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christinas fiddle

(June 27, 2008)

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Call the **Arts and Culture Centre Box Office** at **(709) 729-3900** or toll-free at: **1-800-663-9449** or visit them online by clicking on the link above.

A Bit About Us ...

An independent consortium of fiddlers, folklorists, and friends of traditional music are collaborating with Aberdeen University's Elphinstone Institute to bring the third biennial North Atlantic Fiddle Convention (NAFCo) to St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador in the summer of 2008.

At the heart of the NAFCo idea is the synergy created by the combination of a performance celebration along with an international academic symposium.

This international event is a six-day festival, taking place from August 3-8, 2008 and showcasing traditional artists from countries around the North Atlantic rim, each representing distinct fiddle and dance traditions.

Highlights will include concerts, solo recitals, workshops (fiddle and dance), demonstrations, free performances, and scheduled sessions in various locations throughout St. John's, and its environs.

The 2008 convention will provide an electric atmosphere for the cross-fertilization of a variety of music styles, among them Celtic fusion, Texas Swing, bluegrass, gypsy jazz, and trad-rock, along with the traditional fiddle music of England, Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Denmark, Norway, the Appalachians, the



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NAFCo 2008 Conference

The "Crossing Over" Conference Schedule is available for download [HERE](#) in PDF format.

For the biographies of the Keynote Speakers, please click [HERE](#).

For those who would like to read about the conference, use the left navigation to peruse the abstracts for papers and workshops that will be part of NAFCo 2008, and access registration and accommodations information.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact nafco2008@mun.ca or aguigne@mun.ca

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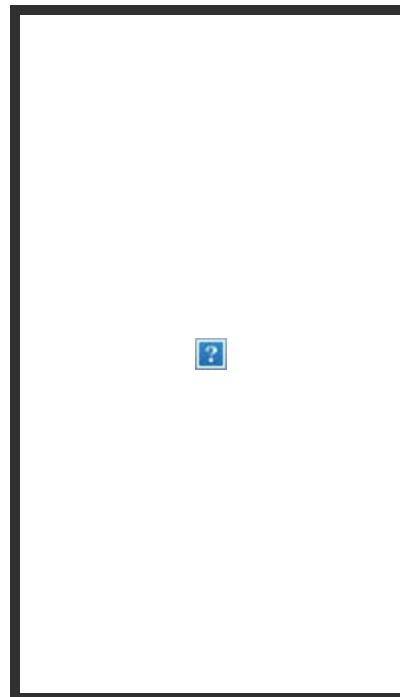


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Evening Concerts

FOUR Evening Concerts at the ST. JOHN'S ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE and ONE SHOW at the SHEILA NAGEIRA THEATRE in Carbonear!**Shows start at 7:30 PM, ending around 10:30 PM****CROSSING OVER - AN EVENING OF NORTH AMERICAN FIDDLE MUSIC****MONDAY, AUGUST 4th at 7:30 PM**

From the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians, from Northern Ontario to Kentucky and everywhere in between, this concert will lead the listener through the diverse and beautiful fiddle landscapes of the New World. Featuring Crooked Stovepipe (NL), Ivan and Vivian Hicks (NB), Alan Jabbour and Ken Perlman (US), Pierre Schryer and Andy Hillhouse (ON/BC) Mike Stevens and Raymond McLain (ON/US) and Brenda Stubbart and Janine Randall (NS).

CELTIC CROSSINGS**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th at 7:30 PM**

The cultural influence of the Celts is pervasive throughout the world. The Celts live on in the musical traditions of PEI, Scotland, Ireland, Newfoundland, Northumbria, Australia and Northwest Spain, all of which will be showcased in this incredible evening of music. Featuring Paul Anderson (SCOT), Bulla Timpanica (SP), Matt Cranitch and Seamus Creagh (IRE), The Dardanelles (NL), Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas (SCOT), Nancy Kerr and James Fagan (ENG) and Ward Allan MacDonald and Richard Wood (PEI).

CROSSING CULTURES**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th at 7:30 PM**

The fiddle in its present form has been around for centuries and has embedded itself into many countries and musical styles. Tonight's concert explores the role of the fiddle in African American, French Canadian, Klezmer, Celtic, Danish, and Newfoundland and Labradorian musical traditions. Featuring A Crowd of Bold Sharemen (NL), Eric Favreau and Paul Marchand (QC), Folk of Labrador (NL), Haaguard and Høirup (DEN), Anne Lederman and Tom Leighton (ON), Kelly Russell (NL), Lesa Terry (US).

