

## *Friday July 21 Ottawa Valley Ceilidh*

With Master of Ceremonies – Daniel Richer

Senior Town crier par excellence and the only fully bilingual Crier in North-America , proud of his Abenakis and Dakota roots, storyteller, actor, MC and former history teacher, he has made an international reputation for himself in his field since 1981.

He has won numerous awards, such as the International Town Crier Championship and the title of Most Elegant Town Crier in the World. As a Storyteller he has traveled twice our great country from sea to shining sea...





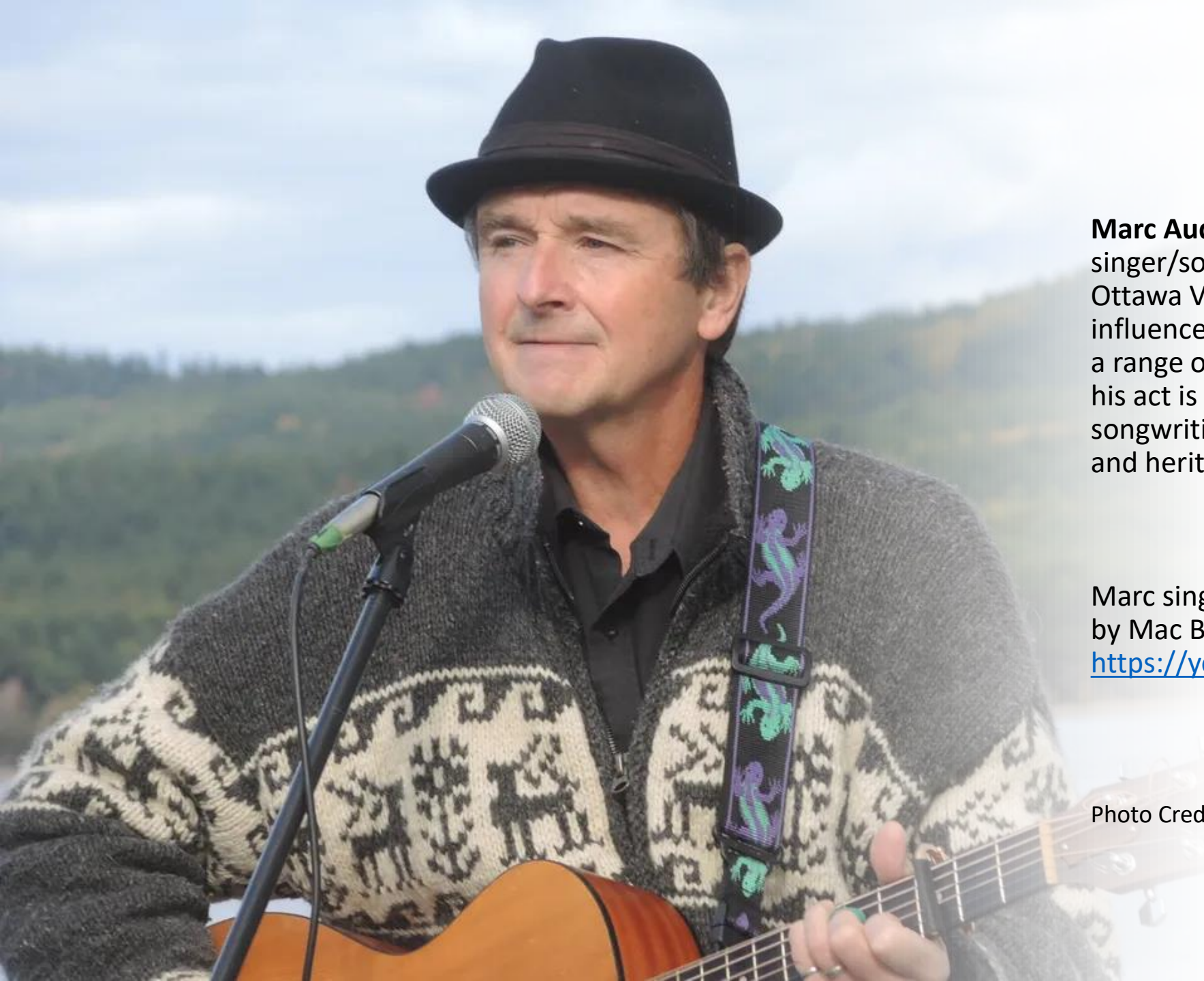
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**The Fiddlares** - a young brother and sister team from Chapeau, Quebec. Starting in 2018, they have an extensive following in the Upper Ottawa Valley and Montreal.

