

Pictou Summer **PLAY** **BOOK**

2025



An exciting summer of music, art, food,
heritage and fun on the Pictou Waterfront.

SHIP HECTOR'S **BIG SPLASH!**

JULY 12TH, 2025

2020 Ship Hector launch photo

JULY 12
2025

10 AM
OPENING
CEREMONIES

11 AM
LAUNCH

JOIN US FOR THE SHIP HECTOR'S BIG DAY!

July 12th, 2025, marks a monumental day for the Ship Hector replica as it makes a triumphant return to Pictou Harbour in a spectacular public launch.

After five years of restoration, this enduring symbol of Scottish immigration and perseverance will begin a new era in its remarkable story.

Event details on pages 10 and 11.

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Art and culture flourish here. The new deCoste Culture Hub, along with community galleries and unique retailers, showcase the creativity that runs deep in our community. A visit to the Hector Heritage Quay, Northumberland Fisheries Museum, and nearby McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre provide opportunities to experience the region’s rich history. Following an exciting revitalization, the legendary Ship Hector will be relaunched on July 12, marking a major milestone in its full restoration journey.



Thank you to our Partners!



2025 builds on the momentum of a thriving partnership between the Town of Pictou, deCoste Culture Hub, Hector Heritage Quay, and a strong network of funders and sponsors. We invite new partners to join us in this exciting chapter. Come be a part of the story. Come play in Pictou!

To discuss partnership opportunities, contact:

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 | 4 PM - 6 PM | KELSEY & JARED
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MONDAY, JULY 7 | 6 PM - 8 PM | DALE GRACE
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SATURDAY, JULY 5

32nd Annual No. 2 Construction Battalion Remembrance Ceremony
 ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HONOUR PARADE 10:30 AM | CEREMONY 11:00 AM



Live at the deCoste

Saltwater in Your Socks

Thursday, July 3 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members & Students: \$22.00 + fees & taxes = \$31.35

Join us for *Salt Water in Your Socks* — a funny, heartfelt one-man musical that brings the Maritime fishery to life through story and song. Performed by John ‘Spyder’ Macdonald as Skipper Kevin Corkum, this engaging show blends classic folk songs, sea shanties, and spine-tingling tales of life on the ocean. With over four decades of experience performing across Canada and beyond, Macdonald’s rich baritone, humour, and deep ties to Maritime and Celtic traditions shine through. *Salt Water in Your Socks* is both a musical and historical journey, celebrating the spirit of coastal communities with laughter, drama, and unforgettable music.

Live at the deCoste

Heather Rankin & Jenn Sheppard

Tuesday, July 8 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$38.00 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students: \$35.00 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Spend a memorable evening with two of Cape Breton’s finest voices — Heather Rankin (of the legendary Rankin Family) and Jenn Sheppard (Island Girls, Summertime Revue). Backed by top-tier musicians, Heather and Jenn deliver two hours of dynamic music, rich harmonies, heartfelt storytelling, and infectious humour. Heather shares Rankin Family classics and selections from her acclaimed solo albums *A Fine Line* and *Imagine*. Jenn brings her signature energy and emotional depth performing favourites, songs from her debut album *The Good Ground*, and brand-new material. Influenced by greats like *Anne Murray* and *Patsy Cline*, Jenn’s sound pairs beautifully with Heather’s. Together, they light up the stage with passion, power, and undeniable chemistry.



Live at the deCoste

A Brand New Tradition

Songs of the Candle



Thursday, July 10 | 7:30 PM | Tickets: \$40.00 + fees & taxes = \$51.87

Host Dave Gunning welcomes songwriters from around the region and across the country. Tonight's guests are Terra Spencer, JP Cormier, and Kim Dunn.