CROSSING BACK - NAFCO's FINAL EVENING CONCERT**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th at 7:30 PM**

Thursday's concert will be a celebration of a great week of fiddling. **See you in Aberdeen in 2010!** Featuring Liz Carroll and John Doyle (US/IRE), Graham Wells and Chain Rock (NL), Christian Lemaitre (FR), Fiddle Stories: The Métis Elder Youth Legacy (CAN), Christina Smith (NL), Erynn Marshall and Dave Clarke (BC)

...and a finale featuring as many fiddlers as can fit on stage!**EVENING IN CARBONEAR****WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH at 7:30 PM****at the Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre**
Featuring:

Allan Jabbour and Ken Perlman
Greg and Ray Walsh
Brenda Stubbart and Janine Randall
The Baccalieu Fiddlers
Matt Cranitch and Seamus Creagh

Pierre Schryer and Andy Hillhouse

Hosted by Bill Bowman

Tickets are \$20 - Adults, \$15 - Senior/Student and \$10 - Children under 12
Available at the Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre
in Carbonear at: (709) 596-7529 or on their website [HERE](#).

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COME DANCING!

sherry-johnson



Dance has always been an essential part of NAFCO, and this conference will be no different. This year's theme, "Crossing Over", will be reflected in a variety of dance forms that are linked to the fiddle and fiddling culture throughout the North Atlantic. Newfoundland and Labrador is a hotbed of dance activity, from set dancing to step dancing to classical and contemporary dance forms. Dancers and dance scholars will be involved in performances, workshops and conference papers and we look forward to welcoming

dancers and scholars from many traditions.

LATE NIGHT DANCES

10:30 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.

Put on your dancing shoes!

Memorial University's Gushue Hall is the place to be to learn a new, old dance or kick up your heels and socialize.

Admission - \$12 at the Door

Monday, August 4th

DANCE UP!

Even before the seat belt sign has stopped flashing, your Dancing Air Traffic Controller, **Tonya Kearley** will quickly get you on the dance floor and keep you there! With the preliminaries of easy walkthroughs out of the way, the live music begins featuring master fiddle player **Kelly Russell**. You can have 4 knees and 2 left feet and still be a complete Dancing Master tonight. Learn our Square Sets, the Jellyfish, and finally discover out what all the fuss is about the damnable "Goat"!

Tuesday, August 5th

CANADIAN OLD-TIME DANCE

Join **Sherry Johnson** and her NAFCo band for an evening of good old-fashioned dancing. We'll be doing foxtrots, two-steps, waltzes, schottisches and perhaps a couple of square sets. There'll be instruction on the basics, and then you can practice each dance type several times to different tunes throughout the evening. No previous experience necessary!

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Wednesday, August 6th

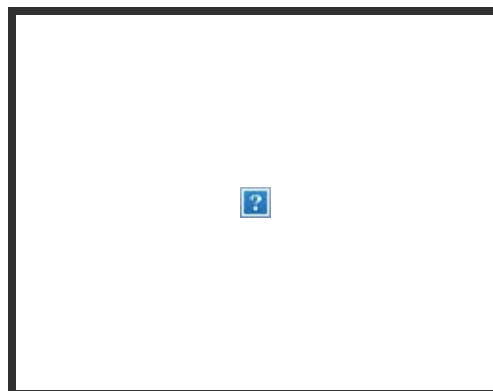
DANCING ON THE ATLANTIC RIM

Mats Melin and **Mats Nilsson** (and others tbc) are your hosts for an evening of dancing from countries bordering the North Atlantic Ocean . They'll take you along Vesterled (as the Vikings would have said for a west-bound route) as you dance your way across the Scandinavian countries, , , Cape Breton and other shores. It's NAFCo's international evening with all live music and dance instructions provided - the cheapest international trip you'll have this year and certainly a fun one.

Thursday, August 7th

CEILIDH DANCE

Here's your chance to 'Strip the Willow ', dance the 'Gay Gordons', the 'Dashing White Sergeant' and more! NAFCo's ceilidh night promises to be a lively one with **Carley Williams** and other NAFCo participants leading you through informal Scottish set dances. Each dance will get a walk-through and directions throughout by a caller. No special steps needed! The more dancers on the floor, the merrier.





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ARTISTS

HERE'S WHO IS COMING TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC FIDDLE CONVENTION.

For more information about the artists, please click on their names.

