE. River Valley Park, River Valley; (705) 758-9049
Family bluegrass concerts, children’s stage.

August 4 to 7, 1995
WIKWEMIKONG POW-WOW. Wikwemikong; (705) 859-3122
Competitive dancing; Native arts and crafts.

August 4 to 19, 1995
SIX NATIONS NATIVE PAGEANT. Forest Theatre, Oshweken. (519) 445-4528
Outdoor theatrical performance depicting Iroquois history, traditional Native dancers, crafts, food.

August 5, 1995
MILL RACE FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC. Mill Race Park, Cambridge. Annual since 1993
Brad McEwen, P.O. Box 22148, Galt Central P.O., Cambridge, Ontario N1R 8E3
“This festival will be 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 5 and 6, 1995
KANYANGEH FESTIVAL DAYS. Tsitkerhedodon Park, Deseronto. (613) 396-3424
Fiddling, step dancing, canoe races, foot races, horseshoes, bingo, Indian Princess Contest.

August 5 and 6, 1995
BLUE SKIES MUSIC FESTIVAL. Clarendon. Blue Skies Music Festival, P.O. Box 2502, Clarendon, Ontario K0H 1J0 (613) 279-3260
Featuring singing, dancing, evening concerts, from folk to jazz. Workshop in holistic arts and music.

August 5 to 7, 1995
REKINDLING OUR TRADITIONS POW-WOW. Historic Old Fort Erie, Fort Erie; (905) 3871-8931
Dancing and drumming competition, Native crafts.

August 6 and 7, 1995
PIONEER FIDDLING AND STEP DANCING FESTIVAL. Lanark and District Community Centre, Lanark; (613) 259-2812
Hoedown, country dance, playdowns and final.

August 7, 1995
CALEDONIA FIDDLE CONTEST. Fairgrounds, Caledonia. (905) 776-8779; Classic country fiddling.
August 10 and 13, 1995
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL. Victoria Park, Fergus. (519) 843-5020
Concert, bands, golf tournament, Highland games, heavy events, sheep dog and high ball demonstrations.

August 10 and 13, 1995
MARIPOSA '95. Olympic Island and Queen Street W area clubs, Toronto. Annual since 1961
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August 11 and 12, 1995
CANADIAN OPEN OLD TIME FIddlers' CONTEST. Sports Complex, Shelburne. Annual since 1951
Ken Gamble, Box 27, Shelburne, Ontario L0N 1S0 Res.: (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. Hundreds of participants from across North America, playdowns, fiddle parade, finals, dance, non-denominational church service, barbecue, jamboree."

August 11 and 12, 1995
NORTHEASTERN FIDDLING AND STEP DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS. Mike Ridden Arena, Mattawa; (800) 267-4222

August 11 to 13, 1995
FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS. Gage Park, Hamilton. Annual since 1976
John LaRocca, 401 Main Street W, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1K5 Bus.: (905) 625-6644; Fax: 625-8292
"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. Annual since 1993
Warren Robinson, 20 Caledonia Terrace, Goderich, Ontario 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 11 to 13, 1995
ENJAMB Festival. Victoria Park, London; (519) 432-2123
Third World music, food, arts and crafts.

August 12, 1995
FOLK FEST '95. Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg.
Upper Canada Village, RR#1, Morrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0 (613) 543-3704; Fax: 543-2847
Featuring traditional and contemporary folk music, 19th-Century crafts and trades, evening concert.

August 12 and 13, 1995
TYENDINAGA TRADITIONAL POW-WOW. Tsitkheredonon Park, Deseronto; (613) 396-2553
Non-competitive pow-wow, singers, Native dancing, arts and crafts, dance, food.

August 13, 1995
GRUNDUNGFEST. Teutonia Club, Windsor; (519) 969-2346
Austrian brass band, folk dancing and performances.

August 18 and 19, 1995
SARNIA HIGHLAND GAMES. Centennial Park, Sarnia; (800) 265-0316
Highland dancing, piping and drumming competition, massed bands, North American Haggis Hurling Championship, Scottish Heavy Events Championship.

