

NS Country Music Hall of Fame Announces 2018 Inductees

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The names of the 2018 inductees into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame have been announced. They are: Aaron C. Lewis from Sydney, Matt Balsor residing in Hantsport, and Bill Guest of Dartmouth.

Aaron C. Lewis is a professional singer and songwriter who started performing when he was 16. He has toured the world as part of *The Carlton Showband*, led by his father Bobby Lewis. Aaron has shared the stage with major artists such as Tommy Hunter, Prairie Oyster, Alabama, Joe Diffie, and Charlie Pride. In 2017, his nationally released single, *Put a Little Love on It*, sold 10,000 copies in three months.

Matt Balsor has been performing classic country music for enthusiastic audiences for the past 20 years. He has recorded 12 albums and has opened for Larry Gatlin and Carroll Baker, as well as many other Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame Members. In 2012, Matt recorded duets with 25 other artists from across Nova Scotia.

Bill Guest is a multi-talented instrumentalist, known primarily as an accomplished fiddler and pianist. His involvement ranges from teaching music in the Halifax Dartmouth area for many years, to sharing the stage with stars such as Ray Price, Don Messer, Anne Murray and Doc Williams. Bill has composed more than 375 fiddle tunes and has written several music books.

“These individuals have made significant contributions to the promotion, development and preservation of country music in Nova Scotia,” said NSCMHF President Roger Bleasdale. “Their talent and willingness to share it with audiences, large or small, are what keep the country music tradition alive and well in Nova Scotia.”

The three performers will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at a dinner and ceremony at the Best Western in Truro on September 15.

Tickets for that popular event are now available at \$42.00 each. They can be purchased from any member of the Board of Directors or ordered from Floyd Spicer at (902) 462-0694 , OR Floyd.spicer@ns.sympatico.ca

The NS Country Music Hall of Fame is located at the *Hank Snow Hometown Museum* in Liverpool and also on-line at: www.nscmf.ca

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Aaron C. Lewis



Matt Balsor



Bill Guest