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## Press Kit

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Greetings

Thank you for considering our press materials.

We are Ivan and Vivian Hicks, a husband and wife duo specializing in the Downeast style of fiddle music made most popular across Canada by the late, great Don Messer of the province of New Brunswick. Fiddle music has played a role in the lives of Maritimers for centuries and today still sees audiences flocking to shows to experience traditional music and many children are taking up the fiddle.

In our press materials we have included the CD "Most Requested" and encourage you to listen to track # 1, "Shingle the Roof & Diamond Lil". Also included are my biography and music books of some of my original compositions.

For decades we have toured Canada and the United States, being called musical ambassadors, and now is the time to bring the music 'home' to where its original roots are; Scotland with the Shetland Islands, Ireland, Wales and England. We are eager to share our Downeast style with your audiences in concerts as well as offering workshops and jams.

Let us arrange for an interchange of cultures! One of the important parts of culture and tradition is to share and learn each others.

Sincerely,

Ivan Hicks

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# Biography



Ivan and Vivian Hicks are distinguished for their contribution to preserve and promote old-time fiddling throughout North America. Their music has roots steeped in tradition but their approach to getting it into the hearts and minds of people is modern and innovative.

Whether they are supporting school children to learn the violin or inviting entire motor coaches of intrigued music lovers into their home, their down-home approach means new friends and fans of their music emerge each day.

They blend this with a busy schedule of performances across Canada and the United States and an active interest in recognizing new talented musicians and bringing them to the stage with them.

Ivan Hicks, a member of the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame, has been playing old-time music for 70 years, is an accomplished composer, recording artist, performer and mentor and lively ambassador for Atlantic Canada's heritage.

He believes his musical talent is a gift, a special legacy passed to him from his parents, and he has invested it generously in present and future generations. His contribution was recognized recently when he was awarded the Order of New Brunswick.

Throughout the years he has been a member of various bands including the Marshwinds dance band (1969-1990) and Maritime Express, an old-time and bluegrass band (1979-2005). In the late 1970s he formed the community fiddle group Sussex Avenue Fiddlers of which he is director.

He continues to attend and perform at numerous fiddling events and has judged many fiddling contests throughout Canada. He is a consultant for various aspects of the music business and is an organizer and promoter of concerts and tours. Within his own community he was a co-founder of the Riverview Arts Centre.

Ivan and Vivian have won many honours and accolades throughout the years, including both being inducted into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame.

They host motor coach tours in their home, bringing about 60 people at a time in to enjoy a full course meal, a home and garden tour, and an old-time fiddling concert. During the Christmas season, they invite hundreds of people into their professionally decorated home to enjoy country Christmas concerts. They offer a full slate of house concerts, workshops and host family and corporate events as well.

Within their home is a memorabilia room that chronicles not just Ivan and Vivian's story, but the history of old-time fiddling music and it is shared with all visitors to their home. They have also established within their home an impressive music archive and library where old-time music can be heard and researched.

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# Facts



- ❖ Released 15 albums and is a Nashville recording artist
- ❖ Has performed with artists such as Chubby Wise, Vassar Clements, Kenny Baker, Graham Townsend, Mark O'Connor, Johnny Gimble, Ned Landry, Alasdair Fraser and John Hartford.
- ❖ Composer of over 50 tunes and has published two books of fiddle tunes
- ❖ Hosted his own radio show for 13 years on CFQM Radio, Moncton NB
- ❖ Co-founder and director of the Maritime Fiddlers Association
- ❖ Director of the National Old Time Fiddlers Association, USA
- ❖ President and organizer of the Fiddles of the World international event, Halifax NS - 1999
- ❖ President of the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame
- ❖ Regular guest on the ATV television program "Up Home Tonight" for 8 years in the 1980's
- ❖ Two time Maritime Fiddle Champion – 1979 & 1980
- ❖ Atlantic Old-Time Fiddle Champion
- ❖ Canadian Old-Time Fiddle Contest Top 10 finalist
- ❖ New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee – Ivan 1985, Vivian 1996
- ❖ Nominated for 2001 East Coast Music Award (ECMA) for "Generations" Album
- ❖ Winner of 2002 ECMA for "Volunteer of the Year"
- ❖ Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Award - 2002
- ❖ Winner 2008 ECMA "Stompin' Tom Award"
- ❖ Recipient of Governor General of Canada 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award - Recognition of Significant Contributions to Compatriots, Community and to Canada.
- ❖ Featured in Fiddler Magazine
- ❖ Has biography published, "Fifty Years of Fabulous Fiddle Music" by Allison Mitcham
- ❖ Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Award
- ❖ Order of New Brunswick - outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of New Brunswick and its residents - 2014

