

FROM 2001-2026:  
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

# MUSIC PEI WEEK '26

2026 FESTIVAL GUIDE

FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

- MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026

**Since time immemorial the Mi'kmaq people have walked gently on the traditional territories of Epekwitk. Music PEI acknowledges that Mi'kma'ki is their ancestral and unceded territory. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here and we are committed to building relationships based on honour and respect.**



**WARM WELCOMES**

**W**ELCOME, PERFORMERS AND MUSIC SUPPORTERS, TO MUSIC PEI WEEK 2026. Atlantic Canada's identity is recognized around the world through song. The passionate creators who write and present these stories are not just sharing our culture, they are fuelling our economy. They are writers, artists, technicians, venue operators, and more.

Music PEI plays a pivotal role in nurturing the talents in this vibrant industry, helping entrepreneurs to build careers by providing essential resources, mentorship, and platforming opportunities.

This week is a time to celebrate those successes and shine a spotlight on the people making it happen. The Government of Canada is pleased to support growth in the culture sector and help recognize the achievements of all participants and nominees.

Wishing you all a great week, and continued success in the future.

★ ★ ★

**BIENVENUE AUX ARTISTES ET AUX AMATEURS DE MUSIQUE À LA SEMAINE DE LA MUSIQUE DE L'ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD 2026.** L'identité du Canada atlantique est reconnue dans le monde entier à travers la chanson. Les créateurs passionnés qui écrivent et présentent ces histoires ne se contentent pas de partager notre culture, ils alimentent notre économie. Ce sont des auteurs, des artistes, des techniciens, des exploitants de salles de spectacle et bien d'autres encore.

Music PEI joue un rôle central dans la promotion des talents de cette industrie dynamique, en aidant les entrepreneurs à bâtir leur carrière en leur fournissant des ressources essentielles, du mentorat et des opportunités de se faire connaître.

Cette semaine est l'occasion de célébrer ces succès et de mettre en lumière les personnes qui les ont rendus possibles. Le gouvernement du Canada est heureux de

soutenir la croissance du secteur culturel et de contribuer à la reconnaissance des réalisations de tous les participants et nominés.

Je vous souhaite à tous une excellente semaine et beaucoup de succès pour l'avenir.

**THE HON. SEAN FRASER / L'HONORABLE SEAN FRASER**  
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY / MINISTRE RESPONSABLE DE L'AGENCE DE PROMOTION ÉCONOMIQUE DU CANADA ATLANTIQUE

★ ★ ★

**C**ELEBRATING OUR ISLAND MUSIC TOGETHER! This week is all about recognizing the immense talent of PEI musicians and the vital place they hold in our Island tapestry.

It's a time when music artists and industry leaders come together from tip to tip to celebrate the contributions they make to both our cultural vitality and creative economy.

A special thank you to the artists, volunteers, and organizers for creating space for these meaningful connections and partnerships.

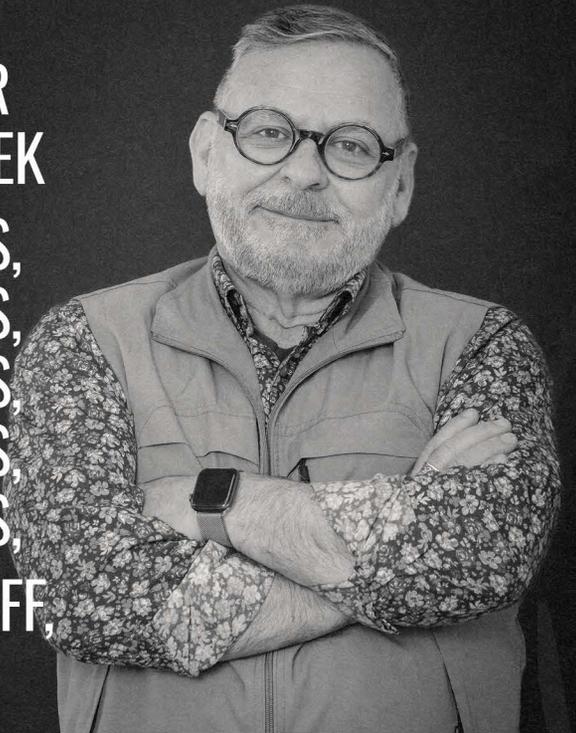
Let this week be one filled with inspiration, creativity, and collaboration.

**THE HONOURABLE DARLENE COMPTON**  
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND TRADE



# DEAR MUSIC PEI WEEK

# NOMINEES, ATTENDEES, SPONSORS, PARTNERS, FUNDERS, & FELLOW STAFF, PAST & PRESENT...



**T**HIS IS A CHALLENGING WELCOME letter to write as this will be my last Music PEI Week as Executive Director after 18 years as ED, and another 3 years on the Board of the PEI Music Awards Association prior to that.

I am so gratified to see all the many successes the members of our music community have achieved over these past 2 decades. Working with so many amazing artists over the years made coming to work every day a joy. Challenging for sure, but for me pure joy. The music industry has changed so drastically in that time, but again and again we see PEI artists meeting the challenge and having success.

Music PEI Week started out as a much different event with showcases, industry and workshops. After much

tweaking and developing the Canadian Song Conference and Showcase PEI, Music PEI Week has become purely a celebration and community festival. It is our opportunity to celebrate our amazing artists and community and the accomplishments of the past year.

We also pay our respects to those members of our community who have passed away the past year and of course our Lifetime Achievement recipients who have spent a lifetime developing amazing careers. 2026 recipient Teresa Doyle has been a music warrior and champion of so many others.

The awards, like Music PEI, have come a long way since that first year in 2001. Developed by a group of forward-thinking folks (the founding Directors), it helped as a stepping

stone to ECMA and JUNO awards and nominations for many PEI artists and shone a much-needed spotlight on the amazing talent here. Since then, the awards have grown, new categories added as we see so much diversity in recent years and provided new opportunities for nominees and winners.

I am so proud of the work we've accomplished at Music PEI. There are so many people to thank for help along the way. Roland Beaulieu and Todd King were possibly the first 2 hires of PEIMAA as we worked towards establishing a full-time music industry association.

