



THE MARITIME FIDDLER



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The Show Must Row On - by Cheryl Albert

This past year and eight months has seen so many changes globally that has effected everyone. Included in that is the entire live music industry which has had to shut down. Those of us used to attending concerts, fiddle doos and practices have had to stick with playing alone or perhaps on Zoom music events online.

Through all this though, there is one large scale in-person music event that has succeeded. In fact, this event was actually born as a result of the pandemic and thrived into a second year. This special event is right here in the Maritimes in the Sackville, NB area and is called Levee on the Lake.

What do you do when you want to present a live show but theatres and even outdoor sit-down venues are closed due to a global pandemic? You head out on to the water and invite boaters to attend a show where they can listen safely distanced in their boats. A full scale professional sound stage and the fact that sound carries well over water makes it easy to enjoy a great afternoon of live music. This event was first tried out in 2020, ran throughout the summer months and was such a success that it came back in August 2021 for an even bigger and better version!

Who are the creative minds who came up with this event and put it all together? Bring in the team of Stacey Read and Shelley Chase.

Stacey Read, a Sackville native, is well known throughout the fiddle community as a brilliant fiddler and teacher of fiddle, piano and stepdance with over 40 students. She started very young as a student of Ivan and Vivian Hicks, soon was entering contests and would become a Canadian fiddle champion. After high school she went on to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston and after graduating spent time working in Nashville before returning home to New Brunswick.

Shelley Chase has had a very busy career as a musician, producer and manager. Her company, Garrison Hill Entertainment has produced and managed shows for local musicians to Great Big Sea to Gene Simmons of KISS and overseas for countless special presentations and concerts. She has worked tirelessly to bring Canadian acts to international events to showcase our culture and open up further opportunities for these musicians. Shelley even won the East Coast Music Award for Manager of the Year in 2011. (continued on page 10)

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