



Celebration Series



WATERFRONT

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Entertainment **GUIDE**

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We are excited to bring a vibrant summer of entertainment and festivities to the Pictou waterfront. This series is a collaboration between the deCoste Centre for Arts and Creativity, the Town of Pictou, the Hector Heritage Quay, the Pictou Lobster Carnival, and other community partners. This year we commemorate the Town of Pictou's 150th anniversary, the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector, and the deCoste's 40th anniversary.

The support from our sponsors and funders enables us to transform 27 Creighton Street into the 'Caladh Marquee,' a unique space where locals and visitors can enjoy Maritime hospitality and incredible performances. The marquee will host live musical events, vendors, play structures, art installations, washrooms, and seating options along the water's edge.

Many concerts throughout the summer will be offered with NO ADMISSION charge to audience members, although tickets must be booked through the deCoste to access seating within the tented area.

**We thank all our sponsors and funding partners
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Pictou 2023

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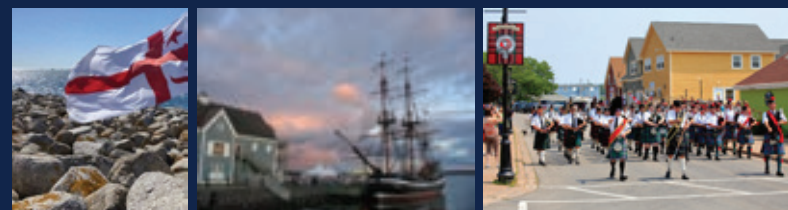


To See What's Happening...

Check out our website for a listing of events
and activities throughout the year.

pictou2023.com

In 2023, the Town of Pictou celebrates a convergence of two major anniversaries - the historic 250th anniversary of the landing of the Ship Hector and the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Pictou. Throughout 2023, over 20 community organizations will host events that acknowledge our past and celebrate how far we've come.



Hector 250 Events | September 15 - 17, 2023

- Ship Hector Tours
- Gaelic Cultural Events
- Hector 250 Tattoo
- Hector 250 Ceilidh
- Bluenose II Visit & Regatta
- and more

Executive Director's Message



Photo by Peter Young at *Beaches Road Photography*

We are beyond excited to finally have our expansion and renovations underway at the deCoste Centre. Necessity breeds innovation, and we are pleased to unveil the exciting programming that has been developed working with the Town of Pictou, Pictou 2023 Committee, Lobster Carnival and Ship Hector Society committees, and other community partners. We are celebrating the Town's 150th, the arrival of the ship Hector's 250th and the deCoste's 40th by staging over 50 events in a spectacular waterfront venue. Concerts will feature local, regional, and national artists from a wide range of genres.

It was important to be inclusive and welcome the entire community to this celebration, so more than 40 of these summer entertainment events are complimentary. Each night we will do a 50/50 and invite donations which will help the deCoste defray the cost of presenting shows in venues around the county during construction.

There are an incredible group of partners working together to make this exciting waterfront concert series possible. Thank you for getting behind this vision. It will be a summer to remember.

See you at the waterfront!

Troy Greencorn, Executive Director
deCoste Centre for Arts & Creativity

deCoste Board of Directors

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Pictou Mayor's Message



Photo by Steve Smith at *VisionFire Studios*

The Town of Pictou welcomes you to the Caladh Marquee! It is not very often that a community gets to mark two major anniversaries in the same year. The 150th anniversary of the Town's incorporation and the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector to our shore are certainly reasons to celebrate.

As part of our Pictou 2023 celebrations, we are extremely pleased to partner with the deCoste Centre for Arts and Creativity and the Ship Hector Society to present a summer of entertainment and fun on the beautiful Pictou waterfront. With the exciting transformation of the deCoste Centre underway, the marquee at the east end of Caladh Avenue creates a vibrant new venue that will be a hub of entertainment and activity for residents and visitors alike this summer.

Please join us as we celebrate our past and build our future together.

Jim Ryan, Mayor of the Town of Pictou

Pictou 2023 Committee Members

Michelle Young- Chair | Jim Ryan- Co-Chair
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We are so close. Now we need your help!



OUR GOAL

\$2 million
\$200K to go!
\$1.8 million

The deCoste Performing Arts Centre and the Pictou Library have always been vibrant centres for our community. Even though our construction project is underway, we continue to "Come Together" for shows at alternative venues. This exciting project celebrates the deCoste's 40th anniversary by creating one of Nova Scotia's most innovative cultural hub facilities.

Our community was tasked with raising \$2 million of an overall \$15 million budget. Our campaign team is over 85% of the way to our goal. We invite you to help us reach our goal by making a financial contribution. All donations are welcome, and we can provide charitable receipts for donations over \$25. All donations over \$250 will be recognized on our donor wall.

Please consider these options:

- Pledge-style gifts can be made over 12, 24 or 36 months.
- In memoriam donations are welcomed.
- We have had many families make combined contributions.
- We welcome donations of shares and securities.
- We encourage community groups to get involved with the campaign and get on our donor wall. Let us help your group plan a fundraising project with proceeds funding a donation.

Contact troy@decostecentre.ca | 902-485-8848

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- Discounts apply for 2 tickets

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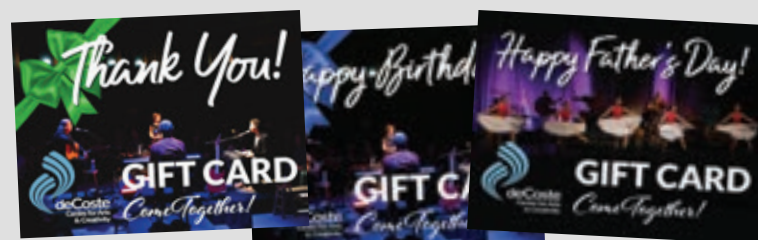
Give the gift of an experience!
Give a deCoste gift card!

There's always an occasion to celebrate: anniversaries, birthdays, holidays, graduations, promotions or sometimes it's nice to just say thank-you!

Looking for a great gift idea to give a loved one, neighbour or friend? There's no better gift than the gift of an experience to celebrate an occasion.

deCoste gift cards never expire and can be used for ANY event hosted by the deCoste. Seeing a live show is more than entertainment, it's a complete experience that is sure to create a memory they won't forget! Not to mention that it won't collect dust or be turfed out in the garbage.

Call us at 902-485-8848 ext. 1 or visit www.decostecentre.ca/events-and-shows/gift-cards to purchase a gift card today!



Celebration Series

We're celebrating three incredible anniversaries with a summer-long concert series on the waterfront. While the deCoste is under construction, the "Show Must Go On." We have programmed a diverse mix of shows that will be presented on the Caladh Marquee and Marina stages. To celebrate the deCoste's 40th anniversary, over 40 of these shows will be provided **complimentary to the community**. We wanted to eliminate barriers and welcome the community, locals and tourists alike to the Pictou waterfront. You will love our venue!

There are a couple of signature deCoste 40th Anniversary and Hector 250 shows that will have a fee. **Tickets will be required for most shows hosted at the Caladh Marquee to secure a seat**, which can be ordered in advance or at show time.

Tickets for the deCoste, Town of Pictou and Lobster Carnival hosted shows can be obtained by contacting the deCoste box office or online at decostecentre.ca. Contact information for other events is listed in the legend below or with the actual event listing in the program book.

Celebrate Pictou 2023 by taking in some of these great shows and events. We will see you there!

INTRO & LEGEND EXPLAINED



Signature Series

deCoste Celebration Performances — \$40 Ticket Price + taxes & fees.

Caladh Marquee — 27 Creighton St., Pictou, NS

Tickets & Info: www.decostecentre.ca | (902) 485-8848 | 1-800-353-5338

Box Office: 25B Front St., Pictou, NS | Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm



Festival of Summer Sounds Series — deCoste Complimentary Performances

Caladh Marquee — 27 Creighton St., Pictou, NS

Tickets and Info: www.decostecentre.ca | (902) 485-8848 | 1-800-353-5338

Box Office: 25B Front St., Pictou, NS | Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm



Love Local Concert Series

Town of Pictou Complimentary Performances

Sun. & Fri. Caladh Marquee — 27 Creighton St., Pictou

Mon. & Sat. — Marina Stage, 87 Caladh Ave., Pictou

For tickets, visit or call deCoste Box Office or www.decostecentre.ca



Ship Hector 250

The Hector Heritage Quay — 33 Caladh Ave., Pictou NS | (902) 485-4371

Tickets may be required for some events.

See events, dates and times at

www.shiphector.ca | www.facebook.com/shiphector



Lobster Carnival Events and Performances

Main Stage Weekend Passes available at decostecentre.ca | (902)485-8848

See events, dates and times at

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www.facebook.com/PictouLobsterCarnival



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Pictou | 902-485-4563



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Tickets/Fees required for some events

Canada Day Celebrations!

SATURDAY, JULY 1 | 1:00 PM
Stompin' Tom Connors
Tribute with Chad Matthews

This tribute to Canadian icon, the late Stompin' Tom Connors, pays homage to one of Canada's most beloved folk heroes. Tom made numerous visits to the deCoste over his career as he crisscrossed the country. Singer/songwriter Chad Matthews has been headlining regular shows at the Stompin' Tom Centre at Skinners Pond in PEI for five years to great reviews. We are bringing him back after a popular "HarvFest Concert" appearance in Pictou in 2022.