August 18 to 20, 1995
SUMMERFOLK MUSIC AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL. Kelso Beach Park, Owen Sound. Annual since 1976
Judy Wilson, Georgian Bay Folk Society, Box 521, Owen Sound, Ontario M4K 5R1; Bus.: (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 19, 1995
GRUNDUNGFEST. Teutonia Club, Windsor; (519) 969-2346
Austrian brass band, folk dancing and performances.

August 19 and 20, 1995
SAUGEEN POW-WOW. Southampton; (519) 797-3254
Competitive dancing, video dance.

August 19 and 20, 1995
OJIBWA KEESHIGUN. Old Fort William, Thunder Bay. (807) 577-8461
Celebration of Native contribution to the fur trade; Native dancing and singing, craft show.

August 25 to 27, 1995
EAGLEWOOD EARTH FESTIVAL. Eaglewood Resort, Pefferlaw. Tim Harrison, Eaglewood Earth Festival, 31 Hellendale Avenue, Suite #1, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1C5; (416) 481-5506
Concerts, children's area and music, workshops in songwriting and instruments, crafts.

August 25 to 27, 1975
SONGS OF SAIL. Centennial Museum, Penetanguishene. Songs of Sail, P.O. Box 298, Victoria Harbour, Ontario L0K 2A0 (705) 361-3084
Featuring concerts, workshops, dance, crafts, children's area, storytelling, marine displays.

August 25 to September 4, 1995
HERITAGE FOLKLORE FESTIVAL. Welland; (905) 732-5337

August 26 and 27, 1995
OTTAWA VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL, Victoria Island, Ottawa. Max Wallace, 517 University Centre, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6 (613) 788-2898; Fax: 788-4060
Featuring music, juried crafts, dance, storytelling, evening concert, workshops.

August 26 and 27, 1995
THREE FIRES HOMECOMING POW-WOW. Mississaugas of the New Credit Ball Park, Hagerville; (519) 445-4528
Celebration of Native singing, drumming and dancing; Native crafts and food.

August 26 and 27, 1995
PETERBOROUGH FOLK FESTIVAL. various venues in Peterborough. Featuring Saturday Club Crawl in downtown venues, Sunday free events in riverside park, including daylong workshops and evening concert.
September 23, 1995

FIDDLE FESTIVAL. La Ronde Cultural Centre, Timmins; (705) 267-8401
Fiddle, dance and jig competition.

September 29 to October 1, 1995

PANORAMA '95. London; (519) 268-2162
Ethnic pavilions display folk dancing and music, arts and crafts, food and costumes.

September 29 to October 1, October 6 to 8, 1995

OKTOBERFEST. Teutonia Club, Windsor; (519) 969-3815
German festival with folk dancing, live music and food.

September 30, 1995

WHEATLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL. Two Creeks Conservation Area, Wheatley; (519) 825-3929
Fiddle contest, dancing, folk art, herb demonstrations, hayrides, birding tours, and barbecue.

October 6 to 14, 1995

KITCHENER-WATERLOO OKTOBERFEST. Kitchener/Waterloo Civic Centre; 735-7700
Bavarian music and entertainment.

October 7, 1995

OKTOBERFEST. Bobcaygeon/Verulam Community Centre, Bobcaygeon, (705) 738-2120
German festival with folk dancing, live music and food.

October 7 to 9, 1995

THANKSGIVING POW-WOW. Rama Ball Park, Orillia; (705) 325-3611
Demonstrations of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, Native food and dress.

October 14 to 22, 1995

SAINT CATHERINES OKTOBERFEST. St. Catharines; (905) 685-8300
German band, folk dancing, pumpkinfest, food, entertainment.

October 15, 1995

KITCHENER-WATERLOO OKTOBERFEST. Kitchener/Waterloo Civic Centre; 735-7700
Bavarian music and entertainment.

October 22, 1995

A TASTE OF FALL. Longwoods Road Conservation Area, Mount Brydges; (519) 264-2420
Iroquoian village, Native music, artists, performances, food.

May 25 to 27, 1996

ODAWA POW WOW. 411 Corkstown Road, Nepean.
Annual since 1976
Simone Charette, 396 MacLaren Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P OM8
Bus.: (613) 238-8591; Fax: 238-6106
“Native dancers from across North America compete for prize money.
Drumming, Native arts and crafts, Native foods.”