The 2 architects who worked with me to develop the funding proposals and structure of Music PEI were Grady Poe and Lloyd Doyle. MPEI will be forever in their debt. Other notable staff once Music PEI was up and running in the early days included many musicians like Tian Wigmore, Mike Carver, Nathan Gill, Dan Rowswell, Steve Love and so many others. We could not have achieved what we have without all these contributions. Other significant contributors/staff in those early days also included Kate Gracey-Stewart, Shannon Pratt and Devin Casario to name just a few.

I also wish to extend gratitude for the many volunteer Board of Director members the past 18+ years who have provided tremendous support and guidance. There have been countless people give their time to providing governance for our organization.

We have developed some industry leading programs and managed a funding program that has distributed close to \$2,000,000 since 2008. Our 2 industry events, Showcase PEI and Canadian Song Conference have been showered with praise across Canada and abroad and have brought close to 1,000 industry professionals to PEI from all over the globe. Programs like Golden Ticket, Takin Care of Business and Diverse Voices are envied by many in the industry.

We have all worked together to build something we can be very proud of. I am humbled to be a part of such a great organization. And I could not be happier to be bringing this event back to Summerside where it all started at the Harbourfront Theatre 25 years ago! Thank you Summerside for the added support to make this happen.

This is a big year for Music PEI as we transition to new leadership, and I could not feel more reassured that Andy Glydon will be taking the reins. Knowing and working closely with Andy for the past 5 years, I am confident they will provide steady and balanced leadership as we move into the future.

Thank you one and all for the support over the years, it has meant the world to me. Support Island Music!

**ROB OAKIE**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MUSIC PEI



**G**REETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF Charlottetown! On behalf of Charlottetown City Council and myself, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to Music PEI Week 2026.

This annual celebration is not only a showcase of musical excellence but also a heartfelt tribute to the incredible artists whose talent enriches our city's cultural life. Charlottetown continues to flourish as a vibrant centre for musicians, and Music PEI Week provides a wonderful stage for their creativity to be shared and celebrated.

The ongoing evolution of our music community—here on Prince Edward Island and far beyond—is a reflection of the passion, dedication, and vision of our artists. Their work plays a vital role in shaping the spirit and identity of Charlottetown, leaving a lasting imprint on all who experience it.

Music PEI Week is an opportunity to honour the musicians who devote themselves to their craft and who inspire us with their artistry and commitment.

Congratulations to Music PEI for presenting another exceptional year of programming, and to all nominees and award recipients. Your accomplishments continue to make our city proud.

**MAYOR PHILIP BROWN**  
CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN



**W**ELCOME TO MUSIC PEI WEEK 2026! On behalf of the City of Summerside, we're thrilled to be part of this year's celebrations and to host a number of Music Week events right here in our community. Summerside is proud to open its doors to artists, industry members, and music fans from across the island to share in everything that makes PEI's music scene so special.

Music has a way of bringing people together, and that spirit fits perfectly with who we are as a city. We're excited to welcome visitors, showcase our local venues, and celebrate the creativity and talent that continues to grow here and across the province. Enjoy Music PEI Week 2026 and welcome to Summerside!

**MAYOR DAN KUTCHER**  
CITY OF SUMMERSIDE

WARM  
WELCOMES

# TWENTY ONE PILOTS

SEPT 11



SEPT 12

# SOMBR



# SOMMO FESTIVAL

PLUS MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED ——— [SOMMOFEST.COM](http://SOMMOFEST.COM)

*Sommo Festival supports Rising Tide Community Fund Inc. with a 50/50 draw, where proceeds support the East Coast music scene.*

# ABOUT MUSIC PEI

FOUNDED IN 2001 as the Prince Edward Island Music Awards Association, Music PEI is a non-profit organization devoted to advancing careers of Island musicians and music industry members.

Annual events include: Music PEI Week, a celebration of the Island's music industry, culminating with the Music PEI Awards. As well as Showcase PEI, when Music PEI gathers booking agents, festival curators, and venue programmers from across the globe to discover the Island's most compelling artists. And the Canadian Song Conference, which recruits music supervisors, publishers, labels and more to provide opportunities and education for PEI artists about creating multiple revenue streams from songs and recordings.

Along with our events, Music PEI offers funding opportunities for members of PEI's music community. Each year, Music PEI awards \$120,000 in grants, and has invested in over 500 projects.

Music PEI also offers industry mentorship and artist development opportunities through programs like the RBC Golden Ticket program, the TD Diverse Voices program, and industry mentorship initiatives such as the current Booking Agent Mentorship program.

As well, Music PEI works to ensure that artists from all backgrounds can access our programming and feel safe at our events. This includes offering programs for BIPOC, 2SLGBTQAI+, and disabled artists (such as TD Diverse Voices, Queer Artist Mentorship, and Microgrants), as well as strengthening protective spaces and anti-racism practices through special projects like Ripple Effect, Know Better, Do Better.

## MUSIC PEI TEAM

### STAFF

Rob Oakie | Executive Director  
Andy Glydon | Programs Manager  
Shannon Smith | Finance Manager

### EVENTS TEAM

Dylan Menzie | Team Lead  
Spencer Swaine | Event Coordinator  
Dazey Steinman | Event Coordinator  
Andrea Medina | Event Coordinator  
Noelle Pettipas | Event Coordinator  
Andrew Cormier | Ripple Effect Coordinator  
Hannah Bridger | Social Media & Design  
Duncan Brooks, Jordan Beaulieu | Graphic Design