Doris Mason &
The Groovy Gurus | 7:30 PM

This Pictou County native is well-known on the East Coast music scene. She has successfully juggled a busy solo career, worked as Musical Director for the hit touring show "DRUM!", and starred in Denny Doherty's "Dream a Little Dream"- the nearly true story of the Mamas and Papas.

Doris grew up in a big musical family and was playing piano before her feet could touch the pedals. She wrote her first song at seven. Her training with the Royal Conservatory of Music garnered her many awards in Music Festivals in New Glasgow and Halifax. Doris has been fortunate to have a multi-faceted background in Celtic, folk, blues and jazz which has afforded her a rich and diverse career throughout Nova Scotia, Canada, Europe and the United States.

Joining Doris are Jamie Gatti-bass, David Burton-drums and John Hollis on sax.



Celebrate Canada Day with us on the Pictou Waterfront with loads of great complimentary music and entertainers!

SUNDAY, JULY 2 | 7:30 PM
Albert Dunnewold & Scott MacFarlane

Albert and Scott are a Pictou County-based acoustic duo act, playing songs ranging from country, rock, folk, and blues genres and having fun wherever they go. Over a span of more than 12 years, these two local musicians have entertained many crowds around the Maritimes, including festivals, private wedding celebrations, corporate functions, and kitchen parties.

Separately, Albert Dunnewold has played in several local acts over the last twenty-five years, including Clear Sailin'.

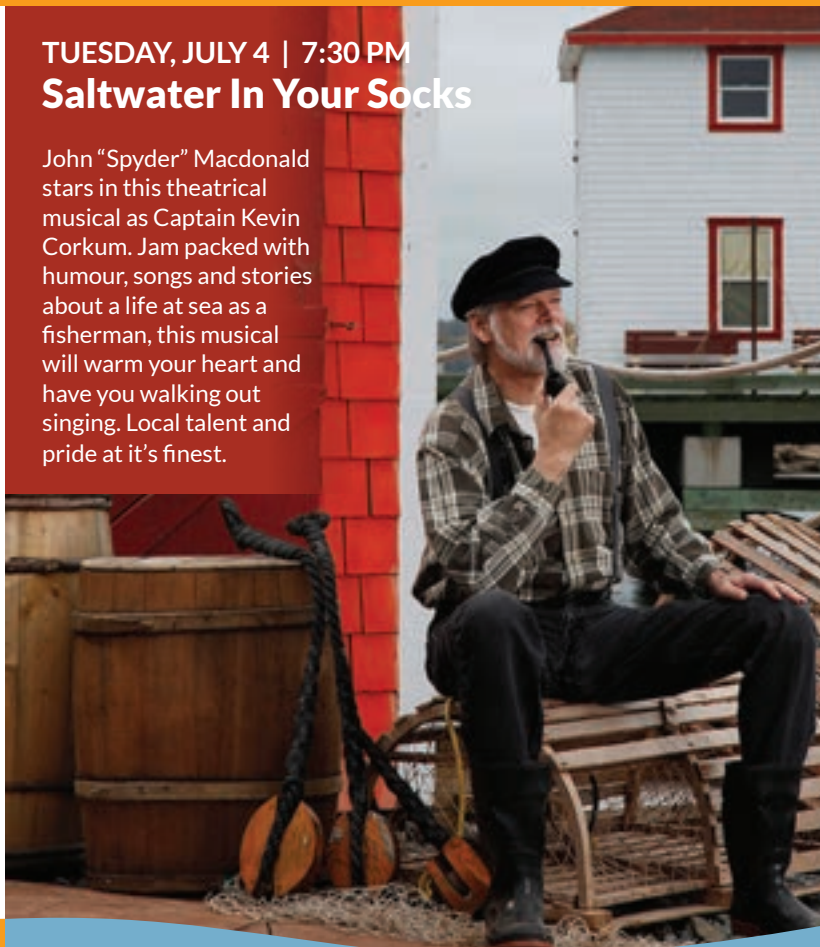
Scott MacFarlane has enjoyed success playing bass guitar over a 30-year career playing in various bands, including Sandbox and Kilt!

Sit back and enjoy tunes or get up and dance to the grooves. You will be entertained by this fun duo.



TUESDAY, JULY 4 | 7:30 PM
Saltwater In Your Socks

John "Spyder" Macdonald stars in this theatrical musical as Captain Kevin Corkum. Jam packed with humour, songs and stories about a life at sea as a fisherman, this musical will warm your heart and have you walking out singing. Local talent and pride at it's finest.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 | 7:30 PM
The Barra MacNeils

\$40 plus taxes & fees

The Barra MacNeils, a talented musical family from Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, is widely considered to be one of the top live concert acts in Celtic music. The group features multiple lead vocalists and accomplished musicians with a diverse range of top-drawer instrumental prowess on a wide variety of acoustic, stringed, percussion and wind instruments. They blend Gaelic songs, dancing, storytelling, and traditional Celtic music into an unforgettable live experience. The group has released 17 recordings and continues to tour worldwide with their captivating vocals, harmonies, and extraordinary musicianship.



Signature Series



SATURDAY, JULY 8
HONOUR PARADE 10:00 AM
CEREMONY 11:00 AM
30th Annual No. 2 Construction Battalion Remembrance Ceremony

This is the 30th Anniversary of the recognition service held to honour the memory of the No. 2 Construction Battalion C.E.F., Canada's first and only all-Black regiment during World War I, established in 1916; 107 years ago, along the shores of Pictou. Join us as we commemorate these historically important individuals in our country's war story starting with an honorary parade travelling eastbound along Caladh Avenue beginning at the Black Battalion Monument located on Market Street. to Creighton St., ending at the Caladh Marquee for a ceremony which will include descendants, elected officials, the Minister of Defence, and the Commander of the Army. Historic displays and a replica monument will be on display at the event tent and first-person narratives of soldier stories will be shared.





89th Year

The Pictou Lobster Carnival 2023

- Crate Run!
- Parades!
- Hinchey's Carnival Rides!
- Musical Entertainment!
- Car Show!
- Boat Races!

Friday, July 7 – Sunday, July 9

Are you ready to Rock the Lobster by the Sea for Pictou 2023? This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Town of Pictou as well as the 250th anniversary of the landing of the Ship Hector.

The Pictou Lobster Carnival is joining the party with a very special 89th year for the signature Nova Scotia event featuring an overflowing roster of musical entertainment on the main stage!



FRIDAY NIGHT!

The 2023 Lobster Carnival will once again feature four headliners, with Friday night starting things out with Juno award winner and multi-nominee **Sass Jordan!** Jordan's still rocking out as strongly as ever with her signature rasp over 30 years after bursting on the Canadian music scene with hits like 'Tell Somebody' and 'Make You a Believer'.

SATURDAY NIGHT!

Saturday's headliner will be one of the best-selling bands in Canadian rock history, **Big Sugar**, with frontman Gordie Johnson. The reggae-blues rock band has been cranking out hits dating back to their 1991 self-titled debut album and will threaten to blow the roof off the tent on July 8th! 'Turn the Lights On', 'Diggin' A Hole', 'Dear Mr. Fantasy', 'All Hell for a Basement', and the list of hits go on.

SUNDAY NIGHT!

On Sunday the Carnival will feature two premiere East Coast Canadian headliners to close out the weekend, first with a reunion of the **Moon Minglewood Band!** Sam Moon and Matt Minglewood formed their first band together back in 1969, and they have shared the stage countless more times over the years. They will join forces again in 2023 for Pictou Lobster Carnival!

Closing out the weekend will be none other than **Lennie Gallant** and his band. An Order of Canada recipient, Gallant boasts a dozen albums to his credit with some of the best-known songs in Canadian folk music history including 'Peter's Dream' and 'Which Way Does the River Run'. Gallant's catalogue of powerful and memorable songs continues to grow.



MAIN STAGE WEEKEND PASSES available at decostecentre.ca or by calling 902-485-8848

TUESDAY, JULY 11 | 7:30 PM
Terry Kelly

After 40 years of performing around the world, including many visits to the deCoste, Terry is at the top of his game. Despite being blind since childhood, Terry has recorded six albums, been an award-winning athlete, received an Order of Canada and been named an honorary member of the Canadian Armed Forces.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 | 7:30 PM
DeeDee Austin

DeeDee Austin is a 16-year-old Indigenous singer/songwriter and member of the Abegweit First Nation. DeeDee's infectious energy and authentic songwriting are bringing her recognition across the Maritimes. Of the four 2022 Music NS Award categories that Austin was nominated for, she won two: Indigenous Artist and New Recording Artist of the Year. She was inspired to pursue a music career by her church organist, the late Maxine Hibbits, and draws much inspiration from a deep pride in her Indigenous roots.

In addition to an appearance this year at Stanfest, this busy young artist has recently performed for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, the Halifax Jazz Fest, NS Mi'kmaw Summer Games in Cape Breton, and the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Fest. "My goal is to touch the hearts of all my listeners through my lyrics. I pour my heart into everything that I sing and play!"