A Crowd of Bold Sharemen *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Paul Anderson** *Scotland***Pat Ballantyne** *Scotland***Trent Bruner** *Canada - Saskatchewan***Bulla Timpánica** *Spain***Liz Carroll and John Doyle** *USA/Ireland***The Celtic Fiddlers** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Jaden Cormier** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Matt Cranitch** *Ireland***Séamus Creagh** *Ireland***Crooked Stovepipe** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***The Dardanelles** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Rodney DeVries** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Karin Eriksson, Mats Nilsson & Ingegerd Sigfridsson** *Sweden***Éric Favreau and Paul Marchand** *Canada - Quebec***Fiddle Stories: The Elder Youth Legacy Project** *Canada - Manitoba***Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas** *USA/Scotland***Joy Fraser and Evelyn Osborne** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Kristin Harris Walsh** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Harald Haugaard & Morten Alfred Høirup** *Denmark***Ivan and Vivian Hicks** *Canada - New Brunswick***Karen Iny** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Alan Jabbour** *USA***Jennifer Johnson** *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador***Sherry Johnson** *Canada - Ontario*

Tonya Kearley *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Nancy Kerr and James Fagan *England*

Edward J. Lear *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Anne Lederman and Tom Leighton *Canada - Manitoba/Prince Edward Island*

Christian Lemaître *France*

Charlotte-Anne Malischewski *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Erynn Marshall and Dave Clarke *Canada - British Columbia*

Mike Stevens and Raymond McLain *Canada - Ontario / USA*

Mats Melin *Sweden/Ireland*

Rendell Mercer *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

The Montague Family *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Louise Moyes *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Bridget O'Connell *Ireland*

Jerry O'Reilly *Ireland*

Ken Perlman *USA*

The Petty Rogues *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*
Stan Pickett *Canada Newfoundland & Labrador*

Laura Risk - *Canada/USA*

Owe Ronström *Sweden*

Dan Rubin *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Kelly Russell *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Jane Rutherford *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Pierre Schryer and Andy Hillhouse *Canada - Ontario*

Christina Smith *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

The STEP Fiddlers *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Gerry Strong *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Brenda Stubbert and Janine Randall *Canada - Cape Breton, NS / USA*

Gunnar Stubseid *Norway*

Lesa Terry *USA*

Ray and Greg Walsh *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Graham Wells and Chain Rock *Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador*

Claire White *Scotland*

Richard Wood and Ward MacDonald *Canada - Prince Edward Island*

Check the concert and workshop pages for dates and times



Rencontre East - Photo: Erin McArthur

On the South Coast - the community of Rencontre East

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Gold and Concert Series Packages

Gold and Evening Concert Series packages are on sale **NOW** at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre.

Gold Package

Includes one ticket for each of the four evening concerts being held at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre PLUS admission to all workshops (up to four per day, to a maximum of 20 for the week!)

Adult Gold- \$180**Senior or Student Gold (with card) - \$160**

Evening Concert Series

Includes one ticket for each of the four evening concerts being held at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre.

Adult Concert Series- \$100**Senior or Student (with card) Concert Series - \$ 80**

Individual Concert Tickets

Tickets to individual evening concerts taking place at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre are on sale **NOW** at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre

Single Ticket - Adult -\$30**Single Ticket - Senior or Student (with Card) - \$25****single ticket - Child (under 13) - \$10**

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Concert in Carbonear - Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre

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Daytime Concerts

FRESH FIDDLES - Youth Concert

Sunday, August 3rd at 2:30 at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre
Featuring the STEP Fiddlers, Jaden Cormier, The Celtic Fiddlers, Charlotte-Anne Malischewski and Russells in the Corner.

FLORENCE by Louise Moyes

Monday, August 4th at 12:30 at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre An unforgettable docu-dance, this multi-media, one-woman show recreates the life of storyteller, musician and dancer Florence Leprieur, aged 94, from the province's Port-au-Port Peninsula.

Tickets for the **FRESH FIDDLES** and **FLORENCE** are on sale **NOW** at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office in person, by calling (709) 729-3900 or on their website **HERE**.

Adults - \$12

Seniors and Youth - \$6

SOUP AND SCANDINAVIA at Cochrane Street United

Tuesday, August 5th at 12:30

A concert of music from **Norway, Denmark and Sweden**, followed by a light lunch provided by the men and women of historic Cochrane St. United Church. Featuring Haugaard and Høirup, Owe Ronström, Karin Eriksson, Mats Nilsson, Ingegerd Sigfridsson and Trent Bruner.

Admission \$20 at the door, Lunch included!

Friday Afternoon at D.F.Cook - Lasting Legacy Concert

Farewell to NAFCO

Friday, August 8th at 4:00 P.M.

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Workshops

Workshop Passes - A full week, a day or just one or two sessions ...