Thurs., July 10 | 2 pm - 4 pm
Mike Chapman



Fri., July 11 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Alycia Putnam & Family



Sat., July 12 | 2 pm to 4 pm
Pirates of Halifax

Complimentary Performances

Vendor Village Courtyard Stage | 27 Creighton St., Pictou, NS | For more info visit www.discoverpictou.com

The **BIG SPLASH!** Concert

Live at the deCoste

The Barra MacNeils

Saturday, July 12 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$43.00 + fees & taxes = \$55.29 | Members & Students: \$40.00 + fees & taxes = \$51.87

The Barra MacNeils are a Canadian Celtic folk band from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, renowned for their tight harmonies, virtuosic musicianship, and rich Gaelic heritage. Formed in 1980, the group features siblings Sheumas, Kyle, Stewart, Lucy, Ryan, and Boyd MacNeil. Lending traditional Celtic roots with contemporary influences, their performances feature fiddle, piano, harp, accordion, and Gaelic vocals. With over four decades of musical excellence, The Barra MacNeils continue to be cultural ambassadors for Cape Breton. The deCoste holds a special place in their story, serving as a rehearsal venue and source of mentoring with John Meir in their early days. Who could be a better choice to help celebrate the relaunch the Ship Hector?

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July 5

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-  July 21 | Jeb Patterson

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-  Aug 25 | Lynn DeCoste

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JULY 12TH, 2025



Be part of history as the Ship Hector replica makes a triumphant return to Pictou Harbour! After five years of restoration, this enduring symbol of Scottish immigration and perseverance will begin a new era in its remarkable story.

Ceremony & Launch

Hector Heritage Quay
33 Caladh Avenue • Pictou, NS

9:00 am

Pre-launch Entertainment
Traditional Gaelic Milling Frolic

10:00 am

Pipe Band March
Pre-Launch Ceremonies & Performances
Driving-up of Ship

11:00 am

Side-launch of Ship Hector
into Pictou Harbour

Afternoon at the Quay

- New Interpretive Centre Open for tours
- Mi'kmaq Cultural Demonstration
- Gaelic Song Workshop
- Hector Descendants Genealogy
- Bagpiping & Highland Dancing
- Blacksmith Demonstration
- 84th Regiment of Foot
(Royal Highland Emigrants)

Dockside Happenings

After the Ship Hector makes a grand entrance into Pictou Harbour, it will dock alongside the iconic Bluenose II at Piers B & C.

- Ship Hector on-site for viewing
- Bluenose II Deck Tours | Friday & Saturday
- Stadacona Band | 12:30 pm | Vendor Village
Courtyard Stage (Beside Pier B)

Step Into The Story

Explore a modernized interpretive centre with interactive displays that highlight the story of the Hector settlers and the essential role the Indigenous people of Pik'tuk played in their survival. **Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.**



All Around Pictou Weekend Events

Bluenose II Deck Tours

Friday, July 11 & Saturday, July 12
Pier C | 2 Depot St., Pictou

Free Love Local Putnam Family Ceilidh

Friday, July 11 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Vendor Village | 27 Creighton St., Pictou

Pictou Yacht Club Hector Race

Friday, July 11 | 6:30 pm | Pictou Harbour

New Horizon's Club Breakfast

Saturday, July 12 | 8:00 am to 10:30 am
14 Kempt St., Pictou

Free Pirates of Halifax Show

Saturday, July 12 | 2:00 pm
Vendor Village | 27 Creighton St., Pictou, NS

Big Splash Concert with The Barra MacNeils

Saturday, July 12 | 7:30 pm
deCoste Performing Arts Centre | 99 Water St.,
Pictou (tickets at decostecentre.ca)

Worship With A Celtic Flair

Sunday, July 13 | 10:30 am
Pictou United Church | 47 James St., Pictou

Free Love Local Klorissa Farnsworth Concert

Sunday, July 13 | 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Vendor Village | 27 Creighton St., Pictou

Free Shuttle & Parking

Park at the Pictou Rotary or Hector Arena and take a free shuttle to the Hector Heritage Quay.

**Operating continuously Saturday, July 12,
8:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

For more event info visit: shiphector.ca



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Help Chart The Next Chapter

The Ship Hector is set to be Canada's largest fully rigged, electric-powered passenger sailing ship, offering tours and sail training.

Aiming for full operational status by 2027, it is poised to become a Canadian heritage landmark, an iconic Nova Scotia tourism destination, and a key regional economic driver.

Generous public support has carried Hector to the "Big Splash" on July 12, but we need your continued help to stay on course. **Please visit shiphector.ca to donate.**



Where to Watch the Big Splash?

Caladh Avenue will be closed to traffic allowing spectators to **gather on the sidewalk, street, and boardwalks** around the Hector Heritage Quay.

