

PRESS RELEASE

CAPE BRETON FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, experience the heart and soul of Cape Breton music as the Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling will again highlight the island's much loved musical traditions. The annual event brings together musicians and dancers from across the region and beyond to celebrate the rich cultural heritage that has made the music of Cape Breton world-renowned.

Celebrations begin with a Gala Concert from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. featuring local, national, and international talent. Our two well-respected M.C.'s are Wendy Bergfeldt and Bob MacEachern, and they have been at the helm since over twenty years. There are two options to purchase tickets for this event. Concert tickets are \$20, and concert tickets with a three-course meal are \$50. E-transfer financecbfa@gmail.com; password: tradition. If paying by cash or cheque, please contact capebretonfiddlers@gmail.com or call 902-849-8476. Concert tickets can be bought at the door; however, concert with meal tickets must be preordered. The final day to preorder tickets is Saturday, August 8.

Following the concert, all are invited to a square dance hosted by our youth members and an open jam session following the dance.

On Sunday, August 16, there will be workshops available in fiddling, piano, and dance. Instructors are: Boyd MacNeil (beginner fiddle), Kendra MacGillivray (intermediate

fiddle), Dara Smith-MacDonald (advanced fiddle), Ryan MacNeil (piano accompaniment), and Harvey Beaton (stepdance). All workshops run concurrently. Pre-registration is available for all workshops by contacting the CBFA office. Fee is \$25 per person. There is no beginner piano lesson.

A barbecue will be available for purchase at the canteen from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The weekend concludes with a presentation by well-respected fiddler and educator, Stan Chapman, who will share insights into the history and enduring legacy of Cape Breton fiddling.

For further information, please telephone 902-849-8476, 902-295-3411 or 1-800-565-0000.

Other CBFA sources include our website (www.capebretonfiddlers.com) and our email (capebretonfiddlers@gmail.com).