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# 2018 Events



- Jan 14 Ivan and Vivian plus guests entertain senior residents - 190 Carson Drive, Moncton NB  
Jan 23 Ivan & Vivian Entertain at Ruby Hall, Jordan Lifecare Centre, River Glade NB  
Jan 27 Multiple Sclerosis fundraiser breakfast with music – Lions Hall, Riverview NB  
Feb 17 Fiddle Doo and Potluck Hosted by Ivan & Vivian – Lions Hall, Salisbury NB  
Apr 6 Brunch with Kitchen Party - Adair's Lodge, near Sussex NB  
Apr 21 Maritime Fiddlers Association Workshop & Concert - Bible Hill School, Bible Hill, NS  
Apr 28 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Roxeen & Dalrymple - Upper Coverdale NB  
May 12 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Fiddle Show - Royal Theatre Riverview Arts Centre, Riverview NB  
May 26 Fiddle Doo & Potluck - Lions Hall, Harvey Station NB  
May 27 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Teresa Doyle, Upper Coverdale NB  
June 9 40th Anniversary event for Renfrew County Fiddlers – Renfrew ON  
Jun 16 Moncton Highland Games Entertainment - Hal Betts Sportsplex, Moncton NB  
Jun 30 Fiddles on the Tobique – Canoe river run from Nictau to Riley Brook, NB.  
July 1 Fundy Trail Concert – Fundy Trail Parkway, St. Martins NB  
July 6-8 Maritime Fiddle Festival – Dartmouth, NS  
July 17 Music in Millidgeville Concert Series – Parkland Saint John Gazebo, Saint John NB  
Aug 1 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Paul McKenna Band & Lumber Jills – Upper Coverdale NB  
Aug 2 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Gary Reid's "A Life of Sorrow – The Life and Times of Carter Stanley" A theatrical performance with music, Upper Coverdale NB  
Aug 3-5 North Rustico Country Music Festival - North Star Arena, North Rustico PEI.  
Aug 5 Atlantic Fiddlers Jamboree – Mont Carmel, PEI  
Aug 7 Victoria Park Concert Series – Victoria Park, Moncton NB  
Aug 9 Miramichi Folksong Festival - Beaverbrook Kin Centre, Miramichi NB  
Aug 16 Special Guests at Scott Woods Tour Concert – Coverdale Centre, Riverview NB  
Aug 31 NB Country Music Hall of Fame Concert – Saint John Exhibition, Saint John NB  
Sept 8 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Ray Legere and Adam Olmstead - Upper Coverdale NB  
Sept 15 Second Mile Food Bank 2nd Annual Concert – Moncton Wesleyan Life Centre, Moncton NB  
Sept 16 Harvest Festival Dinner & Show – Adair's Wilderness Lodge, Shepody NB  
Oct 13 35th Anniversary New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame, Banquet, Induction Ceremonies and Gala Concert – Bathurst, NB  
Oct 16 House Concert at Hicks Residence: Calvin Vollrath – Upper Coverdale NB  
Nov 18 Tis the Season Show – Riverview Arts Centre, Riverview NB  
Nov 24 An Acoustic Christmas – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton NB

Keep checking our website as more and more dates are added: [www.ivanhicks.com](http://www.ivanhicks.com)

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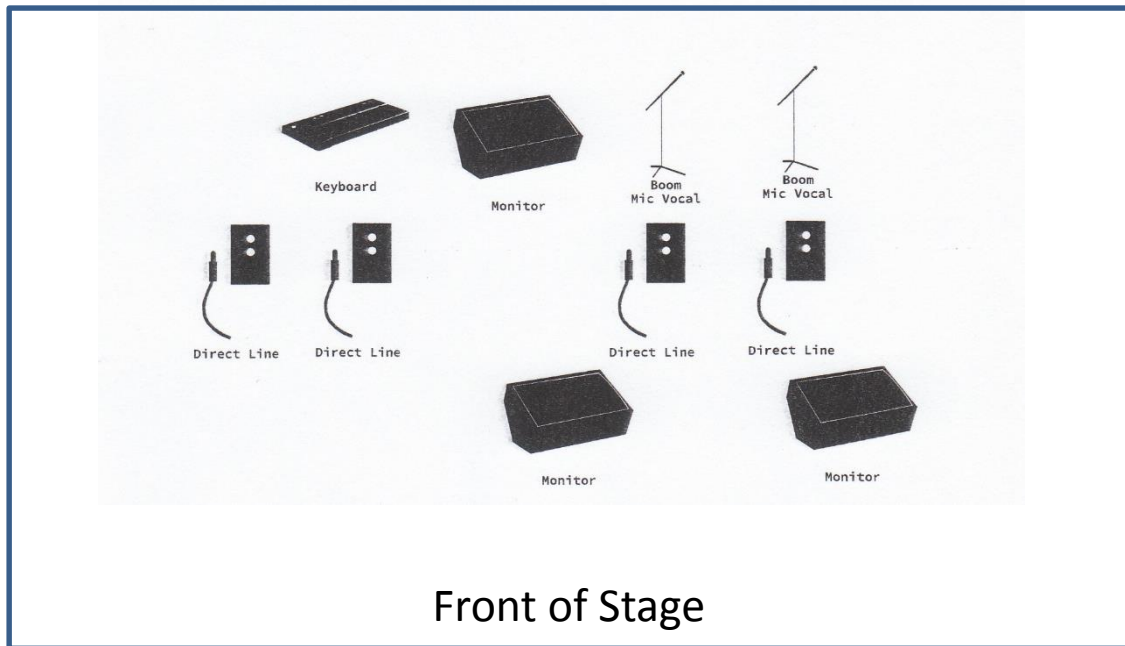
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# Stage Plot



Front of Stage

Audience

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