A busy schedule of workshops; some of them will be instructional (bring your instrument), some of them demonstrations, some conversational workshops, and a few session workshops. Good for up to twenty workshops throughout the week, these passes will be available in advance at FRED'S RECORDS on Duckworth Street and O'BRIEN'S MUSIC STORE on Water Street here in St. John's

Week Long Pass (up to 20 workshops) - \$80

Day Pass (up to 4 workshops) - \$18

Individual Workshop - \$5

Day and Single Workshop passes will also be available the week of the conference at our information desk in the main concourse of the Arts and Culture Centre.

Space and popularity of each workshop can vary; to avoid disappointment please arrive early to ensure a seat.

Late Night Dances

Happening in the evening after the concerts, Memorial University's Gushue Hall will be the place to be to learn a new old dance or kick up your heels. **10:30 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.**

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One of the oldest cities in North America, St. John's is located on the island of Newfoundland, which constitutes part of Newfoundland & Labrador – the easternmost province in Canada.

Newfoundland and Labrador is quickly becoming a sought-after destination. If you plan to stay in one of the many delightful lodgings St. John's has to offer, or intend to rent a car, please make your reservations early. Most national car rental agencies have locations here.

Information about this historic city can be found here: [City of St. John's](#)

Information about the province in general can be found at: www.newfoundlandlabrador.com

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Arriving By Air:

Once you pick up your baggage, taxi services are available at the airport just outside the arrivals area.

Tell the taxi driver to take you from the airport to Memorial University's **Hatcher House Residence**. The ride is about 10 minutes and the taxi is just outside the baggage area once you pick up your bags. The cost will be about \$20.

Accommodations on Campus:

Hatcher House and the other residences are located between the School of Music and the Arts and Culture Centre. When you go into the main entrance at Hatcher House there'll be someone at the kiosk to register you. There's also a phone nearby to contact someone if the kiosk is empty. From there you'll probably be ushered to Doyle House. Don't forget to take your own towel and soap as the residence fee quoted is for spartan accommodations.



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Accommodations

Limited accommodations have been arranged at special conference rates, for the nights of Saturday, August 2 to Saturday, August 9 inclusive, at the locations below. Remember to request the NAFCo conference room rate.

Summer is a busy time in St. John's and it is advisable to book your accommodations early.

Quality Hotel Harbourview**www.choicehotels.ca/cn246**2 Hill O'Chips
St. John's, NL

Modern hotel in scenic downtown harbourside location within easy walk to city sights, walking trails, galleries, shops, restaurants and pubs. Guaranteed Room Rate that was good until June 2, 2008 may still apply **After June 2, 2008**, but will be based on room availability.

Rate: \$135. + Taxes / night. Rate applies for single, double, triple or quad occupancy in either harbour or city view rooms. All rooms with bath.

For direct booking by email: **cn246s@whg.com**

For booking by phone: 1-709-754-7788

Courtyard Marriott St. John's**www.marriott.com/yytcy**

131 Duckworth Street in downtown St. John's

New, full service hotel in excellent harbour view location within steps of St. John's historic attractions, pubs, restaurants, shops and galleries.

Guaranteed Room Rate until **July 2, 2008**:

\$155. + Taxes / night - 2 Queen Beds

\$164. + Taxes / night - 1 King Bed

Rate applies for either harbour or city view rooms. All rooms have a bath and refrigerator.

Direct booking by phone only: 1-866-727-6636

The Guv'nor Inn**www.guvnor-inn.com**389 Elizabeth Avenue
St. John's, NL

Telephone: (709) 726-0092

Comfortable motel in mid-town location within 10 minute walk of Memorial University and The Arts and Culture Centre. Restaurant on site. Guaranteed **Room Rate until June 30, 2008**: \$80. + Taxes / night regardless of whether the room has double occupancy or single occupancy. All rooms have baths, are air conditioned, have complete washroom facilities, hair dryers, and a

coffee percolator.

Direct booking by e-mail only: reservations@guvnor-inn.com

Casual Accommodations: Memorial University Student Residences

Traditional dormitory accommodation located on the Memorial University campus within a 5 minute walk of both the School of Music where NAFCo's "Crossing Over" conference will take place and the Arts and Culture Centre, NAFCo's official 2008 headquarters. This is a clean, convenient and economical option. Guaranteed Rooms until **July 14, 2008**.

Single Room: \$33. + Taxes / per night

Single rooms are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Twin-bedded room: \$54. + Taxes / night (\$27.00 /person)

Please note: Common bathrooms are located on each floor. Rooms do not include towels, soap and face cloths. If you are using this accommodation you must bring these items with you.

To reserve Memorial University Student Residence accommodation, print the **form** (pdf) and send it to the Conference Office at the address specified.