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE

Mark Watts | President  
Emma Fugate | Treasurer  
Sashki Roper | Secretary

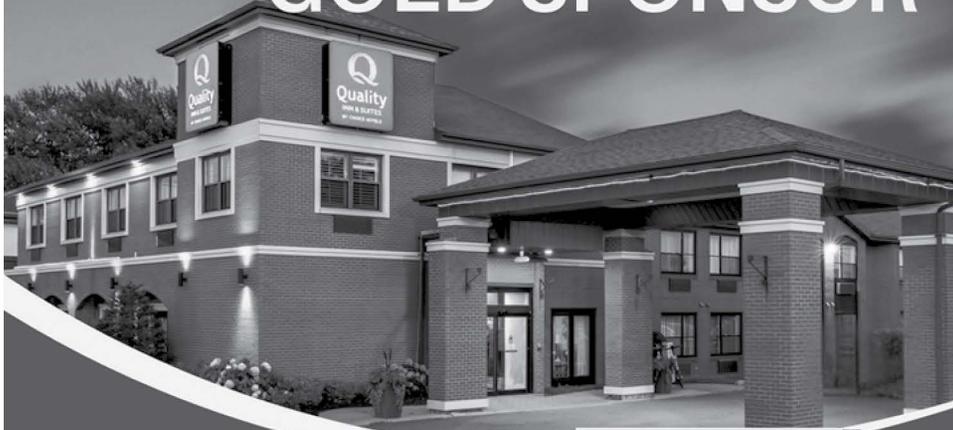
### ELECTED DIRECTORS

Braeden Van Asperen  
Diana Castro  
Hannah Beck  
Karson McKeown

### APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Julie Pellissier-Lush | Indigenous Rep  
Michel Lalonde | Francophone Rep  
Sashki Roper | Black Community Rep

MUSIC PEI  
'GOLD SPONSOR'



## QUALITY INN & SUITES

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Restaurant On Site- Brothers 2
- Free Breakfast
- Pet Friendly
- Indoor/Outdoor Pools
- Fitness Centre
- Guest Laundry
- Free Parking
- EV Charging Stations
- 9 Hole-3 Par Golf Course



qualityinnpei.com  
brothers2.ca

902.436.2295  
902.436.9654

# SUMMER MER SIDE

SMALL CITY. BIG EVENTS.

SETS  
SPORT ENTERTAINMENT  
TOURISM SUMMERSIDE

# THE '26 NOMINEES

## TERRA NOVA FUND ACHIEVEMENT IN CLASSICAL MUSIC

- Charlottetown Improvisation Laboratory
- Prince Edward Island Symphony Orchestra
- The Prince Edward Island Regiment Band

## DISCOVER CHARLOTTETOWN ACHIEVEMENT IN GLOBAL MUSIC

- Diana Delirio
- Inn Echo
- Rightflow
- Tiffany Liu

## CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN ACHIEVEMENT IN JAZZ / BLUES MUSIC

- Charlottetown Improvisation Laboratory
- Charlottetown Jazz Ensemble
- Dan Roswell
- siddhu sneh

## SRL SOLUTIONS ALBUM OF THE YEAR

- Absolute Losers, *In The Crowd*
- Lennie Gallant, *Shelter From the Storms*
- Logan Richard, *Character Traits*
- Shane Pendergast, *Winter Grace*

## STAY GOLDEN CUSTOM ALTERNATIVE RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Dazey, *This is all i am i guess*,
- Firing Squad, *Suspicious Individual*
- Oakdrive, *Grounder*
- Ryan Van Winkle, *Naught For Nothing*

## LEO CHEVERIE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD PRESENTED BY LONG & MCQUADE

- Al Kelly
- Andrew Cormier
- Isletunes
- Todd MacLean

## CRAIG FAIR PRODUCTIONS BEHIND THE MUSIC AWARD

- Island Jazz
- Live @ The Centre - Confederation Centre Winter Programing
- Mango Street Trio
- Richard WOOD Live!

## DAIRY FARMERS OF PEI COUNTRY RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Brooke MacArthur, *Bittersweet Surprise*
- Danny Drouin, *Five O'Clock Shadow*
- John Donavan, *Northern Moon*
- Lawrence Maxwell, *Blackout Curtain*

## OCEAN 100 & HOT 105.5 ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

- Lawrence Maxwell
- Lennie Gallant
- Mango Street Trio
- Nicolás Romero
- Richard WOOD
- Todd MacLean

## PEI MUTUAL FOLK RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Lennie Gallant, *Shelter From the Storms*
- Logan Richard, *Character Traits*
- Richard WOOD, *Richard WOOD Live! An Evening of Celtic Music*
- Shane Pendergast, *Winter Grace*

## KARI INSTRUMENTAL RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Gammons & Knorr, *Bird's Eye*
- Richard WOOD, *Richard Wood Live! An Evening of Celtic Music*
- The Trio From Mars, *General Store*
- Tiffany Liu, *Spring in Tianshan*

## CITY OF SUMMERSIDE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Teresa Doyle

## LLOYD DOYLE NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY RISING TIDE COMMUNITY FUND

- Dazey, *This is all i am i guess*,
- Diana Delirio, *Felina*
- Michelle Bouey, *Butterflies*
- siddhu sneh, *i am*

## TIMELESS EVENTS PEI MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

- Iván Garnica Lobato
- Nicolás Romero
- Ryan Van Winkle
- Todd MacLean

## ANCHOR FEST MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR

- Absolute Losers, *Star Sweeper*  
Directed by Griffin O'Toole
- Dazey, *We haven't spoke in years*  
Directed by Hannah Bridger
- KINLEY, *Marrying Me*  
Directed by Ashley Anne Clark
- Lennie Gallant, *Counting on Angels*  
Directed by Matt Lodge
- Logan Richard, *The Grass is Blue (Everywhere I Go)*  
Directed by Bailey Dockendorff

## HOLLAND COLLEGE POP RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Ava + Lily, *AFTERPARTY*
- Diana Delirio, *Azul*
- KINLEY, *Marrying Me*
- morph, *EN UN CAFÉ*

# THE '26 NOMINEES!

## RECEIVER COFFEE CO. RAP / HIP-HOP RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- C.Ruth, *Heart of David*
- Melvis & APEE, *MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO*
- siddhu sneh, *i am*

## CAVENDISH FARMS R&B / SOUL RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Mango Street Trio, *Fraggle's Loft*
- NODACOB, *CANADA KO HIU*
- siddhu sneh, *i am*
- The Trio From Mars, *General Store*