Both have won several fiddle championships for their age groups. The Fiddlares with a Scottish fiddle medley and Ottawa Valley Step Dancing.

<https://youtu.be/It-nDolJgGM>

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**Marc Audet** is a Canadian folk music singer/songwriter from the Upper Ottawa Valley. From a wide range of influences, Marc's songwriting speaks to a range of life experiences, but central to his act is his specialization in historical songwriting ... songs about the history and heritage of the Ottawa Valley.

Marc singing This Ottawa Valley of Mine by Mac Beattie.

<https://youtu.be/c6UvkW6jJu4>

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**Jess Wedden and Chris Murphy** present fiddling and guitar playing in the Down East and Ottawa Valley fashions.

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Jess is an award-winning songwriter and fiddler who has opened for Ashley MacIsaac and April Verch. She has recently toured North America and Ireland to much acclaim. Jess also plays several stringed instruments.

Jess playing Landslide by Fleetwood MAC on several instruments. <https://youtu.be/DnBbcQAvEQ4>

Chris Murphy accompanies Jess on many sessions and he has also invited her to play with his trio "Turpin's Trail" out of Kingston. Chris is a singer, songwriter, multi-instrument musician and teacher, whose voice is often regarded as in the ilk of the great Stan Rogers.

Chris Murphy singing The Wellerman. <https://youtu.be/51pLW5rF8Ug>

**Gail Gavan**, who entertained us at the OHA Centennial Convention in 2006, Gail's early years reverberated with the sounds of music at the well-known Gavan's Hotel in Quyon, Quebec. Gail absorbed those early influences and was soon asked to guest with bands like Howard Hayes, Mick Armitage Band, and Ambush. Her numerous accomplishments have led to her opening for many Nashville stars like George Jones, Tom T. Hall, Merle Haggard and Charlie Pride.

Website <https://www.gailgavan.com/>



**Fiddles on the Rideau** is an eclectic mix of musicians who travel the Rideau around Manotick each summer raising funds for mental health initiatives in the Ottawa region. This year, the event turned into a major music festival including concerts, workshops and jam sessions. Included in the group this year are:

- **Sherryl Fitzgerald** - A native of Ottawa, Sherryl is an educator, musician, recording artist and composer. She is the owner and operator of Sherryl Fitzpatrick's School of Music for the past 37 years and was the director of the Ottawa Valley Fiddle Camp for 14 years. She received an East Coast Music Award nomination for Roots Traditional Group of the Year in 2012 with the Bb Sisters. She is passionate about using music to cultivate relationships, bring joy to people's lives and to continue with her philanthropy initiatives. For more information, visit [www.sherrylfitzpatrick.com](http://www.sherrylfitzpatrick.com)

- **Chad Wolfe** is a Canadian open step dance champion and award-winning fiddler who has performed across Canada and abroad. He has toured with Memories of a Don Messer Jubilee and has performed with Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy, Ashley MacIsaac, The Great Canadian Fiddle Show, and Oh Canada EH?! He operates the Chad Wolfe Studio of Fiddle & Stepdance which has been in operation since 1996. Website: [chadwolfestudio.com](http://chadwolfestudio.com)

- **Mark Allen** is a musician who has performed and composed music for community and professional theatre productions as well as for heritage music events. He was recently appointed a member of the North Bay Musicians Hall of Recognition for his contributions to the Arts over the years as a music director and co-composer that were unique to the area. He continues to be involved with theatre groups in Ottawa and has more recently developed a love for accompanying at fiddle events.

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**The Lyons Sisters** - Taliah, Zara, and Sarina, are Metis Jiggers of Swampy Cree descent from Northern Manitoba/North-East Saskatchewan.

Métis jigging is a beautiful blend of traditional First Nations dance combined with the influence of Irish and Scottish settlers. Jigging steps vary from region to region as each community develops a style that reflects those who partake, participate and teach it to each new generation. Their style reflects everything they have learned from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Website: [jigging.ca](http://jigging.ca)