THURSDAY, JULY 13 | 7:30 PM
Robert Bouchard

Well known for his early touring as "Robert and Giselle", Robert is a bonafide country sensation. He has earned many accolades, the most recent being an induction into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame. With six albums and millions of touring miles, he continues to entertain crowds with his East Coast country music.



FRIDAY, JULY 14 | 7:30 PM
Nico Paulo

Portuguese/Canadian songwriter, performer, and visual artist Nico Paulo arrived in Canada in 2014 to pursue her career, setting down roots in Toronto before moving to Newfoundland. Her self-titled debut LP was released in the spring of 2023 and features lush, sophisticated pop arrangements produced by Joshua Van Tassel and Tim Baker. Paulo's debut EP, *Wave Call*, arrived in 2020, at which point she promoted it with a tour in Europe. Her latest releases include the *Live at First Light* EP and a cover of José Afonso's 'O Cavaleiro e o Anjo'. Paulo's music has been praised by MTV, The FADER, and Clash, among others.





SUNDAY, JULY 16 | 7:30 PM
Kitchen Criminals

The Kitchen Criminals (TKC) is a dynamic four-piece ensemble from Pictou County, consisting of Ashley George, Hayley MacLeod, Sandra DeCoste, and Jason DeLorey. Formed in 2016, TKC brings a deep-rooted musical connection, boundless enthusiasm, and a love for the vibrant East Coast kitchen party vibe. Their music transcends genres, offering heartfelt originals, exhilarating fiddle sets, and timeless Celtic classics. Prepare for a diverse musical experience that leaves you craving more.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 | 7:30 PM
Road to Stanfest — The Hello Darlins

THE HELLO DARLINS feature an award-winning, powerhouse cast of some of Canada's most in-demand session musicians combining all their skills and influences to forge a distinct hybrid of country, gospel, and blues. Their work with artists includes a list that ranges from Shania Twain, The Crash Test Dummies, as well as the late B.B. King and more. With their debut album *Go by Feel*, the Darlins have quickly risen to international acclaim. The album charted at number four on The Euro Americana Charts and was the feature album for ABC Country Music Australia. They recently embarked on three European tours, followed by a 36-date Canadian tour with Matt Andersen in the spring of 2023.



TUESDAY, JULY 18 | 7:30 PM
Road to Stanfest — Lisa Richard

Halifax-based country singer-songwriter Lisa Richard is known for her powerful vocals and genuine love for music. Her singing style has been compared to Cher, Wynonna Judd, Tracy Chapman, and Anne Murray. In 2022, she released her debut album, *Promises Kept*, produced by Jason Barry and Danny Bourgeois. The album's first single, 'Uniforms', co-written with Rick Tiger and Jeff Wanex, gained radio rotation and recognition on Sirius XM, CBC Country and WSM Grand Ole Opry radio. Lisa has received various nominations and awards, including the CBC Searchlight Top 10 Regional Contest and Music Nova Scotia Awards. Her cover of "Jolene" reached 140,000 views.



THURSDAY, JULY 20 | 7:30 PM
Road to Stanfest — Angelique Francis

Angelique Francis is a versatile and exceptionally gifted musician. This multi-talented, multi-instrumentalist, multi-genre singer-songwriter and composer has wowed audiences across the globe with her electrifying performances, instrumental abilities, and powerful textured vocals. She is known for her eclectic mix of musical genres including blues, soul, folk, jazz, gospel, and rock. Angelique has shared the stage/opened for a large roster of well-known musicians such as Gary Clark Jr, Joe Bonamassa, Eric Gales, Keb' Mo', Jimmy Vivino, Beth Hart, Tom Cochran, Burton Cummings, Sugar Ray, and the list goes on.



FRIDAY, JULY 21 | 7:30 PM
Neon Soul Machine

Neon Soul Machine (NSM) is a 10-piece party band from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Led by frontwoman Robyn Alcorn-Martin and musical director Brett MacDougall, NSM plays a diverse setlist encompassing Motown classics and funky renditions of contemporary pop hits. With top-notch performers from the Pictou County area, the band elevates the cover band experience by showcasing its carefully curated collection of songs through a lineup featuring five singers, a three-piece horn section, and an exceptional backing band.



TUESDAY, JULY 25 | 7:30 PM
Rum Ragged

2021 JUNO Award Nominees, Rum Ragged, take a bold approach to the distinct folk music of their home, Newfoundland. With a reverence for their roots and a creative contemporary edge, this young band has quickly become known as the finest performers of their great living, musical tradition. Boasting bouzouki, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, guitar, and button accordion, these new champions of East Coast music enliven and enlighten audiences with their signature brand of Newfoundland folk. Rum Ragged is not your run-of-the-mill folk band, they are the genuine article.



SUNDAY, JULY 23 | 7:30 PM
JACKIE

Jackie Putnam, captivates audiences with her 'One Woman Show'. From intimate gigs to grand stages, she performs original music solo or with a full band. Onboard Marine Atlantic's MV Atlantic Vision, Jackie entertains global travellers on the Atlantic Ocean. Moreover, she pays homage to country legends through her 'One Woman Queens of Country Show' and delivers an enchanting 'Patsy Cline Tribute Show'. Her highly anticipated debut album, *The Phoenix*, releases in June 2023. This album showcases Jackie's exceptional songwriting and honours influential icons like Loretta, Patsy, Tammy, Dolly, Linda, Anne, and Shania.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 | 7:30 PM
Garrett Mason

Following in the shoes of his father, the great Dutch Mason, Garrett has been blazing his own trail. An old soul, a virtuoso musician and a gifted performer, Garrett will entertain us with his extensive repertoire of acoustic blues.



THURSDAY, JULY 27 | 7:30 PM
Darren McMullen & Rachel Davis

This dynamic pair have been the heart of Cape Breton's touring sensation CÖIG for the past decade. Rachel's award-winning fiddling, paired with sweet and pure vocals, mix perfectly with Darren's virtuosity on at least a dozen instruments.



SATURDAY, JULY 29 | 7:30 PM
All Jazzed Up - Jazz Jam
Alcorn Quintet

Andrew and Janice Alcorn have joined up with seasoned rhythm players Dave Pos (keyboards), Al Sutherland (bass) and Andrew Miller (drums) to bring you an exciting show of current and standard jazz repertoire. Trumpeter Andrew and his vocalist wife Janice front this group with a wide variety of styles from Latin to swing and ballads to bebop. This is Nova Scotia jazz at its finest.



HUSH

FRIDAY, JULY 28 | 7:30 PM
HUSH

Hush has forged a reputation as a great party/dance band. The members Craig MacEachern - bass and vocals, Mandy MacEachern - guitar and vocals, Dave Joyce - guitar and vocals and John Muirhead - drums and vocals make for a tight unit with two-, three- or four-part vocals that are sure to please. Their repertoire includes classic rock, country, contemporary rock & country, and even some traditional. If you have a chance to go see them, please do so because you won't be disappointed!



SUNDAY, JULY 30 | 7:30 PM
Heather's Kitchen

Heather's Kitchen is an exciting, collaboration of the finest East Coast musicians. At the core, Heather Cameron's inimitable fiddle style, accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Kenny Stewart, with guitar, bouzouki, and banjo, will take you on a unique, Celtic journey. The musical menu includes a healthy mix of Scottish, Irish, and Canadian fiddle tunes, coupled with favourite songs from Maritime & folk traditions. Sandra Decoste and Hayley MacLeod will be adding delightful beats, vocals and harmony during this performance.

Love LOCAL CONCERT SERIES JULY & AUGUST 2023



Marina Stage, Pictou Waterfront

The listed musical shows are part of the Pictou 2023 Celebration and are **COMPLIMENTARY** to the public.
 Limited seating is available. We encourage you to bring your own options.

Mondays from 6 pm to 8 pm & Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm

July	August
Monday, July 3 Kelsey & Jared	Saturday, August 5 Take Two — Jacey Carmichael & Ella Parker
Monday, July 10 Lynn DeCoste	Saturday, August 12 Mike Chapman
Saturday, July 15 Dale Grace	Monday, August 14 The Pat Spaulding Band
Monday, July 17 Mike, Mark & Albert	Saturday, August 19 Celtic Arts Performance
Saturday, July 22 Prime Timers	Monday, August 21 Dixie Rovers
Monday, July 24 Cory Mercer	Saturday, August 26 Aucoin Duo
Saturday, July 29 Aucoin Duo	Monday, August 28 Trilogy
Monday, July 31 TBA	

Pictou 2023
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Feature Event — Monday, August 7
Pictou Natal Day 150th Celebration | Waterfront
 Featuring Live Entertainment | Local Flavours | Family Fun Activities

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Celebrating 250 years since the arrival of the Ship Hector Passengers

Ship Hector Descendants Project

For event updates and ticket information, visit www.shiphectordescendants.com

“Ships to Shore” Genealogy & Local History Conference (\$)
Sat., Sept. 9 & Sun., Sept. 10 | Pictou County Wellness Centre
Full day of speakers on local history, immigration, genealogy and more. Activities include church service, tours, demonstrations, and more. Full details and registration at shipstoshore2023.ca
In partnership with Pictou County Roots Society, McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre, Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, and Pictou Antigonish Regional Library.