Can't be there in person? Tune in to the **live Facebook video stream** to witness the relaunch from anywhere!
facebook.com/shiphector

Our **local restaurants and boat tour operators** also offer some unique vantage points!

Discover Pictou



Pictou is a place where history meets adventure at every turn. Walk in the footsteps of the first Scottish settlers, explore our charming waterfront, or dive into the Northumberland Strait for some hands-on maritime fun. With rich stories to uncover and adventures waiting around every corner, Pictou is yours to explore. Your adventure, your story.



COASTAL ADVENTURE

- Experience guided fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass on the shorelines of the Northumberland Strait with **Stripers of The Strait**.
- Hop aboard **Captain Chris's** pontoon boat for an up-close and personal experience with harbour seals.
- Embark on an authentic marine adventure aboard a real lobster fishing boat with **Discover The Strait**.
- **Rent a kayak or a pedal boat** and explore the Pictou Harbour shoreline.
- **Beach hop** almost a dozen easily accessed Northumberland Shore beaches within 30 minutes of Pictou.



ART & CULTURE

- Step aboard the **Ship Hector** and immerse yourself in the rich history of the first Scottish settlers to land on Nova Scotia's shores over 250 years ago.
- Dive deeper into Scottish heritage at the **McCulloch House Museum and Genealogy Centre**.
- Get a taste of local fishing tradition at the **Northumberland Fisheries Museum**.
- Wander through the **deCoste Culture Hub**, showcasing the talent of local artists.
- Explore the creative spirit of **Water Street** through its makers studios and galleries.



RELAX & WANDER

- Stroll **Harbourview Market** and **Vendor Village** for local artisan goods, relax in a hammock, or enjoy sunset from an Adirondack chair.
- Experience the thrill of a guided **Ghost Walk** with local legends and haunted tales.
- Walk the **Jitney Trail** to Brown's Point where the Ship Hector first arrived in 1773.
- Explore nearby farms like **Seafoam Lavender Farm**, mingle with sheep at **Lismore Sheep Farm**, enjoy fresh veggies from **Lakenman's Farm Market**.
- For a bit more adventure, head to **Shelby Ranch** for wagon and trail rides.



FOOD & FLAVOUR

- Pull up an Adirondack on the waterfront and **savour a lobster roll** from **Logan's Daily Catch**.
- Kick back with **local beers, spirits, wines**, and **great food** at our waterfront restaurants - all served with a view of the harbour.
- **Dinner and a show al fresco** at Vendor Village - fish & chips from **Mama Red's** food truck and local entertainment under the big tent.
- Let our **cafes** pack you a **picnic** and head off to a nearby beach or head in-land to Green Hill look-off.
- Savour hand-crafted maple syrup at **Sugar Moon Farm**.

ADVENTURE AWAITS!



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19th Annual Heartland Tour

**SUNDAY, July 13 - on the WATERFRONT
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage | 9 am - 12 noon**

Join us, it's fun and FREE! Road and Trail Bike Rides

Guided walk on the Jitney Trail, plus guided town history walks.
Prize draws, free t-shirt, and light refreshments.

More information and online registration at www.heartlandtour.ca



Sun., July 13 | 4 pm - 6 pm
Klorissa Farnsworth
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage

Mon., July 14 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Matt Firth
Marina Boardwalk Stage

Thurs., July 17 | 2 pm - 4 pm
Heatherbell Pipes & Drums
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



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Live at the deCoste

Summer Ceilidh - Fiddles & Feet

Tuesday, July 15 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members: \$12.50 + fees & taxes = \$20.52

This dynamic seven-piece ensemble is known for delivering high-energy, heartwarming shows that blend Celtic and Down East fiddle traditions with lively step dancing, rich instrumentation, and soaring vocal harmonies. The group features the exceptional fiddling talents of Alycia Putnam, Megan Washburn, Laura Watson, and Gordon Tucker, supported by Rob Putnam on guitar, Randy Feener on percussion, and Ben Tucker on bass. Dancers Alycia and Megan light up the stage with their captivating footwork, while the vocal harmonies of Laura, Megan, Gordon, and Rob bring fresh life to both traditional and contemporary tunes.