## PRESSED 4 TIME PRINT COPY & DESIGN RECORDING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

- Adam Gallant
- Brent Chaisson
- Sam O
- Spacecamp

## NORTON'S JEWELERS ROCK RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Coyote, *It Could Be Worse*
- Hit the Coast, *Spewing Junk*
- Rick Sparkes + The Enablers, *There Is Nothing To Be Won But Distance*
- Two Hours Traffic, *I Never See You Anymore*

## MARITIME ELECTRIC SINGLE OF THE YEAR

- Lawrence Maxwell, *Blackout Curtain*
- Logan Richard, *The Grass is Blue (Everywhere I Go)*
- Tiffany Liu, *Spring in Tiashan*
- Two Hours Traffic, *Keep it Coming*

## SOCAN SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR

- Diana Delirio
- Lennie Gallant
- Logan Richard
- Shane Pendergast

## TIMBER TO TRIM TRADITIONAL RECORDING OF THE YEAR

- Gammons & Knorr, *Bird's Eye*
- Richard WOOD, *Richard WOOD Live! An Evening of Celtic Music*
- Tiffany Liu, *Spring in Tianshan*

## THE BUZZ VISUAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

- Ashley Anne Clark
- Hannah Bridger
- Justin Rix
- Mike Bernard

**Long & McQuade**  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
long-mcquade.com



sales – rentals – repairs – lessons – online shopping

## Supporting the Arts Since 1956

**Charlottetown**  
104 Capital Drive  
902-368-3237

**Summerside**  
179 East Drive  
902-436-3237

# CONGRATULATIONS

Cheers to the Music Makers!

Your music is the heartbeat of our community.

We're proud to support & celebrate your incredible talent.



Sara Roach-Lewis

www.SRL.solutions

## WHATEVER YOU NEED, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED



Rack Cards • Invoices • Cheques  
Deposit Books • Business Cards  
Letterhead • Flyers & Brochures  
Graphic Design • Posters • Signs  
Banners • Window Graphics  
Vehicle Graphics & Wraps  
Feather Flags • Engineer Drawings



Crested Clothing • Hats  
Team Sweaters • Jerseys • Hoodies  
Promotional Items • T-shirts

112 Longworth Ave., Charlottetown  
902.370.3000  
orders@pressed4time.ca

# GO EASY

MAKE INFORMED CHOICES  
WHEN CONSUMING  
ALCOHOL OR CANNABIS.

PEI LIQUOR  
ALCOOL I.-P.-É.



# EVENTS SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Opening Reception: The Guild @ 5 PM (Private Event)

**Battle of the Bands:** The Guild @ 6 PM | Presented by The City of Charlottetown Youth Engagement Committee | Featuring: Dear Blossom, Lillian, Sundown, Her Travesty, The Driftways, Kratom & Space Bud

**Kickoff Concert:** The Guild @ 10 PM | Presented by The City of Charlottetown Featuring: Ava + Lily, Hit The Coast, The Trio From Mars & Coyote

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

**All Ages Show:** Gen XX Skatepark @ 4 PM | Presented by The City of Summerside | Featuring: Broadcast Failure, Firing Squad, Dazey, Oakdrive

## MONDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

**Music Video Screening & Movie Night:** City Cinema @ 7 PM  
Presented by Presented by Ocean 100 & Hot 105.5 | Featuring: This year's Music Video of the Year nominees and a *Spinal Tap* double feature

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

**Songwriter of the Year Concert:** St. Pauls Church @ 7 PM  
Presented by SOCAN | Featuring: Diana Delirio, Lennie Gallant, Logan Richard, Shane Pendergast & PEI Symphony Members

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

**The Mill River Shuffle:** Mill River Resort @ 7 PM | Featuring: Danny Drouin, Rick Sparkes, Shane Pendergast & Richard Wood

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Copper Bottom Kitchen Party:** Copper Bottom Brewing @ 7 PM  
Featuring: Brooke MacArthur, Emilea May, KINLEY & Lawrence Maxwell

## FRIDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>

**Music Mosaic (Rainbow Edition):** Trailside Music Hall @ 7 PM  
Presented by Pride PEI | Featuring: Battle of the Bands Winner, Joce Reyome, Diana Delirio, Sam O & siddhu sneh

**Hip Hop LIVE:** Baba's @ 10 PM | Featuring: NODACOB, Rightflow, Melvis & APEE & C.Ruth + Mango Street Trio

## SATURDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

**Music PEI Awards Red Carpet:** Harbourfront Theatre @ 6 PM  
Presented by Maritime Electric

**25th Music PEI Awards Gala:** Harbourfront Theatre @ 7 PM  
Presented by The City of Summerside | Featuring: Logan Richard, siddhu sneh, Richard Wood, Lennie Gallant & members of Charlottetown Jazz Ensemble

**Official After Party @ 10 PM (Private Event) | Presented by The Quality Inn & Suites Garden of the Gulf | Featuring: Take The Mic**



Celebrating Island music  
in the Capital City

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**to all the winners and nominees!**

CHARLOTTETOWN  
*Great things happen here*

[charlottetown.ca](http://charlottetown.ca)

Maritime Electric  
has been proudly  
supporting Music  
PEI for over a  
decade.

Congratulations to this year's  
talented award winners.

MARITIME  
**ELECTRIC**  
A FORTIS COMPANY



*Congratulations*  
**TO ALL THE  
MUSIC P.E.I  
AWARD  
NOMINEES.**

SOCAN IS PROUD TO SPONSOR THE 2026 SONGWRITER  
OF THE YEAR AND THE MUSIC P.E.I SONGWRITERS' CIRCLE.

SOCAN

70s 80s 90s  
**ocean**  
100.3 FM



STINGRAY

# PERFORMING ARTISTS



## AVA + LILY



**AVA & LILY RASHED** are 21-year-old twins from Charlottetown, PEI, who are set to take up the torch in a long-time family music tradition. In 2023, they won Music PEI's New Artist of the Year and on July 25, 2025, released the album

*Afterparty*, on which all songs are written, co-produced and performed by Ava + Lily.

