



Down Home Fiddle Productions TM

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. With myself on fiddle and wife, Vivian, on piano, our music also includes tunes of Celtic, bluegrass, country, swing and gospel backgrounds for a well-rounded concert presentation.

In our e-presskit section there is a sample of our music that we encourage you to listen to at: www.ivanhicks.com/shingle.mp3 We also invite you to visit our Down Home Fiddle Productions page listed below for music videos and all our latest goings on including concerts, charity events, contests, motorcoach tours and our House Concert Series presenting touring artists at our custom built venue.

For decades we have toured Canada and the United States, being called musical ambassadors. Fiddle music has played a role in the musical heritage of cultures world-wide and we take pride in sharing our traditions as well as learning from those of the areas we perform in and are happy to invite local musical guests to join us on stage. One of the important parts of culture and tradition is to learn and share.

We are eager to share our Downeast style with your audiences in concerts as well as offering workshops and jams. Please contact us via the information below and we will be glad to work with you. Feel free to ask any questions or request more info.

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 three 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 125th 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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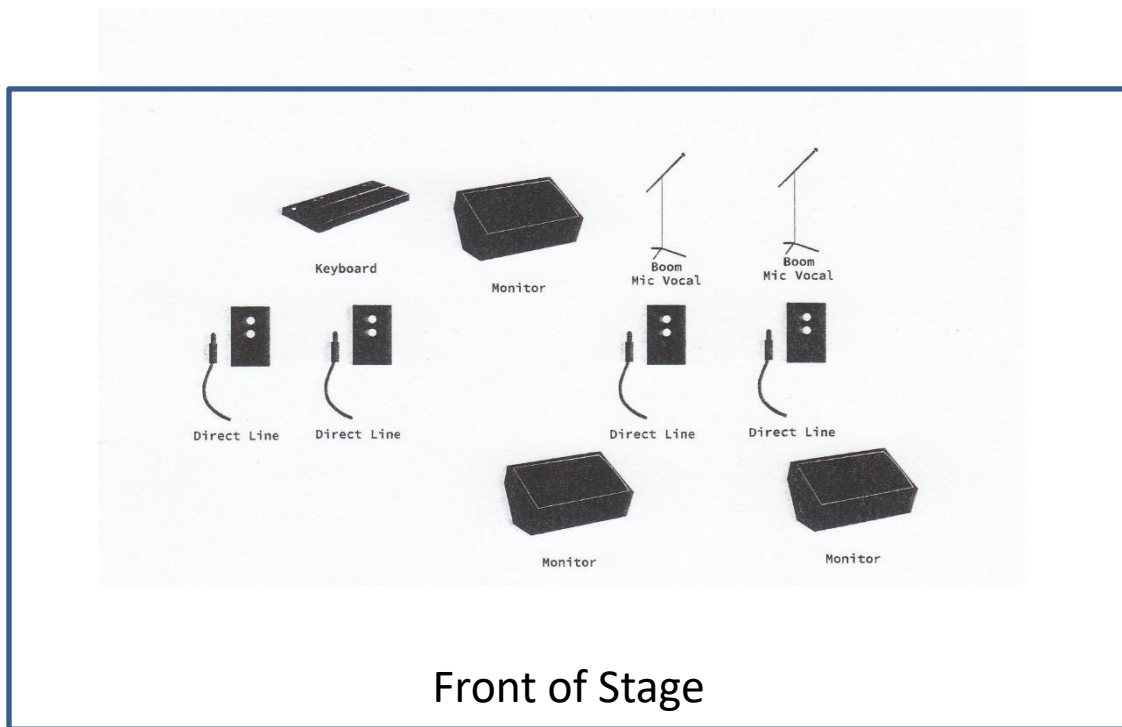
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Stage Plot



Front of Stage

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Events Venue



Since 2005, Ivan and Vivian have entertained **over 13,500 guests** in their custom built home facility, Down Home Fiddle Productions. They welcome groups of such as **motorcoach tours** as well as being a **concert venue** for touring musicians or for hosting small **conferences**.

Kitchen Party Tours

For groups of up to 60, enjoy a tour of the home as well as recording studio and memorabilia museum. During the summer guests may enjoy a stroll in the garden area of the 32 acre property. Afterwards enjoy light snacks, followed by the highlight - a **Downeast Kitchen Party concert!** It's a toe tapping good time with audience participation. Guests will want to come back again and again!