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 Road, Charlottetown.
George O’Connor, (902) 566-3273
Irish and Scottish traditional music, song and dance, featuring the best of

PEI’s traditional performers

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 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.
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 (Wednesdays): "Old-Fashioned Scottish Concert with a distinctive 'Amazing Grace' Style," held at the B.I.S. Hall, Charlottetown.
July 9 and 10: Outdoor Balkan Hills Scottish Concerts
July 16 and 17: "Road to the Isles" Scottish Concerts
July 23 and 24: Outdoor Scottish Fiddle and Dance Concerts
August 2: Scot's Delight Scottish Concert, held at Lions' Club, North 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 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; (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.
College of Piping, 619 Water Street 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.
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.
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; Kris MacDougall, (902) 675-3061
Variety concerts featuring bands from the Maritimes.

July 8, 1995
LADY'S SLIPPER SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE. Auditorium, Summerside; Mary Kaye or Arthur Collett, (902) 436-5612
Mainstream plus star tips and rounds.

July 13 to August 26, 1995 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays)
RENDEZVOUS ACADIAN—ACADIAN ROOTS. Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown; 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
ROLLO BAY FIDDLER FESTIVAL. Rollo Bay.
Annual since 1976
Peter Chaisson, (902) 687-2584
Talent from all over North America. Open air concerts and old time dances.

July 28 to 30, 1995
RENDEZ-VOUS RUSTICO. South Rustico; (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 CORNBALL. Basin Head; (902) 6357-2966
Traditional food and entertainment.

August 1 to 31
HIGHLAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Summerside.
(902) 436-5377, 888-2100, 1-800-267-7245

August 4 and 5, 1995
CHARLOTTETWIRLERS SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE. Holland College Royalty Centre, Charlottetown.
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.
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; (902) 831-2073
Includes fiddling and step dancing championship.

August 5, 1995
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIDDLERS IN CONCERT. Community Garden Arena Complex, Kensington.
Thelma Campbell (President, Prince County Fiddlers) (902) 836-5221

August 6, 1995
CEILIDH IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE. Beaconsfield, Charlottetown.
(902) 368-6600
Music, song and dance liberally sprinkled with participatory activities and local entertainment.

August 11 to 13, 1995
FIDDLERS AND FOLLOWERS. Rainbow Valley Amusement Park, Cavendish; 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
FÉTE NATIONAL DES ACADIENS (ACADIAN NATIONAL DAY). Le Village, Mont-Carmel; (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; Leith Jollimore, Box 301, Kensington, PEI COB 1M0 (902) 836-3509
Includes step-dancing contest.

August 18 to 20, 1995
LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY FESTIVAL. Cavendish and area; Paul Blacquiere, (902) 963-2082 (bus.)
Includes traditional musical entertainment.

August 18 to 20, 1995
ABEGweit POW-WOW. Panmure Island Provincial Park.
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. (902) 651-2013
Concert, pipers, fiddlers, singers, traditional Highland games, and haggis!

September 1 to 3, 1995
EXPOSITION AGRICOLE ET FESTIVAL ACADIEUX DE LA RÉGION ÉVANGÉLINE. Abram Village.
Marcel Bernard, (902) 854-2189
Acadian soirées and entertainment are included.

September 11 to 17, 1995
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.

**QUÉBEC**

The information here mostly came from the Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant, who provided bare information: dates, location, name and contact phone number. Without festival descriptions, we had to hope that the name of the event conveyed whether or not it has folk music content. We hope we didn’t guess wrong too many times!

June 9 to 11, 1995
LA GRANDE RENCONTRE. Montréal.
Dorothée Hogan, (514) 277-400

June 23 to 25, 1995
ANNIVERSAIRE DU SITE MARY TRAVERS "LA BOLDUC." Newport.
Solang Fullum, (418) 777-2707

June 28 to July 2, 1995
FESTIVAL FOLKLORIQUE INTERNATIONAL DE LACHINE. Lachine.
Jean-Claude Ménard, (514) 634-7526

June 29 to July 4, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES MUSICIENS DE RUE. Cowansville.
M. Bougasanogo, (514) 499-9239

June 30 to July 2, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE L’ART VOCAL. Trois-Rivières.
Diane Pelletier (Coordinatrice), (819) 372-4635

June 19 to 2, 1995
LES MAGICIENS DE L’ACCORDÉON. Alma.
Marcel Bernard, (902) 854-2189