## BROADCAST FAILURE



**BROADCAST FAILURE** is a bona fide Rock & Roll band fronted by guitarist and compelling songwriter, Ryan Van Winkle. Thoughtful lyrics intertwine with expressive guitar leads and are backed up by a hard-hitting rhythm section. Their debut 'Naught

for Nothing' showcases their range, incorporating Folk Rock and Power-Pop influences while maintaining a Punk Rock edge.

## BROOKE MACARTHUR



**BROOKE MACARTHUR** is a three-time Music PEI award nominee and singer-songwriter from PEI, renowned for her captivating sound and compelling storytelling. Brooke has steadily built a name for herself in the Canadian

country music scene, recently opening up for Steven Lee Olsen and playing at CBMF.

## THE CHARLOTTETOWN JAZZ ENSEMBLE



**THE CHARLOTTETOWN JAZZ ENSEMBLE** was formed in 1996 and in 2026 is celebrating their 30th anniversary. The 19-piece big band features a mix of veteran and up-and-coming Island jazz musicians and the group's roster has

included multiple generations of the island's best and brightest jazz performers.

## COYOTE



PEI's **COYOTE** has been a staple of Atlantic Canada's music scene for over 15 years. Their 2014 album *Proof of Life* took home several awards, including an ECMA. Their upcoming EP *Hope You Feel* is a time capsule collection of recovered songs from a decade-old recording session.

## C. RUTH



**CHARLES RUTH, A.K.A. C. RUTH**, a Nigerian-born music artist currently residing in Atlantic Canada, found solace and expression through music and storytelling after enduring the tragic loss of both parents. Beginning his musical journey in the summer of 2019, C. Ruth's unique blend of expression and cadence draws inspiration from Kendrick Lamar, Skepta, and Bob Marley.

## DANNY DROUIN



**DANNY DROUIN** is a renowned singer-songwriter from PEI, celebrated as a staple in the island's vibrant music scene. With a reputation for exceptional versatility, Danny has made his mark with three solo albums and has been featured on many festival stages throughout the Maritimes.

## DAZEY



**DAZEY** is a post-emo trio delivering fast-paced, nostalgia-laced bangers driven by lyrical vulnerabilities & queer punk grit. Self-aware, tender, and full of bite, PEI's favourite lesbian emo band are here to charm your hearts, make you scream, and resurrect your most dramatic MySpace-era feelings.

## DIANA DELIRIO



**DIANA DELIRIO** crafts Latin Fusion with jazz, pop, and contemporary influences. She has brought vibrant Global music to key stages across PEI and Canada, earning recognition for her creative impact and artistic excellence.

## EMILEA MAY



**EMILEA MAY** is a PEI-based Canadian singer-songwriter whose music blends indie-pop and rock with raw, confessional lyrics and a voice that feels both intimate and powerful. Drawing inspiration from artists like Lizzy McAlpine, Phoebe

Bridgers, and Madison Cunningham, her songs explore human connection, motherhood, healing, and hope. With standout singles like "Logical" and "Good Mother," and her debut album *Unwreck Me* on the way, Emilea is quickly becoming a compelling voice in Canada's indie music scene.

## FIRING SQUAD



**FIRING SQUAD** started in the summer of 2025, out of sheer boredom. All four members were/are in other bands, but just weren't making the exact sound they wanted. The band had one practice, decided they had to keep going, and never plan to stop.

## HIT THE COAST



PEI alt-rockers **HIT THE COAST** have recently released their first full-length album, *Spewing Junk*. On a record store shelf, the album's balance of 90s-tinged pop-rock and darker hard-rock would put it at home between *Big Shiny Tunes 5* and early Coldplay.

## JOCE REYOME



**JOCE REYOME** is known for a powerful blend of classic blues, raw vocals, and a sound rooted in the spirit of uninhibited rock, bringing authenticity and emotional depth to every performance. Winner of the 2025 Solo/Duo Category at the International

Blues Challenge, Reyome has performed at JUNOfest, the ECMAs, the Confederation Centre of the Arts, and the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis, leaving a lasting impact on audiences across North America.

## KINLEY



PEI indie pop powerhouse **KINLEY** released two singles in the last year and has been getting CBC Radio and TV placements for them. "Marrying Me" and "New Light" are both shining examples of positivity, loving yourself and being grateful. These two songs are a powerful follow-up to her *Daylight* album.

## LAWRENCE MAXWELL



**LAWRENCE MAXWELL** received the award for Music PEI's Entertainer of the Year in 2024. His songs have received airplay on Sirius XM's Top of the Country, Country Hits Radio UK, and CBC Q. His song "Blackout Curtain" reached number one on the Canadian Indie Country Countdown radio charts.

## LENNIE GALLANT



**LENNIE GALLANT** is an Island singer-songwriter celebrated for his captivating songs and stories. His poignant songwriting has earned him multiple awards and nominations and a devoted fan base. He has released 16 albums, and his song "Peter's Dream" was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

## LOGAN RICHARD



3x Music PEI Award winner and ECMA nominee **LOGAN RICHARD** is one of music's rarest creatures: a compelling and diverse songwriter who shreds. His latest album, *Character Traits*, has garnered extensive CBC Radio play, reaching #9 on the CBC Top 20 chart and acclaim from *Americana UK*, *Rolling Stone*, *eTalk*, and more.

## MANGO STREET TRIO



The **MANGO STREET TRIO** is a genre-blending powerhouse from East Coast Canada, fusing the sophistication of jazz with the edge of pop-rock, the soul of the blues, and the pulse of hip-hop, Latin, and fusion grooves.



### MELVIS & APEE

MELVIS is a Nigerian producer who began making music in 2015, influenced by Afrobeat icons Fela Kuti, Wizkid, and Sarz. He's collaborated with APEE since 2018, crafting a unique Afro-fusion sound showcased on their joint project MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO (MSMD).



### NODACOB

Representing Nepal, NODACOB brings a wave of vibes and melodies that blend emotion, rhythm, and purpose. His goal? Pure satisfaction: giving everyone a good time through every beat and verse.