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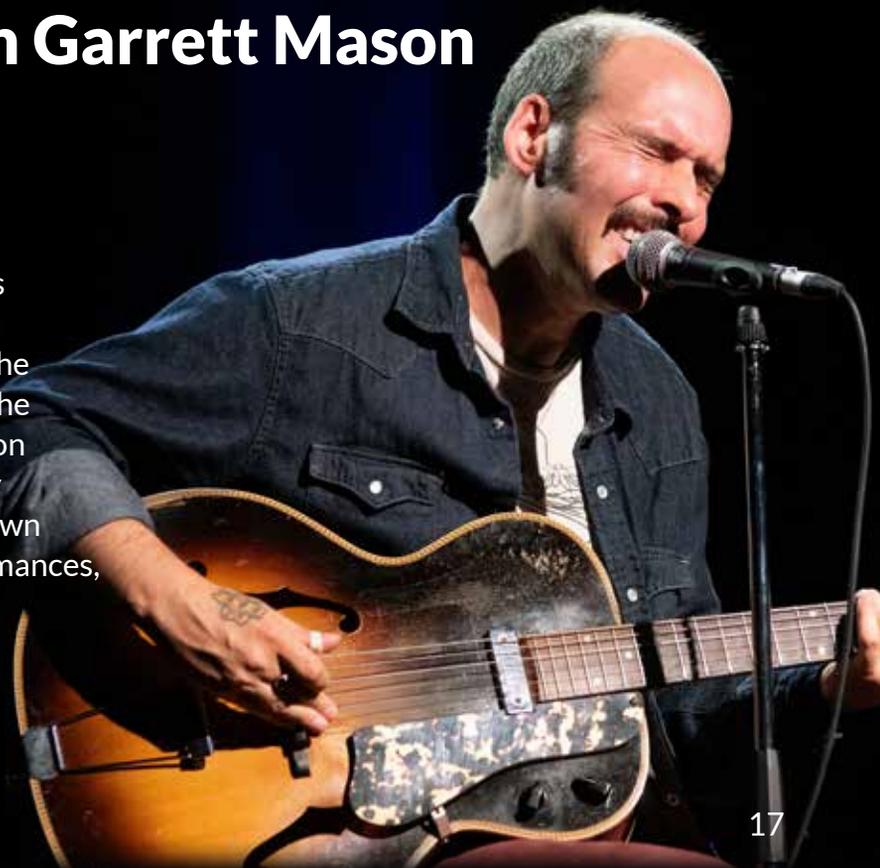
East Coast Blues with Garrett Mason

Thursday, July 17 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members: \$12.50 + fees & taxes = \$20.52

Garrett Mason is a celebrated Canadian blues guitarist and singer-songwriter from Truro, Nova Scotia. Raised in a musical family, he is the son of the late Dutch Mason, often hailed as the "Prime Minister of the Blues." Garrett's passion for blues ignited at a young age, influenced by artists like Canned Heat and Buddy Rich. Known for his gritty guitar work and dynamic performances, Mason continues to be a prominent figure in Canada's blues scene. When Garrett comes to town, the theatre becomes a good old fashioned blues joint, where you can drink, sing and dance the night away.



MEMBERS **2** FOR **1**



Coming this Fall!

An incredible fall is taking shape. Here are some show dates to help you plan your entertainment calendar. There are other special announcements to roll out. We are the little theatre that thinks big!

Valdy | Sept. 18

David James & Big River | Sept. 21

United by Song | Sept. 25

Michael Kaeshammer | Oct. 1

Elton John Tribute | Oct. 4

BeeGees Tribute | Oct. 14

John Prine Tribute | Oct. 23

The Stampeders | Oct. 27

Caledonia Orchestra | Nov. 1

Ron James | Nov. 4

Black Umfulosi | Nov. 7

21 Gun Salute-AC/DC Tribute | Nov. 8

Danny Michel | Nov. 12

The Rowdymen | Dec. 2

Gunning - Cormier Christmas | Dec. 4

Men of the Deeps Christmas | Dec. 7

Jill Barber Christmas | Dec. 8

Christmas in Cape Breton | Dec. 10-11

The Once - Christmas | Dec. 12

Irish Descendants Christmas | Dec. 17

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Final Call:

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This isn't just about new theatre seats—it's about making everyone feel welcome. Your support funds our *Arts for All* program, offering accessible experiences and discounted tickets through community partners so no one misses the magic of live performance.