POW-WOW DES ABÉNAQUIS. Odanak.
Nicole O’Bomsawin, (514) 568-2600

July 6 to 16, 1995
FESTIVAL MONDIAL DE FOLKLORE DE DRUMMONDVILLE.
Drummondville; Maurice Rhéaume, (819) 472-1184

July 6 to 16, 1995
FESTIVAL D’ÉTÉ INTERNATIONAL DE QUÉBEC/QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL. Diverse outdoor and indoor venues in Old Quebec, Quebec City. Annual since 1968
Jean Beauchesne (Programming Director), 160 St-Paul Street, P.O. Box 24, Station B, Québec, PQ G1K 7A1; Bus.: (418) 692-4540; Fax: 692-4384
*Ouvert à la diversité des genres et des styles, le FEIQ (QCISF) poursuit des objectifs connus et reconnus de promotion et de diffusion. Sa programmation reflète l’actualité culturelle tant internationale que nationale aux volets suivants: pop, world, folk, rock/blues and classical music, French-language variety, street performers and activities for young people.*

July 9, 1995
FRANCITÉ. Jonquières; Hubert Troestler, (418) 695-7968

July 10 to 20, 1995
FESTIVAL Nuits D’AFRIQUE. Montréal.
M. Bougasanogo, (514) 499-9239

July 14 to 23, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES MUSICIENS DE RUE. Cowansville.
Réjean Daigle, (514) 266-0250

July 16, 1995
JOURNÉE FOLKLORIQUE. Ste-Louise-des-Aulnaies.
Réjean Lizotte, (418) 354-2576

July 18 to 23, 1995
FOLKOFÊTE INTERNATIONAL DE CHICOUTIMI. Chicoutimi.
Nancy Boutin, (418) 690-2755

July 19, 1995
SPECTACLE DU PATRIMOINE D’EXPRESSTION. Théatre de Verdure, Montréal; Guy Landry, (514) 524-8552

July 24 to August 6, 1995
FÊTES DE SAINT-LAURENT. St-Laurent.
Francois Martel. (514) 855-6110

July 29, 1995
FESTIVAL MÉMOIRE ET RACINES. St-Charles Borromée.
Mario Forest, (514) 759-3309

August 3 to 6, 1995
FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUE AUTOCHONE INNU NIKAMU. Maliotenam.
Sylvain Volland, (418) 927-2985

August 5 to September 3, 1995
LE TOUR DU MONDE DE JOS MAQUILLON. La Baie.
Monique Gravel, (800)-667-4582
August 6 to 13, 1995
FESTIVAL COMMÉMORATIF "MME BOLDUC." Newport.
Solange Fullum/Alexis Castilloux, (418) 777-2707

August 6 to 26, 1995
FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUE ANCIENNE DE SILLERY. Stillery.
Paul St-Laurent, (418) 688-8074

September 1 to 4, 1995
CARREFOUR MONDIAL DE L’ACCORDÉON. Montmagny.
Michel Tété, (418) 248-9196

September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16, 1995
LES VEILLES DES PLATEAU. Montréal; Jean-Luc Martel, (514) 273-0880

September 22 to October 1, 1995
RÊVES D’AUTOMNE À BAIE SAINT-PAUL. Baie St-Paul.
Hélène Perron (Agent de liaison), (800)-761-5150

September 23, October 28 and November 25, 1995
SOIRÉES DE DANSE. Québec.
J.P. Chenard/Andrée Lapointe (418) 647-1598

September 29 and November 24, 1995
SOIRÉES INTERCULTURELLES DE MONTRÉAL. Montréal.
Daniel Noël, (514) 596-7092

September 29 to October 1, 1995
FESTIVAL DES VIOLONIS D’AMÉRIQUE. Valleyfield.
Johanne Lecuyer, (514) 373-5794

September 30 and October 1, 1995
FESTIVAL CULTUREL AUTOCHONNE DE MONTRÉAL. Ville St-Laurent.
Josianne Wanono, (514) 937-5338

October 1 to 9, 1995
FÊTE AUTOUR DU CONTE. Musée de la civilisation, Québec.
Dominique Renaud, (418) 643-2158

October 6 to 9, 1995
CAMP D’AUTOMNE (SPDTPQ). St-Adolphe d’Howard.
(514) 273-0880