### OAKDRIVE



OAKDRIVE was formed in late 2023 when Liam Farrell and Tyler Turner started writing songs on the lighter side of Hardcore. Putting together a full band with the addition of Andrew Cormier and Julien Annand in the winter of 2024, the band released a demo later that year that was nominated for Music Week 2025 Rock/Loud Recording of the Year.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The PEI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is one of the Island's leading performing arts organizations, offering vibrant live orchestral experiences—from classical to cross-genre and family concerts—and enriching the community through education, performance, and collaboration.

### RICHARD WOOD



5x ECMA and multi-Music PEI Award winner RICHARD WOOD has spent over three decades as a cultural ambassador for PEI. His electrifying Celtic performances have represented Canada worldwide, earning acclaim from royalty, global audiences, and the Canadian arts community alike.

### RICK SPARKES + THE ENABLERS

RICK SPARKES + THE ENABLERS are an award-winning indie rock/folk-rock band from PEI whose music pairs poetic storytelling with hook-driven melodies.



### RIGHTFLOW

RIGHTFLOW is a Nigerian born and raised in the deep roots of Africa, specifically Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Rightflow started making music at the young age of 14, getting inspiration from the late Juice WRLD. Rightflow has earned three Music PEI nominations so far.



### SAM O

SAM O is one of the most versatile, prolific, and promising new artists in the PEI music scene. They boast dense pop and electronica soundscapes with unconventional song structures, unique vocal performances, and personal lyricism. Sam's sophomore album, *Strange Power*, was released in July 2025.



### SHANE PENDERGAST

SHANE PENDERGAST has folk music in his blood. Hailing from a long lineage of storytellers and musicians on PEI, Shane carries the Maritime folk tradition forward with his honest and insightful compositions.



### SIDDHU SNEH

SIDDHU SNEH blends Eastern and Western sonic textures rooted in their journey connecting with their transcestors. A versatile artist, record producer and composer, they seamlessly fuse alternative, jazz, hip-hop, and traditional Carnatic music, crafting a unique, futuristic sound. 7000 miles from home, Siddhu experienced self-discovery and displacement on Epekwitk, acknowledging their grateful position as a settler on Mi'kmaq lands. Their music transcends boundaries, and aims to unite diverse audiences through radical love and healing, deepening their connection to the creator and humanity.



### SPACE BUD



SPACE BUD is an art rock band from Charlottetown, PEI. Playing in a garage in the suburbs in 2021, they found a style drawing from many influences, including Canadian classic rock of the 70s, New York art rock of the 80s, and Seattle art rock of the 90s. They spent the last two years self-recording their debut album, *Speak Louder*. Though not officially released, they have begun selling their album on fully packaged home-made CDs, true to their DIY spirit.

### THE TRIO FROM MARS



THE TRIO FROM MARS emerged from the ashes of the band Mars Hill. Original members Chris Coupland (keys), Dean Dunsford (bass) and Davy Weale (drums) are now augmented by the addition of Devin Krauskopf (guitar). The Trio From Mars creates doomy soundscapes and unrelenting dance tunes.

FREE SITE VISIT AND CONSULTATION

Valid for the Projects booked in 2026



### CARPENTRY SERVICES

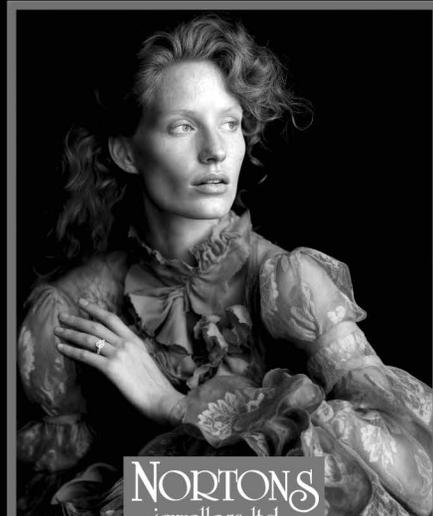
SPECIAL OFFER

- high-performance home building, additions, and Reno's
- Energy-smart detailing, durable materials, and meticulous craftsmanship from foundation to last piece of trim
- Book a free site visit and consultation for your next project

Contact Us On  
timber2trim@gmail.com



CUSTOM JEWELLERY • ON-SITE GOLDSMITHS  
DIAMOND SPECIALISTS • FINE JEWELLERY



NORTONS  
jewellers Ltd.

Where PEI Gets Engaged

FIND US ONLINE  
WWW.NORTONSJEWELLERS.COM



Your Premier Destination for All  
Your Event Planning Needs



Book Today — Your Vision, Stress-Free

- ☎ 902-702-1303
- ✉ timelesseventspei@gmail.com
- 🌐 timelesseventspei.com

**Better Tickets!!**



**LOCARIUS**

<https://locarius.io>

Easy to Use / Lower Fees  
Transparent Pricing  
Full Customer Support!  
PEI - Based!

Proud Supporter of  
2026 PEI Music Awards

Scan the QR code  
& Check us out!  
Book a demo? --  
sales@locarius.io




**STAY GOLDEN**  
*Custom*

**PROUD SUPPORTER  
OF MUSIC PEI**

SCREEN PRINTING, EMBROIDERY & MORE

902.982.3828  
SALES@STAYGOLDEN.CA  
WWW.STAYGOLDEN.CA



**ANCHOR  
FEST** OCTOBER  
14-18

FILM · TV · MUSIC · COMEDY




CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

**The BUZZ**  
EPEKWITK | PEI'S GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON

**NOW FREE!\***

AVAILABLE AT OVER 350 LOCATIONS  
AND ON THE INTERNET.

[www.buzzpei.com](http://www.buzzpei.com)

WARNING! Some readers may experience elevated quality of life through increased awareness (and resulting engagement) of arts, culture, and entertainment in their communities.