House Concerts:

The Hicks host a yearly series of **House Concerts** in their special concert space equipped with top of the line sound equipment. These shows have featured talented performers from across Canada, the United States and Europe.

Tech:

High end sound equipment including: Yamaha sound mixer (16 tracks). dBTechnologies speaker system. Direct inputs for instruments. Instrument and vocal mics. Upright piano. 60" Sony LED Smart TV with Apple TV for audio visual presentations.



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Venue Photos



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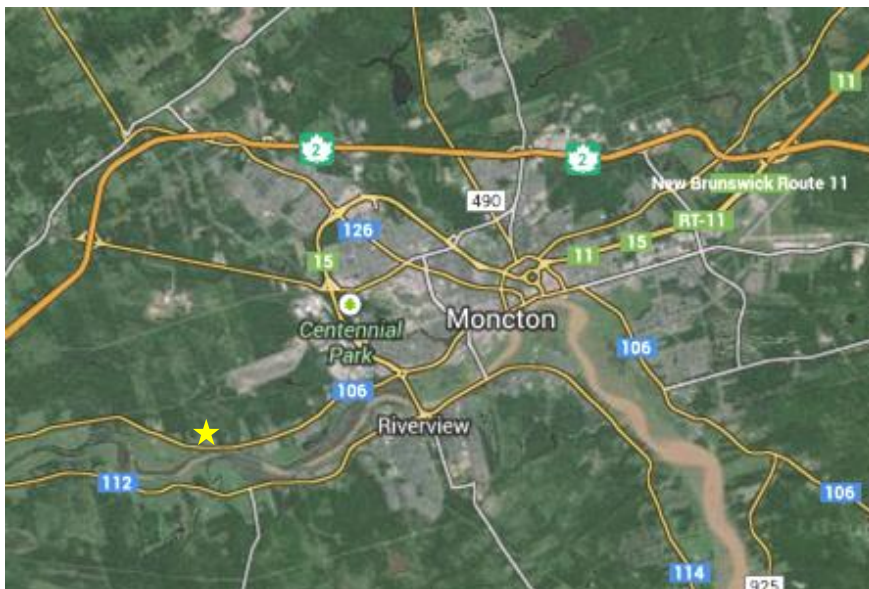
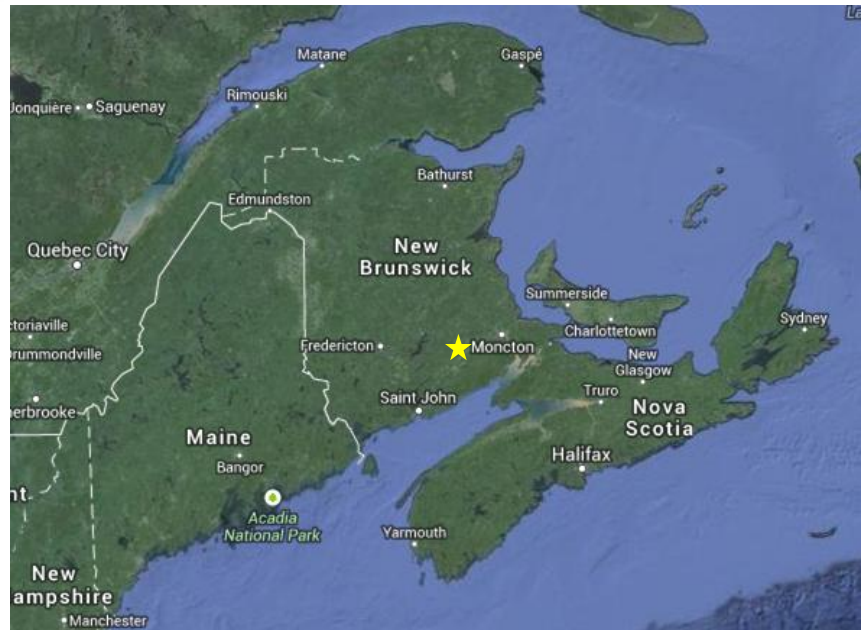


Location

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Canada

Our location is just 15km
from Moncton, NB.

We are conveniently
located for motorcoach
tours travelling to Prince
Edward Island,
Nova Scotia and
Newfoundland.



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