Historic Kiosk Bus Tour (\$)
Mon., Sept. 11 | 9:30 am to 4 pm
Visit historical kiosks and learn about the rich history of Pictou County communities.

Alma Cemetery Tour | Tues., Sept. 12 | 2 pm | Daisy Lane, Alma
Learn about the history of the cemetery and the Alma/Greenhill area.

Author Readings | Thurs., Sept. 14 | 10 am (venue TBA)
Authors Ann Stevens, Pam Edwards, Jackie Halsey & Margie MacKay share stories from their Ship Hector themed books.

Pioneer Cemetery Tour (\$)
Thurs., Sept. 14 | 2 pm | New Glasgow
A guided tour by Lynn MacLean.

Descendants & Friends Banquet (\$)
Fri., Sept. 15 | 5:00 pm | Summer Street Industries, 72 Park St., New Glasgow. Entertainment by John “Spyder” Macdonald & Amelia Parker, with MC Sandy Mackay. More info and tickets at shiphectordescendants.com.

“Distinguished Descendants” Book Launch Date and Location TBA
John Ashton & Brenda Hutchinson feature over 100 profiles of descendants of Ship Hector passengers in their new book, “Distinguished Descendants”.

Showing of Documentary, “The Hector: Canada’s Mayflower”
Dates and Location TBA | A BBC film recounting the story of the highland migrants who left Scotland in 1773 to settle in Nova Scotia.

St. Andrew’s Society of Pictou County

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Loch Broom Log Church Service
Sun., Sept. 10 | 10 am | Loch Broom Loop, Westville
Service by Chaplain Rev. Charles MacPherson

Rededication of the Hector Pioneer Monument
Fri., Sept. 15 | 2 pm | 12 Market Street, Pictou
Unveiling of the restored and enhanced settlers’ monument.

McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre

86 & 100 Haliburton Rd, Pictou, NS | P 902 485-4563
For complete details visit www.mccullochcentre.ca

The Ties That Bind ~ 250 Years Museum Exhibit Summer through Fall — McCulloch Genealogy Centre
An exhibit of photos and artifacts celebrating the 250th anniversary of the landing of the Ship Hector, The Town of Pictou’s 150th anniversary, and The McCulloch Centre’s 50th anniversary.

Summer Solstice Celebration
Wed., June 21 | 6 pm to 8 pm | McCulloch Genealogy Centre grounds
Celebrate the summer solstice with the Pictou Celtic Arts Society. Featuring live music from Jud Gunning, highland dancing, fiddling and piping.

New Horizon’s 50+ Club

14 Kempt St, Pictou, NS | Contact Jim or Mona MacDonald
902-485-8645 | [Pictou55PlusClub](https://www.facebook.com/Pictou55PlusClub) for continuous event updates

The Pictou Community New Horizon’s 50+ Club promotes the social well being of seniors in the town of Pictou and surrounding area.

John Blackwell and Laura Stanley Blackwell “Building Community”
A look at Pictou’s 19th and early 20th century architectural landscape. Teresa MacKenzie will read from her book, *Pictou Town*.
Wed., June 7 | 2 pm to 3 pm

Indigenous Children’s Presentation | Tues., June 14 | 10:30 am

Scottish Tea Party and Bagpiper | Wed., July 12 | 2 pm to 3 pm

Scottish Presentation and Monologue by Spyder Macdonald
Wed., July 26 | 2 pm to 3 pm

Indigenous Presentation | Wed., August 9 | 2 pm to 3 pm

Pam LeBlanc - Fiddle and Square Dancing Demonstration
Wed., Aug. 23 | 2 pm to 3 pm

Celtic Fiddlers of Pictou County and Jud Gunning
Tues., Sept. 6 | 2pm to 3pm

Artist and Craft Demo
Wed., Sept. 13 | 2pm to 3pm
Hosted by artist Carolyn Vienneau; musical accompaniment by Mike Chapman.



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 | 7:30 PM Morgan Toney

Fresh from winning ECMA’s Indigenous Artist of the Year for the second year in a row, Morgan Toney is one of Nova Scotia’s fastest-rising young talents. He and his exciting band are inspiring ambassadors of our First Nations culture and heritage.

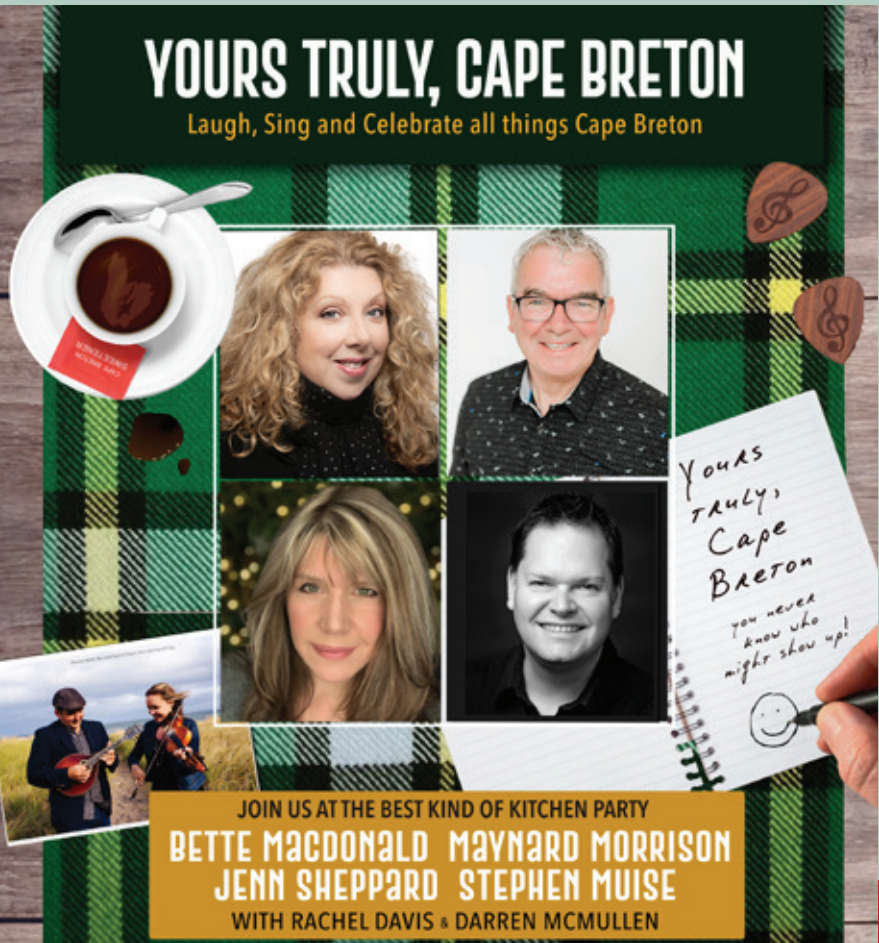


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 | 7:30 PM Yours Truly, Cape Breton Join us for the best kind of Kitchen Party!

\$40 plus taxes & fees

Hallelujah, we’re back! It’s time to laugh and sing along with a show that celebrates all things Cape Breton! **Yours Truly, Cape Breton** invites you to spend some time with a few of our favourite characters, a few ‘personalities’ you haven’t met yet and some of the island’s finest musicians. This six-person show is packed with beautiful songs and laugh-out-loud moments that will send you away humming tunes and riffing on what makes this island so special.

Featuring Bette MacDonald, Maynard Morrison, Jenn Sheppard and Stephen Muise with Darren McMullen and Rachel Davis. Join us for a most excellent kitchen party!



New Horizon’s 50+ Club



FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 | 7:30 PM
Doris Mason & The Dynamos

Pictou County artist Doris Mason is well-known on the East Coast music scene. Her career highlights include being Musical Director for 'DRUM!' and starring in Denny Doherty's 'Dream a Little Dream.' Raised in a musical family, Doris started playing piano early and wrote her first song at seven. Doris's Celtic, folk, blues, and jazz background fuels her diverse career and touring across Nova Scotia, Canada, Europe, and the US.

Joining her for the show are talented Pictou County musicians John Muirhead, Paul Tupper, Phisch Fancy, and Mike Jackson.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 | 7:30 PM
Magic for the Whole Family

Nathaniel Rankin, Canadian Champion of Magic, has performed over 5000 shows in 45 countries on 5 continents! His show combines modern magic, circus skills, dangerous stunts, audience interaction, comedy, and mind-reading. He is the winner of the Asti Italy Theatre Festival Prize, first-place gold medalist at the Canadian Association of Magicians, and first-place gold medalist at Magifest USA! From his countless television appearances at the Air Canada Centre and Rogers Centre, he is one of the busiest touring magicians in Canada!