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Solo Performer – \$250

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Dynamic Duo – \$500

(Support 2 seats, 2 years recognition, tax receipt)

Family & Friends – \$1000

(Support 4 seats, 3 years recognition, tax receipt)

Your name will be proudly displayed on our digital donor wall and in an upcoming program book.

Visit us at a summer show, or contact Jennifer MacLennan at (902) 485-8848 / jennifer@decostecentre.ca to make your donation. Payment plans are available.

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MARKET 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | MUSIC @ 7:00 PM

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Friday, July 18 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Moon Market Music **Kitchen Criminals**

Friday, August 1 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Moon Market Music **Shiretown**

Friday, August 29 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Moon Market Music **East River Rats**



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A bit of Nova Scotia whimsy and charm on the Pictou Waterfront.



- **Shop** locally made art, decor, and souvenirs from artisan vendors in a vibrant waterfront setting.
- **Savour** Nova Scotia favourites with a taste of local cuisine from Mama Red's Canteen.
- **Explore Pictou Harbour by pedal or paddle.** Rent a pedal boat, kayak, or cruise the waterfront on a cruiser bike.
- **Discover the Land Lover**, a real Northumberland Strait lobster fishing boat for kids of all ages.
- **Unwind and enjoy the view.** Pull up an Adirondack chair or a hammock - the best place to take in the sights and sounds of Pictou Harbour.
- **Plan your day.** Drop into the Visitor Information Centre and our friendly staff will help you plan your stay in Pictou.
- **Take a tour** in search of local ghosts, or hop on a boat and explore Northumberland Strait with Nova Scotia Family Fun Boat Tours or Discover The Strait Tours.

Vendor Village!



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87 Caladh Ave., Pictou, NS

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Take Two

Saturday, July 19 | 2 pm - 4 pm

Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Cory Mercer

Sunday, July 20 | 4 pm - 6 pm

Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Road to Stanfest Shows

Each year we partner with the Stan Rogers Folk Festival to showcase national acts on their way to the festival. This is a great opportunity to make a new discovery. You will love these soon-to-be stars.



Tuesday, JULY 22 Tulua

Tickets: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members: \$12.50 + fees & taxes = \$20.52 - 2 for 1

TULUA is a traditional Irish fusion band from the southeast of Ireland. They've achieved both international acclaim through frequent radio plays and performing at major festivals like the Milwaukee Irish Fest. Expect traditional Irish music full of driving energy.

Wednesday, JULY 23

The Pairs & The North Sound

Tickets: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

Members: \$12.50 + fees & taxes = \$20.52 - 2 for 1

THE PAIRS are a Canadian folk trio known for their soaring harmonies and honest storytelling. The classically trained vocalists blend sibling-like chemistry with a quirky stage presence to engage audiences with relatable songs and stories.

THE NORTH SOUND is a Canadian folk duo formed in 2014 by Blackfoot singer-songwriter Forrest Eaglespeaker and vocalist-composer Nevada Freistadt. Rooted in Treaty 7 Territory, their music blends prairie-infused Americana with raw storytelling.



MEMBERS

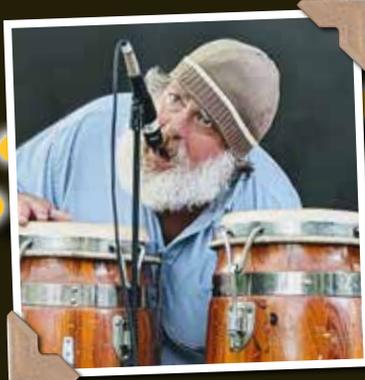
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Jeb Patterson
Monday, July 21 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Marina Boardwalk Stage

Mike Chapman
Thursday, July 24 | 2 pm - 4 pm
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Aucoin Duo
Saturday, July 26 | 2 pm - 4 pm
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Heather Cameron & Friends
Sunday, July 27 | 4 pm - 6 pm
Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Heatherbell Pipes & Drums
Monday, July 28 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Marina Boardwalk Stage

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★ **MOVIE**
★ **NIGHT**
★ by the **SEA**

Footloose

Friday, July 25 | 7 pm - 9 pm

Cut loose and kick off your Sunday shoes!

Relive your teenage angst, show off your best Footloose moves for prizes, strike a pose with iconic characters, test your knowledge with Footloose trivia, and fuel up with popcorn while you enjoy the film!