October 8 to 15, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES ARTS TRADITIONNELS. Québec.
J.P. Chenard/Andrée Lapointe, (418) 647-1598

October 8 to 15, 1995
SEMAGNE DU PATRIMOINE VIVANT. Ens. des régions
François Beaudoin, (418) 643-2158

October 21, 1995
LES VEILLES DES PLATEAU. Montréal.
Jean-Luc Martel, (514) 273-0880

October 27 to 29, 1995
FESTIVAL PROVINCIAL DE FOLKLORE DE L’AQFL. St-Hyacinthe.
Alain Billette, (514) 371-3227

November 6 to 11, 1995
COUP DE COEUR FRANCOPHONE. Montréal.
Alain Chartrand, (514) 524-8223

November 3 to 12, 1995
FESTIVAL INTERCULTUREL DU CONTE DE MONTRÉAL. Montréal.
Marc Labelle, (514) 279-9545

SASKATCHEWAN

June 1 to 3, 1995
MOSAIC—FESTIVAL OF CULTURES. Throughout the city of Regina.
Annual since 1967
Regina Multicultural Council, 2144 Cornwall Street, Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 2K7; Bus.: (306) 757-5990; Fax: 780-9407
"Mosaic—Festival of Cultures blossoms into full colour in a city-wide festival.
Free shuttle busses take you on a mini global tour of the participating
pavilions, which come alive with crafts of skilled artisans, energetic folk
dances, lively music and song, and food from around the world. Shop for
souvenirs and crafts. Discover the customs and costumes of other lands.
Come alive with the Magic of Mosaic."

June 6 to 10, 1995
REGINA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL. Regina.

June 6 to 10, 1995
NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S
FESTIVAL. Saskatoon.

June 24 and 25, 1995
REGINA FOLK FESTIVAL. Victoria Park, Regina.
Regina Folk Festival, P.O. Box 1203, Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 3B4 (306) 757-7684; Fax: 525-4009
Featuring blues, country and folk musicians from across Canada and the
province. Kid’s stage, food concessions.

July 7 and 8, 1995
GOVAN FOLK FESTIVAL. Govan School Gymnasium, Govan.
Annual since 1986

Bud Watson, Box 88, Govan, Saskatchewan SOG 1ZO
Res.: (306) 484-4566; Fax: 484-4321
"A weekend of lively fiddle music, fun and fellowship, celebrating its 10th
anniversary. Competitions in eight classes, performances by guest fiddle
artists, and dances both evenings. Camper space available (no hookups),
showers, washrooms. Raffles, prizes and LUNCHES!"

July 20 to 23, 1995
NESS CREEK FESTIVAL. Big River.
Hugh Gilmour, Ness Creek Cultural Society, 824C Broadway Avenue,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 1B6; (306) 664-1992; Fax: 933-4346
Eclectic mix of music. Workshops in unusual instruments, Saskatchewan
songwriters, vocal harmony and more. Crafts.

August 17 to 19, 1995
FOLKFEST. Various venues throughout Saskatoon.
Annual since 1980
Deneen Gudjonson (Festival Co-ordinator), Saskatoon Folkefest International,
233 Avenue C South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1N3
Bus.: (306) 931-0100; Fax: 665-3421
"Folkefest is Saskatoon’s annual salute to the wealth and diversity of ethnic
groups that make up its population. Folkefest introduces neighbour to
neighbour, as each pavilion celebrates its unique heritage through song,
dance, displays, costume and food. The Folkefest experience is about sharing
and friendship, and it allows Saskatoonians to share their friendship and
community spirit. Volunteers and visitors get together to share their time,
their traditions and their way of life. Discover Saskatoon’s unique heritage at
Folkefest’s many exciting and friendly pavilions."
September 11 to 17, 1995
TREATY 4 GATHERING & POWWOW. Fort Qu’Appelle.

September 22 to 24, 1995
MAPLE CREEK COWBOY POETRY GATHERING AND WESTERN ART SHOW. Maple Creek.
Annual since 1990

June 9 to 11, 1995
GEORGIA STRAIT GUITAR WORKSHOP. Camp Alexandra, White Rock, BC; Granville Arton, 6894 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 5S7
(604) 266-8321; Fax: 266-4864
Featuring instruction in country blues, swing, bluegrass, Brazilian rhythms, mandolin, guitar, stand-up bass, vocal technique. Price: $Cdn210, $US175.