What they are saying! "ON THE EDGE" – CTV | "IMPRESSIVE" – NBC "MINDBLOWING" – AIR CANADA CENTRE | "VERY FUNNY" – CBS
More Info & Videos at www.nathanielrankin.ca



THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 | 7:30 PM
Quote the Raven



Quote the Raven, consisting of Jordan Coaker and Kirsten Rodden-Clarke, has been performing for over a decade. The pair got their start in the small bars and pubs around St. John's, NL. In the past few years, they have rapidly grown to a household name around Canada and are steadily growing their clout on an international level. The dynamic duo has a harmonious blend that's incomparable; it's like the blending of two voices into one. Their

Americana-meets-East-Coast songwriting and stage dynamics are irresistibly charming. With over one million streams across all streaming platforms, it's clear that Quote the Raven should be on your "East Coast artists to watch list".



FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 | 7:30 PM
Dirty Rokkin Scoundrels

Formed in 2016, Dirty Rokkin Scoundrels showcase Pictou County talent with members Jim Kostuk, Ray Hedd, Darrin Rogers, Troy Aikens, and Dwayne Cormier. They quickly gained recognition in the local music scene, performing at various venues and events.

After Ray's departure, Dwayne Wright joined as the bassist. The Scoundrels offer an enjoyable stage show, playing popular rock hits from the '70s through to the 2000s. Their professional performance guarantees a lively experience that will get you dancing.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 | 7:30 PM
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 | 7:30 PM
Tony & Shannon Quinn, The Putnam's & John 'Spyder' Macdonald

Tony and Shannon Quinn, a dynamic father/daughter duo with over 20 years of experience, have enchanted audiences at Folk and Irish festivals across North America. Their fiddle and guitar style is rooted in traditional Irish and Celtic music, infused with modern elements.

Tony is a renowned comedian, emcee, and skilled guitarist. Shannon's impressive resume includes performances with The Chieftains, and Cirque du Soleil, as well as tours alongside esteemed artists like Joel Plaskett and Jimmy Rankin. Her albums have garnered national acclaim, with two Music Nova Scotia awards and a recent ECMA win for Instrumental Album of the Year.

The Putnam Family showcases a range of musical styles, with Alycia on fiddle, Robert on guitar, and Kelly on bagpipes, bringing a vibrant, toe-tapping energy to their shows.

Spyder Macdonald, Pictou's musical ambassador, has been delighting audiences for over three decades with his songs and captivating storytelling.

These performances bring a group of old friends back together to share their musical talent.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 | 7:30 PM
All Jazzed Up - Jazz Jam Alcorn Family Night!

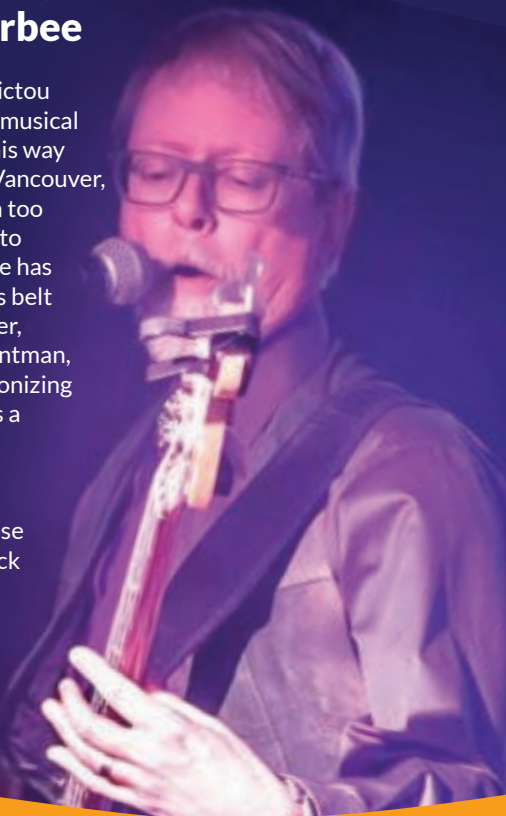
Three generations of the Alcorn family will be performing a unique blend of their musical favourites from traditional to pop and jazz to homegrown originals. Sit back and enjoy as this family of professional performers brings their living room to the stage. Expect to hear beautiful vocal harmony with a special "family blend", as well as a wide variety of instrumental features. This will be a unique kitchen party!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 | 7:30 PM
Mark Weatherbee

Mark Weatherbee is a Pictou boy who has cast a wide musical net playing and singing his way from Newfoundland to Vancouver, Memphis to Dublin, with too many places in between to mention. He estimates he has over 3,000 gigs under his belt at this point. He is a singer, songwriter, sideman, frontman, bass/guitar playin', harmonizing entertainer. Oh yes, he is a snappy dresser too.

Come out and enjoy a musical troubadour whose long road has led him back to the Caladh Marquee stage in Pictou.



● June through to Oct., 31	The Ties that Bind 250 ~ Years Museum Exhibit - McCulloch House Museum, Pictou
● Wed., June 7 - 2:00 PM	A Look at Pictou's 19th & Early 20th Century Landscape & Book Reading - New Horizon's 50+ Club, Pictou
● Wed., June 14 - 10:30 AM	Indigenous Children's Presentation - New Horizon's 50+ Club, Pictou
● Wed., June 21 - 6:00 PM	Summer Solstice Celebration - Hosted by Pictou Celtic Arts Society - McCulloch Genealogy Grounds

JULY

● Sat., July 1	Canada Day Celebrations! 1:00 PM	Stompin Tom Tribute - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., July 1	Canada Day Celebrations! 7:30 PM	Doris Mason & The Groovy Gurus - Caladh Marquee
● Sun., July 2 - 7:30 PM	Albert Dunnewold & Scott MacFarlane - Caladh Marquee	
● Mon., July 3 - 6:00 PM	Kelsey & Jared - Marina Stage	
● Tues., July 4 - 7:30 PM	John "Spyder" Macdonald ~ Saltwater in Your Socks - Caladh Marquee	
● \$ Wed., July 5 - 7:30 PM	The Barra MacNeils - Caladh Marquee - \$40 + taxes & fees	
● \$ Fri., July 7 to Sun., July 9	Pictou Lobster Carnival Assorted Events - Pictou Waterfront	
● Sat., July 8 - 10:00 AM	Honour Parade - 11:00 AM Ceremony	
	30th Annual No.2 Construction Battalion Remembrance Ceremony - Caladh Marquee	
● Mon., July 10 - 6:00 PM	Lynn DeCoste - Marina Stage	
● Tues., July 11 - 7:30 PM	Terry Kelly - Caladh Marquee	
● Wed., July 12 - 2:00 PM	Scottish Tea Party & Bagpiper - New Horizon's 50+ Club, Pictou	
● Wed., July 12 - 7:30 PM	DeeDee Austin - Caladh Marquee	
● Thurs., July 13 - 7:30 PM	Robert Bouchard - Caladh Marquee	
● Fri., July 14 - 7:30 PM	Nico Paulo - Caladh Marquee	
● Sat., July 15 - 1:00 PM	Dale Grace - Marina Stage	
● Sun., July 16 - 7:30 PM	Kitchen Criminals - Caladh Marquee	
● Mon., July 17 - 6:00 PM	Mike, Mark & Albert - Marina Stage	
● Tues., July 18 - 7:30 PM	Lisa Richard - Road to Stanfest - Caladh Marquee	
● Wed., July 19 - 7:30 PM	The Hello Darlins - Road to Stanfest - Caladh Marquee	
● Thurs., July 20 - 7:30 PM	Angelique Francis - Road to Stanfest - Caladh Marquee	
● Fri., July 21 - 7:30 PM	Neon Soul Machine - Caladh Marquee	
● Sat., July 22 - 1:00 PM	Prime Timers - Marina Stage	
● Sun., July 23 - 7:30 PM	Jackie - Caladh Marquee	
● Mon., July 24 - 7:30 PM	Corey Mercer - Marina Stage	
● Tues., July 25 - 7:30 PM	Rum Ragged - Caladh Marquee	
● Wed., July 26 - 2:00 PM	Spyder Macdonald - Scottish Presentation - New Horizon's 50+ Club	
● Wed., July 26 7:30 PM	Garrett Mason - Caladh Marquee	

● Thurs., July 27 - 7:30 PM	Darren & Rachel - Caladh Marquee
● Fri., July 28 - 7:30 PM	HUSH - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., July 29 - 1:00 PM	Aucoin Duo - Marina Stage
● Sat., July 29 - 7:30 PM	Alcorn Quintet - Caladh Marquee
● Sun., July 30 - 7:30 PM	Heather's Kitchen ~ Heather Cameron & Guests - Caladh Marquee
● Mon., July 31 - 6:00 PM	TBA - Marina Stage