Where: Vendor Village Courtyard Stage

27 Creighton Street, Pictou, NS

For more info visit www.discoverpictou.com



Live at the deCoste
Song of the Sparrow
Tara MacLean

Book Reading & Concert

Tuesday, July 29 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$35.00 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members & Students:

\$33.00 + fees & taxes = \$43.89

Singer/songwriter Tara MacLean's extraordinary career began on a BC ferry and led to touring with Lilith Fair. In her bestselling memoir *Song of the Sparrow*, she shares how music helped her survive a childhood marked by poverty and danger. Raised in rural Prince Edward Island, Tara found solace in nature, her father's music, and her mother's love. But she also faced threats from trusted circles. Through inner strength and the power of song, she built a path to healing. Her album *Sparrow* was released alongside the book. Enjoy a brilliant evening mixing literature and music.

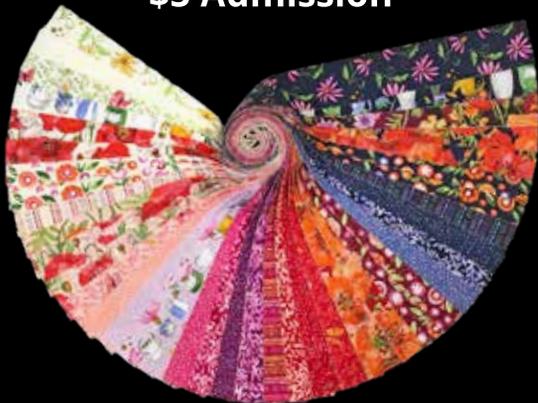


Annual Northumberland Quilt Guild

Show & Sale

Friday, August 1 & Saturday, August 2

\$5 Admission



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Thursday, July 31 | 2 pm - 4 pm

Mike Chapman



Saturday, August 2 | 2 pm - 4 pm

Petra Moriarty



Sunday, August 3 | 4 pm - 6 pm

The Pat Spaulding Band



Vendor Village Courtyard Stage

27 Creighton St., Pictou, NS

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Natal *Day* Celebrations

BBQ & Show & Shine Monday, Aug. 4 - 3 PM - 5 PM

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Live at the deCoste

From the Heart: A Tribute to Loretta Lynn

Tuesday, August 5 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$38.00 (includes taxes) + fees \$43.50

Members & Students: \$35.00 (includes taxes) + fees \$40.50

Join us for a walk down memory lane with Jolee as she brings to life the songs and stories of country music legend Loretta Lynn—The Coal Miner's Daughter! From her humble beginnings in Butcher Hollow, Kentucky, to the Grand Ole Opry and Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, you'll get to know Loretta through heartfelt storytelling and classic songs like *Coal Miner's Daughter* and *Lay Me Down*. Jolee is a singer, songwriter, and actor from Kings County, PEI. She has released two CDs—*Shore Rhapsody* and *Going Home*—earning Music PEI nominations for Female Vocalist, and Country and Traditional Roots Recording. Known for her portrayals of country icons, Jolee is especially recognized for her moving tribute as Loretta Lynn.

