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NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER



On September 16th the NSCMHF welcomed and honored the 2017 inductees (L to R) Doug Bell, Gary Greene, Blain Henshaw, Sheila Newman and Stan Taylor.

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(Front L-R) Dianne O'Brien, Wendy Manning, Dianne Gould, Ruth Manning, Bev Cheverie

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Our five new Inductees of the NSCMHF were joined in the celebration of their many musical achievements by previously inducted members of the NSCMHF.



Visit our new website at

nscmh.ca

There you will find up to date information on upcoming events, newsletters, and information on all of the inductees of the NSCMHF!

A special thank you to outgoing NSCMHF board members Arthur Brown and Shelley Joyce for your dedication and hard work in helping the NSCMHF achieve many of its goals throughout the years!

New or renewed members please contact Carol Penney by phone @ 902-644-3135 or email rodger.penney@ns.sympatico.ca



Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame 2017 Inductees



Doug Bell

Doug Bell has been a performer for over 65 years. He began his musical career at the age of 12 while learning the guitar and fiddle. Doug has penned many songs including his most requested, 'Walkin' the Streets'. In the 1970's, Doug hosted a radio show at CHFX Halifax. He appeared on CBC's Country Time and Gazette shows. Doug performed throughout the Maritimes with his bands The Country Drifters and The Goldstrickers. Doug has been the opening act for top artists Barbara Mandrell, Tom T. Hall, and Roy Drusky and has also performed with Anne Murray and Karen Oxley. Today, Doug continues as a popular entertainer at many jamborees and benefit shows.



Sheila Newman

Sheila Newman began to play the Hawaiian steel guitar at the age of 13. Soon after, she began playing for local dances and variety shows. After winning a talent contest in the early 1960's, Sheila became a regular performer with Vic Mullen as well as The Boutilier Brothers in the Halifax area. She was a featured guest on many radio programmes throughout the Maritimes. Sheila is a songwriter and has had her work recorded by other performers. Her most recognizable songs are Nova Scotia My Paradise, Loneliness and Heartbreak, and Expo 67 which was recorded by her son Curtis. Seventy years later, Sheila continues to play her Hawaiian steel guitar and sing at local shows and benefits. Sheila joins her daughters Bonnie Ashley and Jo-ann Newman as an inductee of the NSCMHF.



Stan Taylor

Stan has been a professional musician for the past 60 years. His unique vocals and musical talent has been heard throughout Canada and the United States. Born in Truro, moved to Yarmouth, then as a young man, he later made his way to Ontario. There, he honed his musical talent in vocals and several instruments, on the Ontario, Quebec, Vermont, and New York State circuits. Returning to Nova Scotia in the 1970s, Stan became a regular guest on CBC's nationally televised Country Time Show. Stan has lived in New Brunswick since 1988 and has received many awards from that province including Lifetime Country Musician, Barn Dance Pioneer Award, Mirimachi Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame, and the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame in 2009. His music leaves an impression on all.



Gary Greene

Gary Greene from Lower Argyle NS, is a talented self-taught musician. He is well known for his fiddle playing as well as his musical talent on the piano, bass guitar, mandolin, and banjo. Gary's talent has made him a 'sought after' musician throughout Canada and internationally, in France and Denmark. He has been a featured artist on radio and television including l'Acadie CBC, Acadie a la Mode in Paris France, and Up Home Tonight. He has won many accolades in a variety of fiddle festivals and contests throughout Canada. Gary has judged fiddle festivals, including the Maritime Fiddle Festival and the Grand Masters Canadian Fiddle Contest. He has recorded many fiddle tunes as well as playing on CDs for various artists. Some of his recordings include Messerin' Around, Traditional Downeast, Toe Tappin' Fiddlin', and Just One More Tune Honey. Fiddle tunes have been written in his honor by JP Cormier, Calvin Volroth, Robert Joudrey and Robert Mundell. Gary continues to be a favourite at many festivals throughout Nova Scotia.



Blain Henshaw

Blain has been a song writer since his early days in Waldeck, NS. In 1958 at the age of 12, he experienced his first live performance from the Digby County Fair. Blain has penned more than 100 songs expressing his thoughts, experiences, and perspective on life. Song titles such as Slice of Life, Fundy Tides (Are Calling Me Back Home), Just a Country Boy, and Lost on Life's Highway are examples of sharing his own experiences in song. Much of his music has been recorded at Capital Music of Canada by other Canadian as well, including Orval Prophet, Johnny Gold, and others. Blain has 4 CDs to his credit. Blain has penned songs depicting historical events such as 'All Hands Lost' (sinking of the Novadoc) and 'The Glengarry' (tribute to Corporal Nathan Cirillo). Blain hosts a weekly radio show on Seaside FM which exclusively features Atlantic Canadian performers. He also finds time to volunteer at fundraisers, jamborees, and concerts.

Editor's Note

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2017 Inductees! A wonderful evening of celebration was enjoyed by our largest crowd yet in Truro! I hope you have found this edition of the NSCMHF newsletter informative. Please contact me with your ideas for upcoming newsletters!

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The NSCMHF would like to congratulate two Halifax play writes, Marge Hemsworth and Charles Salmon for their successful run in the Halifax Fringe Festival in August. The play entitled 'In My Wildest Dreams' was the true story of how Marge Hemsworth, (NSCMHF member) met her idol Hank Snow (NSCMHF Inductee) and how that meeting led to a life-long friendship. This play will be coming to the Astor Theatre in Liverpool, hometown of Hank Snow.

For information on a variety of monthly shows please go to:
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THE NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC
HALL OF FAME

- To establish and maintain a permanent Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.
- To develop and promote public interest in old time fiddling, and country and bluegrass music in Nova Scotia.
- The preservation and the public display of artifacts and memorabilia of those inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.
- To encourage nominations for induction into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame

Outgoing President Floyd Spicer...
thank you for your years of dedication to the NSCMHF.

**NSCMHF Meetings**

The Board of Directors meet every month. All NSCMHF members are welcomed and encouraged to attend our meetings. Please contact any of the Directors to find out when and where our next meeting will take place.



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