**\*OFFER EXPIRES DEC 31, 2026.**



**PROUDLY  
SUPPORTING  
OUR  
COMMUNITY**

CAVENDISHFARMS.COM

Bell presents  
**Cavendish BEACH**  
MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 9 - 11  
2026

CAVENDISH PEI



**HARDY** **Tucker Wetmore** **Cody Johnson**

THURSDAY JULY 9 • FRIDAY JULY 10 • SATURDAY JULY 11

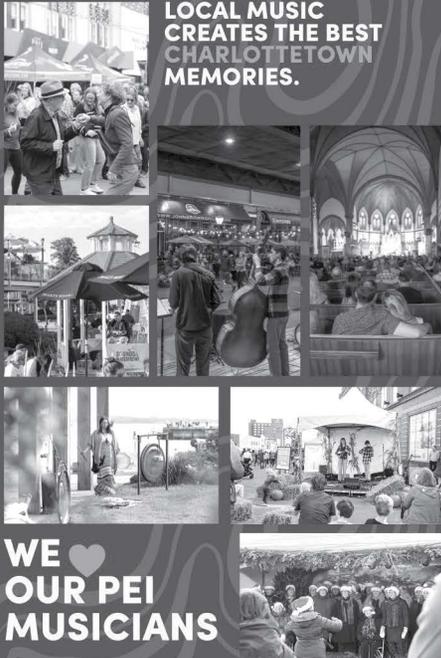
CBMF supports Rising Tide Community Fund Inc. with a 50/50 draw, where proceeds support the East Coast music scene.

CAVENDISHBEACHMUSIC.COM



**DAIRY FARMERS OF PEI**  
IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF MUSIC PEI - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NOMINEES

**LOCAL MUSIC  
CREATES THE BEST  
CHARLOTTETOWN  
MEMORIES.**



**WE ♥  
OUR PEI  
MUSICIANS**

DiscoverCharlottetown.com #DiscoverCharlottetown

# In Memoriam



**GRAHAME RHODES (1944–2025)** was a renowned member of the PEI Jazz scene. Growing up in London, he studied piano and was introduced to French jazz radio stations by his

mother. He joined the army at 16, where he picked up the trombone, which got him sent to Knellor Hall Music College in London. He went on to be known in the international jazz scene after his performances with top jazz musicians, including Duke Ellington, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Hubert Laws, Doug Riley and Jane Bunnett. He eventually found his way to PEI, where he became a member of the Charlottetown Jazz ensemble, and won the Doug Riley Artist Award in 2019.



**PAUL BERNARD (1952–2025)** was a skilled classical guitarist and beloved guitar teacher. Born in Summerside, he began practicing for hours a day after seeing flamenco guitarists on

the Ed Sullivan show. He attended the Royal Conservatory in Toronto and in 1976 became the first Canadian to graduate from the Royal College of Music in London, England with a doctorate in guitar performance. In the 1980s, Paul moved back to PEI and started a guitar academy and studio called Paul's Music Store which had over 400 students each week. He recorded multiple solo albums and with his ensemble Este Mundo. In 2020, he received the ECMA Stompin' Tom Award for his long-time contributions to the music industry and in 2019 was awarded the Music PEI Lifetime Achievement Award.

**DAVID BALL (1965–2025)** was a kind and grounded person, who left a positive impact on his friends, family, and bandmates. Music was one of his greatest joys, and he channeled this

passion through drumming. He sat behind the drum kit in many bands over the years, such as Old Town Road and The Salt Water Dogs. He had a deep love for his family, and he had a rare ability to ease stress with just a few words, a steady conversation, or simply his company.

**FLOYD J. MACKINNON (1946–2025)** was Known for his love of playing the fiddle. He was a member of the MacKinnon Scottish Family Band, which performed across the Atlantic Provinces and Ontario. Floyd, along with his mother Anna and sister Cecilia, would frequently

organize concerts and dances to benefit older people at senior's homes and hospitals. For their contributions over the years, they received the Sovereign's Medal For Volunteers in 1996.

**HELEN BRADSHAW HOLMAN (1933–2025)** was a beloved mother, grandmother, teacher, and musician. She graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and went on

to become a music teacher. Her teaching style was enthusiastic, technically precise, and always inspiring. Under her guidance, her students regularly won performance awards and excelled in exams, many continuing on to successful careers of their own. She was known to have an infectious spirit and was always the life of the party.



**WILLIAM "DARRAGH" MOGAN (1946–2025)** was a dedicated volunteer, giving his time to causes that aligned with his passion for music, nature, and fairness. He served on the P.E.I.

Symphony Board and was a member of the Canada Remembers Chorus, which performs wartime songs from the 1940s and 1950s to honor veterans and military history. His passion for nature led him to volunteer with the Ellen's Creek watershed group to protect its annual smelt run. He found joy in his garden, homemade jams and mustard pickles, and sharing laughter with family and friends.



**JUSTIN RENE GREGORY (1993–2025)**: Born in Souris, Justin Rene Gregory was an avid musician who loved playing the guitar and keyboard. He loved to spend time with his two

cats, Izzy and Lilly. Justin worked in the construction field as a swamper. He died suddenly in Fort St. John, BC on July 8, 2025.



**GEOFFREY WILLIAM SMITH (1942–2025)**: Born in Redding, England, Geoffrey Smith grew up on Prince Edward Island, where he lived a life full of music, friendship, and family. He was

a talented musician and was a singer-songwriter with the band Morning Dew. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and uncle.

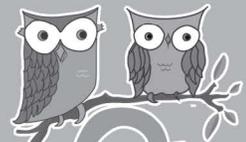
**GORDON COBB (1964–2025)**: A beloved actor, writer and poet, Gordon was very active in the island arts community. A friendly face and a creative spirit, Gordon brought people together

with his projects- either through the plays he directed or on the cast as an actor- and gave many people the chance to participate in the arts. Although not a musician himself, he was active in the music scene, and appeared in many music videos through the years.

**ROBERT ALLAN RANKIN (1949–2026)**: A dedicated public servant, historian, and the foremost modern voice of the Island folk song-writing tradition, Allan profoundly impacted

his beloved Prince Edward Island through his life's work. But he would proudly say his greatest achievement was being a husband, father, and grandfather to his Rankin clan. In his retirement, he enjoyed having his family home to Hunter River in the summer, taking his grandkids to Sprinkles for ice-cream, singing his heart out at Rankin family karaoke, and hosting his famous fish fry.