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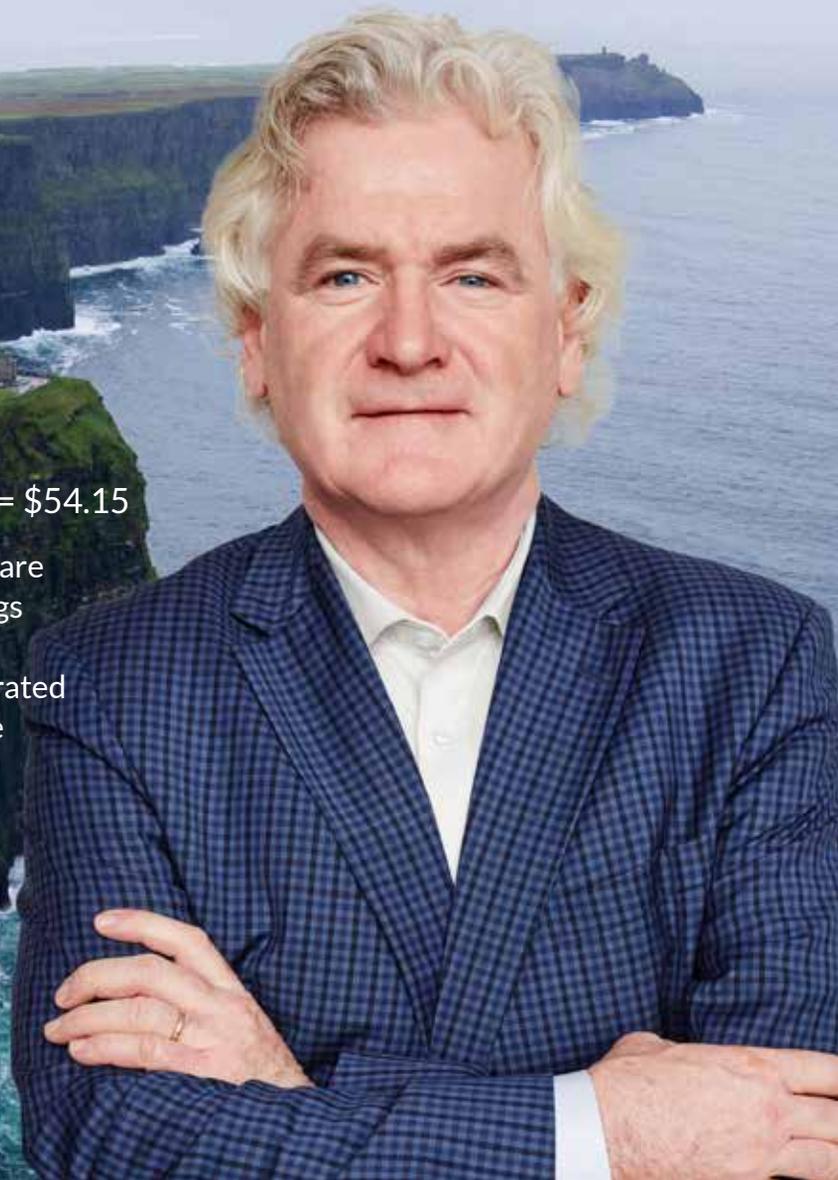
John McDermott with Jason Fowler and Drew Jurecka

Thursday, August 7 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$45.00 + fees & taxes = \$57.57

Members & Students: \$42.00 + fees & taxes = \$54.15

After over a decade, the deCoste is thrilled to share "Raised on Songs and Stories," an evening of songs and stories of the Isles with John McDermott, Jason Fowler, and Drew Jurecka. John is a celebrated Irish-Canadian tenor known for his rich, emotive voice and heartfelt interpretations of traditional Irish, Scottish, and folk songs. Rising to fame in the 1990s with his rendition of "Danny Boy," he has released over 25 albums and performed on stages around the world. A founding member of The Irish Tenors, McDermott has also built a successful solo career, blending classical crossover with deeply personal storytelling.



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Thursday, August 7 | 2 pm - 4 pm

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Friday, August 8 | 6 pm - 8 pm

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PICTOU WEST STUDIO TOUR 2025

Presented by the Pictou Arts Society

Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Visit the studios of 20 local painters, potters, fabric artists, leather workers and more! Pick up a tour map at local businesses or download it from the Pictou Arts Society Facebook page.

For more info or to register, contact susanmuirdesign@gmail.com.



PAINT A GO GO

Saturday, August 9 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join us for **Paint A Go Go** - a fun, all-ages community canvas painting set to music! No experience needed, all supplies provided. Come create, connect, and add your splash of colour to a masterpiece that will be displayed at the Love Local Vendor Village all summer! **Donations welcome to Creative Pictou County for community art programming.**

PAINT PICTOU

Presented by the Pictou Arts Society

Saturday, August 23 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join us for the **8th Annual Paint Pictou** plein-air event! Come paint or watch artists capture the charm of our picturesque town! Completed paintings will be for sale at the **New Horizons Club, 14 Kempt St., Pictou.**

For more info or to register, contact Sheila at snewellart@gmail.com.

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Join our 2025 Big Summer Book Club at public libraries in Pictou and Antigonish Counties beginning **Sunday, June 1 to Sunday, August 31**. Read a book, and share your thoughts for a fun reading experience - and a chance to win prizes too! If you borrow an eBook or audiobook from our digital library collection, you can request a ballot at your local library branch, or fill out an online ballot.