AUGUST

● Tues., Aug. 1 - 7:30 PM	Morgan Toney - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Aug. 2 - 7:30 PM	Yours Truly, Cape Breton - Caladh Marquee - \$40 + taxes & fees
● Fri., Aug. 4 - 7:30 PM	Doris Mason & The Dynamos - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., Aug. 5 - 1:00 PM	Jacey Carmichael & Ella Parker - Marina Stage
● Sun., Aug. 6 - 7:30 PM	Nathaniel Rankin~ Magic for the Whole Family - Caladh Marquee
● Mon., Aug. 7	Pictou Natal Day - 150th Celebrations - Waterfront & Marina Stage
● Tues., Aug. 8 & Wed., Aug. 9 - 7:30 PM	Tony & Shannon Quinn, The Putnams & Spyder Macdonald - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Aug. 9 - 2:00 PM	Indigenous Presentation - New Horizons 50 + Club
● Thurs., Aug. 10 - 7:30 PM	Quote the Raven - Caladh Marquee
● Fri., Aug. 11 - 7:30 PM	Dirty Rokkin Scoundrels - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., Aug. 12 - 1:00 PM	Mike Chapman - Marina Stage
● Sat., Aug. 12 - 7:30 PM	All Jazzed Up ~ Jazz Jam Alcorn Family - Caladh Marquee
● Sun., Aug. 13 - 7:30 PM	Mark Weatherbee - Caladh Marquee
● Mon., Aug. 14 - 7:30 PM	The Pat Spaulding Band - Marina Stage
● Tues., Aug. 15 - 7:30 PM	Christina Martin - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Aug. 16 - 7:30 PM	Steve MacIntyre & Jud Gunning - Caladh Marquee
● Thurs., Aug. 17 - 7:30 PM	Terra Spencer and Youngtree & Carole Bee - Caladh Marquee
● Fri., Aug. 18 - 7:30 PM	Shaun McLean & Friends - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., Aug. 19 - 1:00 PM	Celtic Arts Performance - Marina Stage
● Sun., Aug. 20 - 7:30 PM	Out on the Weekend - Caladh Marquee
● Mon., Aug. 21 - 7:30 PM	Dixie Rovers - Marina Stage
● Tues., Aug. 22 & Wed., Aug. 23 - 7:30 PM	Mary Beth Carty, Amelia Parker & Ray Stewart - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Aug. 23 - 2:00 PM	Pam LeBlanc- Fiddle & Square Dancing Demo - New Horizons 50+ Club
● Thurs., Aug. 24 - 7:30 PM	Ashley MacIsaac - Caladh Marquee
● Fri., Aug. 25 - 7:30 PM	Beyond Ash - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., Aug. 26 & Sun., Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Makers Market - Caladh Marquee
● Sat., Aug. 26 & Sun., Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Paint Pictou - Waterfront & Caladh Marquee
● Mon., Aug. 28 - 7:30 PM	Trilogy - Marina Stage
● Tues., Aug. 29 - 7:30 PM	Joe H. Henry - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Aug. 30 - 7:30 PM	Cassie & Maggie MacDonald - Caladh Marquee
● Thurs., Aug. 31 - 7:30 PM	Kim Dunn & Owen O'Sound Lee 2 Planos, 4 Hands & No Plans - Caladh Marquee



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SEPTEMBER

● Sat., Sept. 2 - 7:30 PM	Remembering Fleur - Ship Hector Fundraiser - Caladh Marquee
● Wed., Sept. 6 - 2:00 PM	Celtic Fiddlers of Pictou Co. & Jud Gunning - New Horizons 50+ Club
● Wed., Sept. 6 - Sun., Sept. 10	Pictou North Colchester Exhibition - Hector Arena
● Sat., Sept. 9 & Sun., Sept. 10	Ships to Shore Genealogy & Local History Conference Hosted by Ship Hector Descendants Project & McCulloch House Museum - PC Wellness Centre
● Sun., Sept. 10 - 10:00 AM	Loch Broom Log Church Service - Loch Broom Loop, Westville
● Mon., Sept. 11 - 9:30 AM	Historic Kiosk Bus Tour
● Tues., Sept. 12 - 2:00 PM	Alma Cemetery Tour- Daisy Lane, Alma
● Wed., Sept. 13 - 2:00 PM	Artist & Craft Demo with Carolyn Vienneau, Music by Mike Chapman - New Horizons 50+ Club
● Thurs., Sept. 14 - 10:00 AM	Author Readings
● Thurs., Sept. 14 - 2:00 PM	Pioneer Cemetery Tour - New Glasgow
● Thurs., Sept. 14	Bluenose II deck tours - Pier C, Pictou
● Thurs., Sept. 14 - 7:30 PM	The Voyage Musical - Caladh Marquee - \$35
● Fri., Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM	Opening ceremonies and unveiling of Ship Hector restoration to date
● Fri., Sept. 15	Ship Hector deck tours all day & Entertainment - Hector Heritage Quay
● Fri., Sept. 15 - 6:30 PM	Sailpast by Pictou Yacht Club - Pictou Harbour
● Fri., Sept. 15	Bluenose II deck tours - Pier C, Pictou
● Fri., Sept. 15 - 2:00 PM	Rededication of Hector Pioneer Monument - 12 Market St., Pictou
● Fri., Sept. 15 - 5:00 PM	Descendants & Friends Banquet Summer Street Industries, 72 Park St., New Glasgow
● Fri., Sept. 15 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM & Sat., Sept. 16 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Northumberland Quilt Guild's Quilt Show & Sale - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 105 Coleraine St, Pictou \$5
● Sat., Sept. 16 - 1:00 PM	Scottish Afternoon Tea - First Presbyterian Church, 10 Prince St, Pictou
● Sat., Sept. 16	Gaelic All the Way ~ Workshops, milling frolic, music- Hector Heritage Quay
● Sat., Sept. 16 - 1:00 PM	The Voyage - Caladh Marquee - \$35
● Sat., Sept. 16	Ship Hector open for deck tours
● Sat., Sept. 16	Bluenose II deck tours - Pier C, Pictou
● Sat., Sept. 16	Sailing Regatta - Pictou Harbour
● Sat., Sept. 16 - 7:30 PM	Hector 250 Ceilidh - Caladh Marquee
● Sun., Sept. 17 - 10:30 AM	Pictou United Church Service, 47 James St., Pictou
● Sun., Sept. 17	Bluenose II bids farewell to Pictou
● Sun., Sept. 17 - 2:00 PM	Hector Tattoo - Caladh Marquee
● Sun., Sept. 17 - 7:30 PM	The Voyage - Caladh Marquee - \$35
● Sat., Sept. 30	Day of Truth & Reconciliation ~ Events sponsored by Crepe Expectations Town of Pictou's unveiling of commissioned public artwork - Pictou Marina/Waterfront

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 | 7:30 PM
Christina Martin

Christina Martin is an East Coast Canadian musician known for her versatile and genre-defying style. Her music traverses pop, rock, folk, and Americana without being confined to any specific label. From her debut album *Pretty Things* in 2002 to the energetic *It'll Be Alright* in 2015 and the cinematic dreamscape of *Impossible to Hold* in 2018, Martin's music constantly evolves. Her songs, whether personal confessions or narrative tales are honest and impactful. With a forthcoming album that promises a grander and more orchestral sound, Martin continues to grow as an artist.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 | 7:30 PM
Steve MacIntyre & Jud Gunning

Steve MacIntyre is a Cape Breton-born singer-songwriter. His biggest hope is to describe the things that move him well enough that they move you too. To that end, he has been honing his craft and keeping company with some of the region's greatest artists. If John Prine played guitar for Stan Rogers, they'd give you a glimpse of Steve's sound. Songs of love, life, travel, and loss take equal footing in this writer's catalogue.

Jud has a genuine love for playing music and has been making a name for himself in the Nova Scotian music scene. With performances at the Stan Rogers Folk Festival, the Pictou Lobster Carnival and the New Glasgow Jubilee under his belt, Jud has captivated live audiences across the Maritime provinces and has only just begun.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 | 7:30 PM
Out on the Weekend

This group had its beginnings as part of the Pictou County Pop Classics Quad Tribute in 2018, a show featuring tributes to the Eagles, the Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, and of course Neil Young. A few of the members of the Neil set continued to expand on his music. Gord MacPherson, Stephen Vienneau, Mike Vienneau, and others produced a Neil Young tribute show in 2021, recruiting a total of ten artists. Their three shows at the deCoste sold out. Since that time the set list has evolved to include many other great artists from The Golden Age of Vinyl, like America, Cat Stevens, the Eagles, and many others.

These days you will find Gord and Mike, with Jeffery Turnball on bass, playing your favourites from the 60s and 70s. We're excited to have them as part of our 'Love Local' concert series.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 | 7:30 PM
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 | 7:30 PM
Mary Beth Carty, Amelia Parker & Ray Stewart

Mary Beth Carty, a versatile Nova Scotian musician, blends traditional songs, instrumental tunes, and original compositions in her latest album, *Crossing the Causeway*.

Amelia Parker, a champion violinist, has been earning titles and accolades as her career develops, captivating audiences with her virtuosity.