# Owls Hollow Toys & Games for Curious Minds

[www.owlshollow.com](http://www.owlshollow.com)

(902) 894-8800

95 Capital Dr.,  
Charlottetown, PE



## Space Treats Freeze Dried Food

**LOCALLY MADE**

PRODUCTS THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD



*Follow Us!*



**HOLLAND  
COLLEGE**

## SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Apply today for our  
**MUSIC PERFORMANCE**  
program!

- Develop your artistic skills
- Build business knowledge
- Gain real-world experience

[hollandcollege.com/sopa](http://hollandcollege.com/sopa)



Nate @ The Hill  
photo by Logan R.



PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR

## ISLAND MUSIC COMMUNITY

## RECEIVER

SUPPORTING  
ARTS &  
CULTURE IN  
CHARLOTTETOWN  
SINCE 2014

[receivercoffee.com](http://receivercoffee.com)

@receiveroffee



JADE GARDEN

## RESTAURANT

Canadian & Chinese  
Cuisine

ALL YOU CAN EAT  
**BUFFET**  
902-436-3838

kari



**NEED A RIDE?  
TAKE A KARI.**

**USE CODE MUSICPEI  
TO GET 15% OFF  
KARI RIDES**



DOWNLOAD THE KARI APP  
 Download on the  
App Store GET IT ON  
Google Play

# Polar '26 Pride Fest

WITH PRIDE PEI

March 12 - 15 2026

[pridepei.ca](http://pridepei.ca)

THIS SPACE REFERS TO ALL MUSIC PEI PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL SPACES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

## IN THIS SPACE

WE STRIVE FOR A SAFER SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN EXIST AND PARTICIPATE WITHOUT VIOLENCE, JUDGMENT, OR BARRIERS.

THAT INCLUDES

RESPECTING PERSONAL AGENCY  
HONOURING HUMAN DIGNITY  
ACCESSIBILITY IN ALL FORMS and

SPACES + INTERACTIONS THAT ARE FREE FROM

ABLEISM, AGEISM, BODY-SHAMING, CULTURAL APPROPRIATION, HARASSMENT, HOMOPHOBIA, PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ASSAULT, QUEERPHOBIA, RACISM, SEXISM, TRANSPHOBIA, UNSOLICITED TOUCHING OR ATTENTION, AND VIOLENCE

WE encourage

- ACCOUNTABILITY • ASKING FOR HELP • AWARENESS OF YOUR OWN PRIVILEGE + POWER •
- CELEBRATING EACH OTHER • CONSENT •
- COLLABORATION • COMMUNITY • OPEN-MINDEDNESS •
- LOVE and RESPECT + RESPECTFUL LOVE
- WILLINGNESS TO LEARN • TRANSPARENCY • TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF + OTHERS •

We will **NOT**  
**TOLERATE**

BELITTLING, DEMEANING, OR DEROGATORY SPEECH OR TREATMENT, CULTURAL APPROPRIATION, DISRESPECT, DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING: ABLEISM, FAT PHOBIA, HOMOPHOBIA, QUEERPHOBIA, RACISM, SEXISM, OR TRANSPHOBIA, HATE, MANIPULATION, SUBSTANCE SHAMING, VIOLENCE OR PHYSICAL AGGRESSION OF ANY KIND, AND OTHER FORMS OF POWER-BASED VIOLENCE

we offer **NON-JUDGEMENTAL SUPPORT** AT ALL TIMES

INCLUDING

- ACCOUNTABILITY IN PROVIDING RESPONSES, RESOURCES •
- CONFIDENTIALITY • CONSENT-BASED RESPONSES • NALOXONE KITS •
- REFERRAL TO OTHER RESOURCES • ON-CALL STAFF •



WE MAKE THIS SPACE  
**SAFER** together!



**THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS FOR:** All musicians, songwriters, technical and music industry professionals, delegates, and other participants in Music PEI events and programs. All audience members and attendees at Music PEI events and programs. All Music PEI staff, employees, volunteers, board members, and adjunct contractors.

THIS CODE OF CONDUCT WAS CREATED BY MUSIC PEI MEMBERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND RIPPLE EFFECT.



Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

innovationpei

SkillsPEI  
Pathway to Your Future

Music PEI Week '26  
FUNDERS!

Canada

CHARLOTTETOWN  
Great things happen here.

City of Summerside  
Prince Edward Island, Canada

Music PEI Week '26  
Gold Sponsors!

PRIDE PEI

MARITIME ELECTRIC  
A FORTIS COMPANY

Quality INN & SUITES

70s 80s 90s  
ocean 100.3FM

HOT 105.5

SOCAN

Music PEI Week '26  
Silver Sponsors!

RECEIVER



DISCOVER CHARLOTTETOWN  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



THE BUZZ  
EPEI(W)K: PEI'S GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON

Stay GOLDEN  
Custom

RISING TIDE  
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INC.

SRL Solutions

HOLLAND COLLEGE

ANCHOR

JADE GARDEN RESTAURANT

NORTONS jewellers Ltd.  
Where PEI Cero Engaged

kari

Les Fermes Cavendish Farms

CRAIG FAIR PRODUCTIONS



BLUE RIBBON  
PET SUPPLY • DELIVERY



Music PEI Week '26  
Bronze Sponsors!

Long & McQuade  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Pressed Time

ABEGWEIT  
SCIENCE, PORTLAND & BIOLOGY



CONNOLLY GROUP

PEI LIQUOR  
ALCOOL I.-P.-E.

THE CANNABIS  
L.P.E.

ArsenaultBestCameronEllis  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS  
Member of The AC Group of Independent Accounting Firms



CYMBA  
USIC PUBLISHING

SYNERGY SCREENS

MARITIME MADNESS



SAMUEL'S  
COFFEE HOUSE

THE INN AT BAY FORTUNE  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND • CANADA

PROUDLY CANADIAN  
WELLINGTON CO-OP  
SUPPORTS LOCAL

LOCARIUS

Cows  
Prince Edward Island