June 30 to July 2, 1995
VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY SUMMER RETREAT. Camp Alexandra, White Rock, BC; Lenore Mason, 4-6029 Tisdall Street, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3M9
"This summer retreat is 21 years old. Join us for a weekend of singing, song-swapping, workshops, volleyball, dancing, socializing and fine food. Prices: weekend: adults $Cdn60, $US45; children under 12 $Cdn30, $US22; per day: adults $Cdn30, $US22, children $Cdn20, $US15. Food and accommodation included. The camp fills up quickly, so don’t leave it too late."

July 4 to 9, 1995
HERITAGE ‘95 INTERNATIONAL. St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, Ontario; Folklore Canada International, P.O. Box 9, DeLorimer Station, Montréal, PQ H2H 2N6; Day: (514) 524-8552; Eve.: 466-0975; Fax: 524-0269
"An international workshop program in dance, music and folklore featuring resource specialists of the folklore groups taking part in Worldfest ‘95 in Cornwall. Daily workshops in traditional dance forms and styles (all with live music). Music and singing demonstrations. Folklore lectures: costumes, instruments, customs, &c. (some folk items will be on sale). Evening concerts followed by dance parties with performers. Audio and video tapes of workshops available. Cost ($US350, $Cdn450) includes workshops, performances, meals, lodgings, &c."

July 2 to August 25, 1995
GAELIC COLLEGE OF CELTIC ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL. St. Ann’s Joan MacInnes, P.O. Box 9, Baddeck, Nova Scotia BOE 1BO
(902) 295-3411; Fax: 295-2912.

August 3 to 8, 1995
THE WOODS MUSIC AND DANCE CAMP. Lake Rosseau College, Rosseau, Ontario; The Woods Music & Dance Society, c/o Laskin, 18 Simpson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4K 1A2; (416) 461-1864
Workshops in guitar, songwriting, singing, stepdance, fiddle, oral history. Price: $Cdn425 to $Cdn585.

August 6 to 12, 1995
NOVA SCOTIA FAMILY FOLKDANCE CAMP. Université Ste-Anne Church Point, Nova Scotia
Gordon Youle, 38 Forestside Cres., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 1M4
(902) 443-3888
Folk, Scottish, country, square and ballroom dancing.

News, Views, & Stuff

Our esteemed acting Past President, William A.S. Sarjeant, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Bill is a respected geologist when he’s not singing songs, playing the harmonica, critiquing Sherlock Holmes, or writing historic fantasy novels. Congratulations!

Elmer Bolinger, of Gleichen, Alberta, died in Arizona in January of this year at age 84. Elmer, a lifelong farmer in the Gleichen district, had studied violin in Calgary as a young man in the Thirties. He spent a few years in the city, attending Crescent Heights High School; he’d had lessons under various “itinerant” teachers in the country and in the city, but finally took lessons under Mary Short, who gave instruction to many of Calgary’s prominent violinists. During those years, he played dance band music, a mix of current and out-of-date popular music, with the odd square dance thrown in, that was favored on the northern prairies, for both rural and urban festivities. He put the fiddle aside for several decades while he farmed successfully and raised a family. In the early 80s, he attended a fiddle contest with his wife Ralphene. After the event was over, he said to Ralphene, "You know, that looks like fun. I think I’ll give it a try."

With Ralphene accompanying him on piano, Elmer returned to the instrument and became a contest winner in the prairie provinces and the western USA. The couple spent their winter vacations in a recreational vehicle scouring the Southwest for contests.

While contest fiddling is often no more than a parade of instrumental athletics, Elmer and Ralphene made music. Their close relationship made itself felt in their communication on stage; at times their music felt like a duet, not a soloist with accompaniment. They had, as his obituary in the Calgary Herald observed, "... a devoted partnership of fifty-five years" (January 13, 1995).

Elmer’s background in the dance bands also influenced his contest fiddling, giving him a sense of rhythm and swing not easily available to those who’ve only learned the tunes and variations. While his reels may have lacked the ooomph a younger fiddler—or one who hadn’t interrupted his career—might have offered, Elmer’s waltzes were elegant and