Ray Stewart, a purpose-driven singer/songwriter, shares his heartfelt folk songs, reflecting his passion for people and causes. Together, these talented artists will create an enjoyable concert experience, showcasing their diverse yet unified roots. Catch their lively and energetic performance at the Caladh Marquee.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 | 7:30 PM
Terra Spencer and Youngtree & Carole Bee

Singer-songwriter Terra Spencer and Newfoundland duo Youngtree and Carole Bee united at the Kempt Shore Acoustic Music Festival, sharing a passion for exploring life's darker aspects and death's lighter side in their songs. Their collaboration offers poignant storytelling, lively instrumentals, and witty confessions. Terra's emotive vocals, skilled guitar and piano playing, and clever humour captivate audiences. Recognized by Canadian mentors, she's a sought-after studio musician and co-writer. Youngtree and Carole's partnership evolved from their award-winning band, delivering original compositions, and exploring diverse folk influences with infectious energy. The union of these talented artists is sure to bring joy and good-natured fun to audiences.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 | 7:30 PM
Shaun McLean & Friends

They are fresh from a sell-out spring show called 'Modern Mother, Sentimental Sister'. The pared version of the show features Ross McVicar on lead guitar, Phisch Fancey on bass, Barry Smith on drums and Sean McLean on vocals. Lots of current hits, favourite old jazz and blues tunes, and classic country. You can shake a leg, tap your toes, or just sit back and smile. They are excited to entertain you.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 | 7:30 PM
Ashley MacIsaac

Ashley grew up in a musical family in Cape Breton, starting to play fiddle at age 9. His storied career has been highlighted by a stint on Broadway, international tours, major label signings, high-profile TV appearances, a published memoir and 3 JUNO awards. Underlying all this success is a prodigious talent and fierce individualism.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 | 7:30 PM
Beyond Ash

Rock band Beyond Ash is one of the best bands to come out of Pictou County. Formed in 2000, this popular quartet features Ashley George (vocals & rhythm guitar), Jody Turner (lead guitar), Joel Boyce (bass guitar), and Steve Keough (drums). Their gritty and infectious rock sound, along with clever melodies, has clearly made them a favourite on radio and live performances across the region. Beyond Ash is proud to have shared the stage with groups such as The Trews, Dr. Hook, Crush, Trooper, Nazareth, Wintersleep, Joel Plaskett and Honeymoon Suite, to name a few. After a few years off from playing together as a band, Beyond Ash has made their return to the music scene.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 | 7:30 PM

Cassie & Maggie MacDonald

Nova Scotian sisters Cassie and Maggie have been lighting up the world with their unique blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic instrumentals and vocals. Appearing on stages across North America, the UK, and Europe, the sisters have enchanted audiences far and wide with lively fiddle, piano, and guitar arrangements. Their stunning sibling vocal harmonies, in both English and Gaelic, complement their intricate and percussive step-dancing style.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 | 7:30 PM

Joe H. Henry

Joe was born to sing. Gifted with a one-of-a-kind voice and a love for storytelling through song, he draws from his musical roots and Metis heritage of the Red River Valley.

Joe's younger years were spent riding freight trains from town to town with nothing but a faithful dog and a guitar, collecting life lessons and harnessing the flame of inspiration that was often masked in struggle. Eventually settling down on a homestead in the wilds of North Mountain, Nova Scotia with his wife and five children in 2020, Joe is now ready to wholeheartedly share his talent with the world and will release his debut EP, *Wilder on the Mountain* in summer 2023.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 | 7:30 PM

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Featuring Kim Dunn
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Kim Dunn, an acclaimed musician with a successful 30-year career, showcases his versatile talents in a range of genres including jazz, blues, pop, folk, and country. He has collaborated with the East Coast's biggest stars, received prestigious awards, and performed at renowned events.

Owen 'O'Sound' Lee, a Toronto-based musician, songwriter, and producer, has garnered numerous awards and nominations for his exceptional talent. His roles as a music minister, program coordinator, and musical director add to his impressive credentials.

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250th Anniversary of the Ship Hector Landing in Pictou, NS

September 15, 2023 will rank as one of the most important dates in Canadian history because it marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector in Pictou, Nova Scotia. The Hector was the first ship that brought emigrants directly from Scotland to Nova Scotia in 1773. The 189 Highlanders endured a harrowing voyage to start a new life in a new land. Those who arrived aboard the Hector, as well as those Scottish settlers who followed, made enormous cultural, political, intellectual, and industrial contributions that shaped Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada.

Planned activities to commemorate the historical event include a sailing regatta, Bluenose II deck tours, the original musical *The Voyage*, Gaelic and Indigenous culture and music, the Hector Ceilidh, and the Hector Tattoo. A major component of the weekend will be the unveiling and first opportunity to see the restoration progress on the Hector. Visitors will be able to step aboard the ship, which is currently on blocks in the yard, experience the below-deck atmosphere, and walk along the newly finished upper decks. Members of the restoration team will be on hand to explain the process of the restoration to date.

The Charting Our Course campaign, which is funding the restoration, has raised over \$1.8 million for the ship. Community and corporate support will help us achieve our target of \$2.5 million to complete the project. Once fully restored the Hector will be able to do tours of Pictou Harbour. It will be the only tall ship in Canada powered by solar energy and many other 'green energy' features.

The Society is also leading a major project which will see a complete update and renovation of the Interpretive Centre. The face-lift includes a new roof and public areas, innovative and interactive displays and a more thorough telling of the partnership of the Scottish settlers and the Indigenous people of Pik'tuk. The entire site and ship will be fully powered by solar panels and will be a leader in using green technology in public spaces.

Events

Sunday, Sept. 10

- Loch Broom Church Service | 10 am | Loch Broom Loop

Thursday, Sept. 14

- Bluenose II arrives and decks open for tours. The Bluenose will be berthed at Pier C.
- The Voyage Musical | Caladh Marquee | 7:30 PM

Friday, Sept. 15

- Opening Ceremonies and unveiling of the restoration of the Ship Hector to date | 11:00 am
- Ship Hector open for tours all day
- Entertainment at the Hector Heritage Quay
- Sailpast by Pictou Yacht Club | Pictou Harbour | 6:30 PM
- Bluenose II at Pier C — Decks open for tours
- Rededication of the Hector Pioneer Monument by the St. Andrew's Society — 12 Market St., Pictou | 2:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 16

- Gaelic All the Way — Workshops, milling frolic, music
- The Voyage Musical | Caladh Marquee | 1:00 PM
- Ship Hector open decks for tours
- Hector 250 Ceilidh | Caladh Marquee | 7:30 pm
Evening performance with Alan Syliboy & the Thundermakers, Celtic Ladies, Spyder Macdonald and special guests
- Bluenose II at Pier C — Decks open for tours
- Sailing Regatta presented by Pictou Yacht Club with boats from across the Maritimes taking part

Sunday, Sept. 17

- Service | Pictou United Church | 10:30 am
- Bluenose II bids farewell to Pictou
- Hector Tattoo at 2:00 pm on Caladh Avenue featuring pipes and drums, singers, dancers and musicians
- The Voyage Musical | Caladh Marquee | 7:30 pm



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 7:30 PM DÉBUT ATLANTIQUE
La Fiammata
\$25 plus taxes & fees

Praised for their "dizzying musicality" (Süddeutsche Zeitung), Canadian piano duo La Fiammata are the Second Prize winners and the youngest piano duo finalists of the 70th ARD International Music Competition. Since their formation in 2015, La Fiammata has quickly emerged as one of the most promising young duos in the world. Composed of pianists Linda Ruan and Charissa Vandikas, La Fiammata made its orchestral debut in 2017, and has since performed with orchestras in Europe and North America.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 7:30 PM
Valdy

\$35 plus taxes & fees

No stranger to Pictou County and the deCoste Centre, Valdy is a Canadian folk and country musician whose solo career began in the early 1970s. He is best known for 'Rock and Roll Song', his first mainstream single. Valdy is the winner of two Juno Awards for Folk Singer of the Year and Folk Entertainer of the Year and has received seven additional Juno nominations. His fourteen albums have achieved sales of nearly half a million copies, four of which are certified gold.



Pictou Legion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 7:30 PM
Blushing Brides

\$37 plus taxes & fees

The BLUSHING BRIDES is the world's longest-running and most successful tribute to the music of the Rolling Stones, touring since 1979 with over 4,000 performances worldwide. Their longevity and showmanship set them apart from their rivals. While saluting the Rolling Stones, the Brides have developed their own distinctive sound and many originals. The spontaneous and passionate music invites audience participation, making each event a memorable experience. This is the first Nova Scotia show in decades.