For a comprehensive guide to accommodation in St. John's go to www.newfoundlandandlabrador.com



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Provincial Fiddlers Association

An anticipated Convention spin-off will be the formation of a **Provincial Fiddlers Association**. Just what form this might take will depend on the interests of members. Rendell Mercer, luthier, fiddle teacher, and convention committee member, is spear-heading the venture and is open to any suggestions or ideas. Please feel free to contact Rendell at oldeviolinshoppe@hotmail.com or 709-786-3220.

We hope to establish a database of fiddlers in the province and get an indication of interest in the creation of a Provincial Fiddlers Association. We would appreciate hearing from you. Please spread the word in your area.

To join:

Please print the **PDF form**, complete it, and mail it to one of the addresses below. Alternatively, you may answer the questions in an e-mail to either Margie (Margiem@nl.rogers.com) or Hilary (fhcass@yahoo.ca)

Fiddlers under the age of 18 should mail the form with a parental signature.

Privacy Disclaimer: This database is for the purposes of the Fiddle Convention and the Fiddlers Association only. Information will not be shared with any other group without specific permission.

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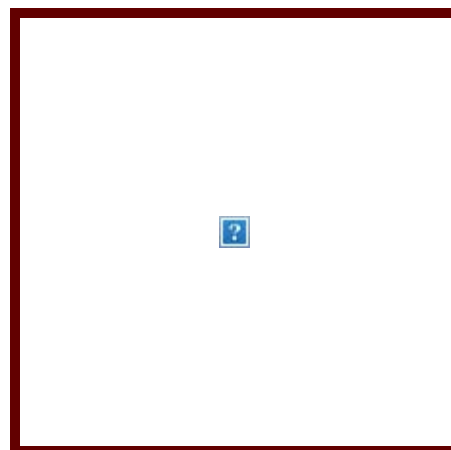
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Welcome to NAFCo 2008!

Watercolour by local luthier and artist, Rodney deVries

It's finally here and we're excited and pleased to welcome all of you the the North Atlantic Fiddle Convention 2008!

There is so much to see, hear and enjoy - come and learn how to **"Run the Goat"** at one of the **Late Night Dances**, participate in one of the amazing selection of **workshops** running all day from Monday to Friday. Enjoy one of the fabulous **evening concerts** we've lined up or how about **"FLORENCE"** by Louise Moyes, **"SOUP and SCANDINAVIA"** or **"FRESH FIDDLES"** in the **daytime**. It's a stellar lineup of artists and activities - and the first time ever in North America. So let's put on our dancing shoes and celebrate! It's going to be a grand time - don't miss out!



TICKETS ARE ON SALE

(June 27, 2008)

An exciting lineup of music, dance and activities this summer await you! Some of the performers we are presenting are listed by country at side of this page. We will have the full schedule of public concerts, dances, events and workshops available on the website soon. **Gold Passes** and **Concert Series passes** and **individual concert tickets** are on sale **NOW** at the **Arts and Culture Centre Box Office**.



Call the **Arts and Culture Centre Box Office** at **(709) 729-3900** or toll-free at: **1-800-663-9449** or visit them online by clicking on the link above.

A Bit About Us ...

An independent consortium of fiddlers, folklorists, and friends of traditional music are collaborating with Aberdeen University's Elphinstone Institute to bring the third biennial North Atlantic Fiddle Convention (NAFCo) to St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador in the summer of 2008.

At the heart of the NAFCo idea is the synergy created by the combination of a performance celebration along with an international academic symposium.

This international event is a six-day festival, taking place from August 3-8, 2008 and showcasing traditional artists from countries around the North Atlantic rim, each representing distinct fiddle and dance traditions.

Highlights will include concerts, solo recitals, workshops (fiddle and dance), demonstrations, free

performances, and scheduled sessions in various locations throughout St. John's, and its environs.

The 2008 convention will provide an electric atmosphere for the cross-fertilization of a variety of music styles, among them Celtic fusion, Texas Swing, bluegrass, gypsy jazz, and trad-rock, along with the traditional fiddle music of England, Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Denmark, Norway, the Appalachians, the Southern United States, the Métis, Cape Breton Scots, Prince Edward Island, francophone, as well as those from our own province.



The convention will also provide a forum for experiencing the links between fiddle, dance, song, mouth music, accordion, piping, and other complementary traditions.

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Staying for a few extra days? You can experience some of the best in traditional music, song, spoken word, craft and dance at **The 32nd Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival**. It runs from Friday evening, August 8th until Sunday night, August 10th. We'll be part of it and hope to see you there, too!

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Here is the link to the recent **2006 North Atlantic Fiddle Convention** held in Aberdeen, Scotland.