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Fiddlers Take Centre Stage for the 2010 Games

Each year the Glengarry Highland Games selects a theme for the two days of its world class celtic festival. Over recent years, there have been tributes to the SD & G Highlanders, the 50th Anniversary of the Rae MacCulloch School of Dancing, and last year, the 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Provincial Police.

With this year's President being a fiddler, it was the obvious choice that the Games focus on the Year of the Fiddle. Fiddlers will travel from near and far to celebrate the 63rd edition of the Games. Eleven musicians and a dancer from the Elgin Strathspey and Reel Society are travelling to the Games from the County of Moray in Scotland. The group was formed in 1936 to promote the playing of Scots Fiddle Music and will be performing Friday afternoon in the Metcalfe Centre and later at the Friday evening Tattoo. On Saturday, they will be taking part in the Scottish Fiddle Show.

Also bringing their fiddle talents to the Games are members of the Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association whose mandate is to preserve traditional Cape Breton fiddle music. On Friday evening, they will take part in the Massed Fiddlers, and then join the Saturday Scottish Fiddle Show.

An acclaimed Cape Breton fiddler and winner of a 2008 East Coast Music Award, Kimberley Fraser will perform on Friday night at the Family Square Dance (non-alcoholic) in the Arena Hall from 10:30 pm to 1:00 am. Kimberley will also perform at the Scottish Fiddle Show on Saturday afternoon.

Youth Fiddlers Impress with Their Talent

Scottish Fiddling at the Games has now been expanded to a two-day event starting with the "Youth Fiddle Showcase" on Friday afternoon in the air-conditioned Arena Hall. In the last decade or so, there has been a tremendous revival of youth fiddlers in the county of Glengarry and beyond, and the Games is pleased to showcase some of that great talent. The show starts at 2:00 pm and will conclude with a performance by the Massed Fiddlers at 5:30 pm. This is a warm-up before their performance on the main stage at 6:15 pm in the Pre-Games Tattoo where close to one hundred fiddlers are expected to play.

Not One But Two Scottish Fiddle Workshops

On Saturday morning, July 31st in the Arena Hall, there will be two Scottish fiddle workshops. The first runs from 9:00 to 10:00 am, with Bill Brian, Director and music arranger for Scotland's Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society conducting the session. Cape Breton fiddler, Kimberley Fraser will present the second workshop running from 10:15 to 11:30 am. Fiddlers are invited to bring their fiddles and music stands and take an active part in one or both sessions. Fiddlers are asked to be in place by 10 am.

Come to the Ceilidh!

Scottish fiddling will continue in the Arena hall on Saturday afternoon. The Glengarry Strathspey & Reel Society will open the program at 2:00 pm and from then until the massed fiddlers at the closing, you will be able to tap your toes and clap your hands to the traditional music of Glengarry. Local and visiting fiddlers and pianists will entertain with jigs, reels and strathspeys until 5 pm. Our guests from Scotland and Cape Breton will also offer their own fine fiddling styles. Come and enjoy! What an opportunity to enjoy the best in Scottish fiddle from across Canada and Scotland!

Summary of Some Fiddle Events You Won't Want to Miss

Friday	1:35 pm	Metcalfe Centre	Ashley MacLeod & Dave Gossage
Friday	2:00 pm	Arena Hall	Youth Fiddle Showcase
Friday	2:30 pm	Metcalfe Centre	Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society
Friday	4:15 pm	Metcalfe Centre	The Cape Breton Fiddlers
Friday	4:35 pm	Metcalfe Centre	Ashley MacLeod & Dave Gossage
Friday	6:30 pm	On main stage	Glengarry Massed Fiddlers
Friday	10:30 pm	Arena Hall	Family Square Dance
Saturday	9:00 am	Arena Hall	Fiddle Workshop with Bill Brian
Saturday	10:15 am	Arena Hall	Fiddle Workshop with Kimberley Fraser
Saturday	2 - 5 pm	Arena Hall	Scottish Fiddle Show

Take the Bus to the Games

Let friends and relatives know that buses will be running from Ottawa and Montreal to the Games this year. Departures to Maxville will be at 9:30 am from west-end Ottawa and 10:00 am from the east end. From Centre-town Montreal, buses will leave at 9:30 am and from Pointe Claire at 9:50 am, with the buses returning in the evening after the Massed Bands event.

Parking in Ottawa and Pointe Claire will be free and fares for the bus rides will be \$25 from Ottawa and \$35 from Montréal and Pointe Claire. Admission to the Games costs \$20, but children under 12 enter free.

In Ottawa, tickets may be purchased at the Scottish and Irish Stores at 194 Robertson Rd in the west and 1713 St-Laurent Boulevard in the east or by phone at 613-829-2251 (West) or 613-739-3393 (East).

In Montreal, tickets can be picked up at Bramble House at 57 N Donnegani Ave, Pointe Claire or by phone at 514-630-6363.