Glasgow Square

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 7:30 PM DÉBUT ATLANTIQUE
Noël Wan
\$25 plus taxes & fees

Dr. Noël Wan, a resident of Kitchener, Ontario is a highly acclaimed Taiwanese-American harpist known for her hidden power and maturity. She made her international debut in 2010, performing with the Utrecht Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Wan has performed at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall and Concertgebouw and has collaborated with renowned artists including John Adams and Valery Gergiev. She has premiered works by various composers and can be heard on several recordings. Dr. Wan is a prize-winning harpist, holding titles such as the youngest First Prize winner in the history of the Dutch Harp Festival Competition and the only two-time harp recipient of the Chimei Arts Foundation Award.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 7:30 PM
Bruce Cockburn

\$52 plus taxes & fees

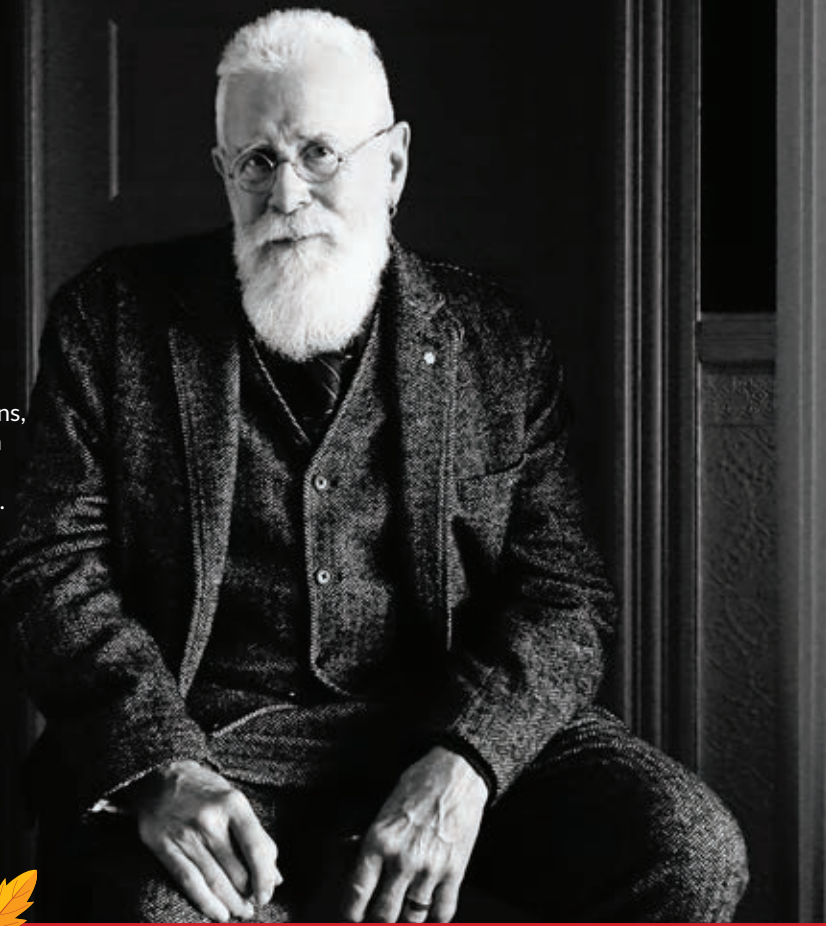
Bruce Cockburn is a renowned musician known for his diverse styles and profound songwriting. His career has been shaped by politics, spirituality, and musical exploration.

With his latest vocal album, *O Sun O Moon*, Cockburn returns with a renewed creative spirit. While addressing political calamity and climate change, he primarily focuses on themes of spiritual connections, forgiveness, and love. Collaborating with producer Colin Linden and a talented group of musicians, including guest vocalists Shawn Colvin and Buddy Miller, Cockburn delivers a compelling musical experience.

He has won 13 JUNO Awards, an induction into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, a Governor General's Performing Arts Award, and has been made an Officer of the Order of Canada, among many other accolades. He has 22 gold and platinum records including a six-times platinum record for his Christmas album.

Bruce continues to tour internationally and remains highly respected for his activism and humanitarian songwriting. With *O Sun O Moon*, Bruce Cockburn demonstrates why he is considered a prolific and inspired artist, capturing the essence of human experience through his music.

He's on a roll.

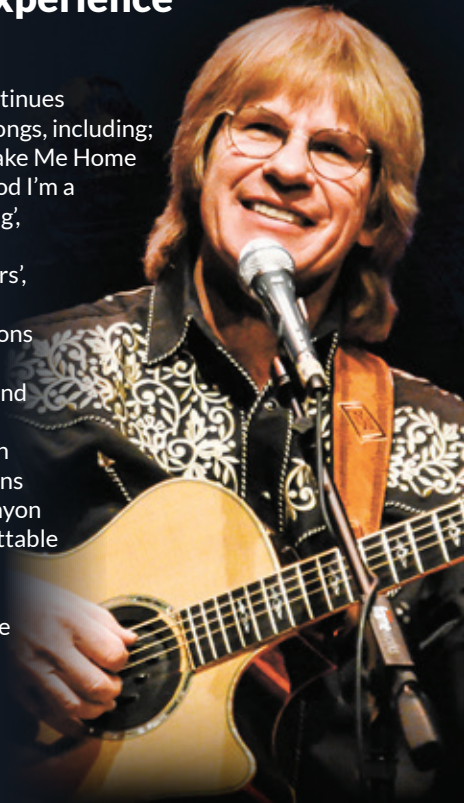


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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 7:30 PM
John Denver Experience

\$38.98 plus taxes & fees

John Denver's legacy continues on through his many hit songs, including: 'Rocky Mountain High', 'Take Me Home Country Roads', 'Thank God I'm a Country Boy', 'Annie's Song', 'Back Home Again', 'Sunshine On My Shoulders', 'Leaving On A Jet Plane' and more! Many generations have adored this amazing singer, songwriter, actor and humanitarian. Relive the music of John Denver with award winning Chris Collins and his band Boulder Canyon as they create an unforgettable John Denver experience. The similarity between Collin's and Denver's voice is uncanny and Collins brings to the stage the unmistakable enthusiasm that was a hallmark of a John Denver concert.



Pictou County Wellness Centre

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 7:30 PM
Chantal Kreviazuk & Raine Maida

\$43.18 plus taxes & fees

Chantal Kreviazuk and Raine Maida are a prominent Canadian cultural couple. Kreviazuk, a two-time JUNO Award winner, gained critical acclaim with her debut album in 1997 and has since released five more albums. Maida, the frontman for Our Lady Peace, has a successful solo career and has been nominated for JUNO Awards 25 times. They have co-written hits for various artists and received the 2014 Allan Waters Humanitarian Award for their contributions to Canada. The couple actively supports causes like women's rights, war refugees, and child education through organizations like War Child Canada, for which they have recorded contributions and launched fundraising initiatives.



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 7:30 PM

\$35.20 plus taxes and fees

Danny and Steve met at a little Canadian folk festival a dozen years ago and became quick pals, creating one-of-a-kind live musical experiences on the spot.

Danny Michel is one of Canada's finest songwriters. A musical chameleon, able to slip into many genres with ease. An adventurous and unbounded artist, Danny's single "Don't Be So Hard On Yourself" was the 2022 #1 Fan Voted Song Of The Year on CBC Music's Top 20.

Halifax-born, California-raised Steve Poltz is a storytelling genius, weaving threads through songs to make you laugh and cry. He's hyper, charismatic, spontaneous, and joyous. A little bit Robin Williams, a little bit James Taylor — a live show legend.

On this tour, they'll hit the stage with their own solo sets and sweeten the evening with impromptu collaborations. Carefree. Fearless. You must be there to see it LIVE. Expect the unexpected.



Pictou Legion



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 7:30 PM
Classic Seger

\$35 plus taxes & fees

'Classic Seger' is Bob Seger's Greatest Hits Live Tribute tour, captivating audiences in North America with their impressive mix of classic hits and deep-cut gems. With a 9-piece band known for their stage chemistry and energy, this critically acclaimed production takes fans back to the rock 'n' roll era of the 1970s and 80s. Bob Seger, a Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame member, has sold over 75 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling musical acts in history. Don't miss the raw power of 'Classic Seger' as they perform favourites like 'Night Moves', 'Turn the Page', 'Hollywood Nights', and more. It's a concert you won't forget!



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Classical Series

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 7:30 PM

DÉBUT ATLANTIQUE

Stick & Bow

\$25 plus taxes & fees



Stick & Bow is a ground-breaking Montreal duo, blending diverse genres from Bach to Radiohead. Comprising of Canadian marimba player Krystina Marcoux and Argentinian cellist Juan Sebastian Delgado, they offer a rich musical spectrum including rock, gypsy-jazz, baroque, and tango. Their debut album, *Resonance*, was hailed as "brilliant" and "delightful." They toured extensively in Quebec and New Brunswick with Jeunesses Musicales du Canada, as well as performing in Paris and New York City. Recent accomplishments include the commissioned show 'All the Madmen', fusing Beethoven, David Bowie, and Tom Waits, and appearances at the Bach Festival Montreal and Festival du Bout du Monde in Gaspé, exploring various folk traditions.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 7:30 PM

\$47.37 plus taxes & fees

The Crash Test Dummies tour across Canada with their 2002 Christmas album *Jingle All the Way*. Recorded at New York City's 'The Magic Shop', the album praised by journalist Martin Keller, offers a mix of delightful holiday camp, irony, and genuine reverence. It includes Brad Roberts' slow rendition of 'White Christmas' with a heavy Hammond Organ, Ellen Reid's country-western take on 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', and Ming Xioo-Fen's Oriental influence on 'We Three Kings'. The group also presents traditional songs like 'The Huron Carol' and 'In The Bleak Midwinter' with reverence. The stage show will feature original members Brad Roberts, Ellen Reid, Dan Roberts, and Mitch Dorge, along with Stuart Cameron and newcomer Leith Fleming-Smith. The album will be available on vinyl and streaming services.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7:30 PM
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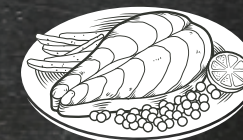
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