TD Kid's Summer Reading Program

Join your Pictou-Antigonish Library as we gear up for a summer of creative activities and great prizes! **Registration begins on Saturday, June 14** and the Murray Family Public Library will be kicking it off with a launch party featuring The Amazing Mr. J! Pick up your logbook and start earning ballots for prizes by completing some fun activities and reading goals throughout the summer.

Artist-in-Residence **July 7-12 & July 14-19**

Creative Pictou County Studio

Our artist-in-residence program offers one-week residencies for local artists throughout July, providing dedicated time and space for creative exploration and project development. The community will have the opportunity to engage with the artists during open studio times. www.creativepictoucounty.com



Chroma

Monday, July 21 - Saturday, August 30, 2025
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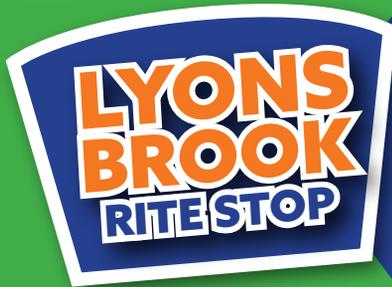
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Anne Murray Tribute with Jenn Sheppard

Tuesday, August 12 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$38.00 + fees & taxes = \$49.59

Members & Students: \$35.00 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Join us on a musical journey through the incredible career and timeless song catalogue of Canadian icon Anne Murray. Featuring vocalist Jenn Sheppard and the Vinyl 33 Band — including George Hebert, Anne's original guitarist — this show brings her greatest hits to life. Sing along to favourites like *Snowbird*, *Cotton Jenny*, *Danny's Song*, *Love Song*, *You Needed Me*, *A Little Good News*, and many more. Celebrate her enduring legacy as Vinyl 33 respectfully recreates more than 20 classic Anne Murray songs.



David Francey

Wednesday, August 13 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$28.00 + fees & taxes = \$38.19

Members & Students: \$25.00 + fees & taxes = \$34.77

David Francey is a Canadian folk singer-songwriter, acclaimed as “one of Canada’s most revered folk poets and singers” (Toronto Star). Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, he immigrated to Canada at age 12. For decades, he worked in rail yards, construction sites, and the Yukon bush, all while composing songs in his head. He has released thirteen albums, won four Juno Awards, and had his songs covered by artists such as The Del McCoury Band and The Rankin Family.

The Improvisers

Thursday, August 14 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$35.00 + fees & taxes = \$46.17

Members & Students: \$32.00 + fees & taxes = \$42.75

A high-energy, touring stand-up and improv comedy show that takes audience suggestions and turns them into hilarious, spontaneous sketches on the spot. It's a fun, fast-paced comedy experience, featuring performers seen on *Just For Laughs*, *Comedy Now*, *Corner Gas*, *The Debaters*, and more. Roman Danylo is known for *Comedy Inc.*, *Corner Gas*, and creating *The Comic Strippers*. Richard Side created CBC's *The Debaters* and starred in movies *Elf*, *Stargate*, and *Psych*. He's also an improv world champion.



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Thursday, August 14 | 2 pm - 4 pm

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Dirty Dancing

Friday, August 15 | 7 pm - 9 pm

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Saturday, August 16 | 2 pm - 4 pm

Fiddles - Pam LeBlanc and Friends

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Monday, August 18 | 6 pm - 8 pm

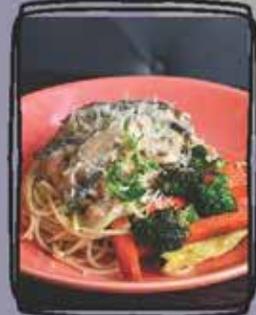
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Monday, August 18 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$30.00 + fees & taxes = \$40.47

Members: \$15.00 + fees & taxes = \$23.37

A folk group from St. John's, Newfoundland. All the members, born of Irish emigrants, were workers in the Newfoundland fishing industry before forming the band in 1990. The group helped to popularize traditional Newfoundland music to a wider Canadian audience in the early 1990s.



Live at the deCoste

Kim Dunn, Owen "O'Sound" Lee & Doris Mason

Wednesday, August 20 | 7:30 PM MEMBERS 2 FOR 1

Tickets: \$28.00 + fees & taxes = \$38.19

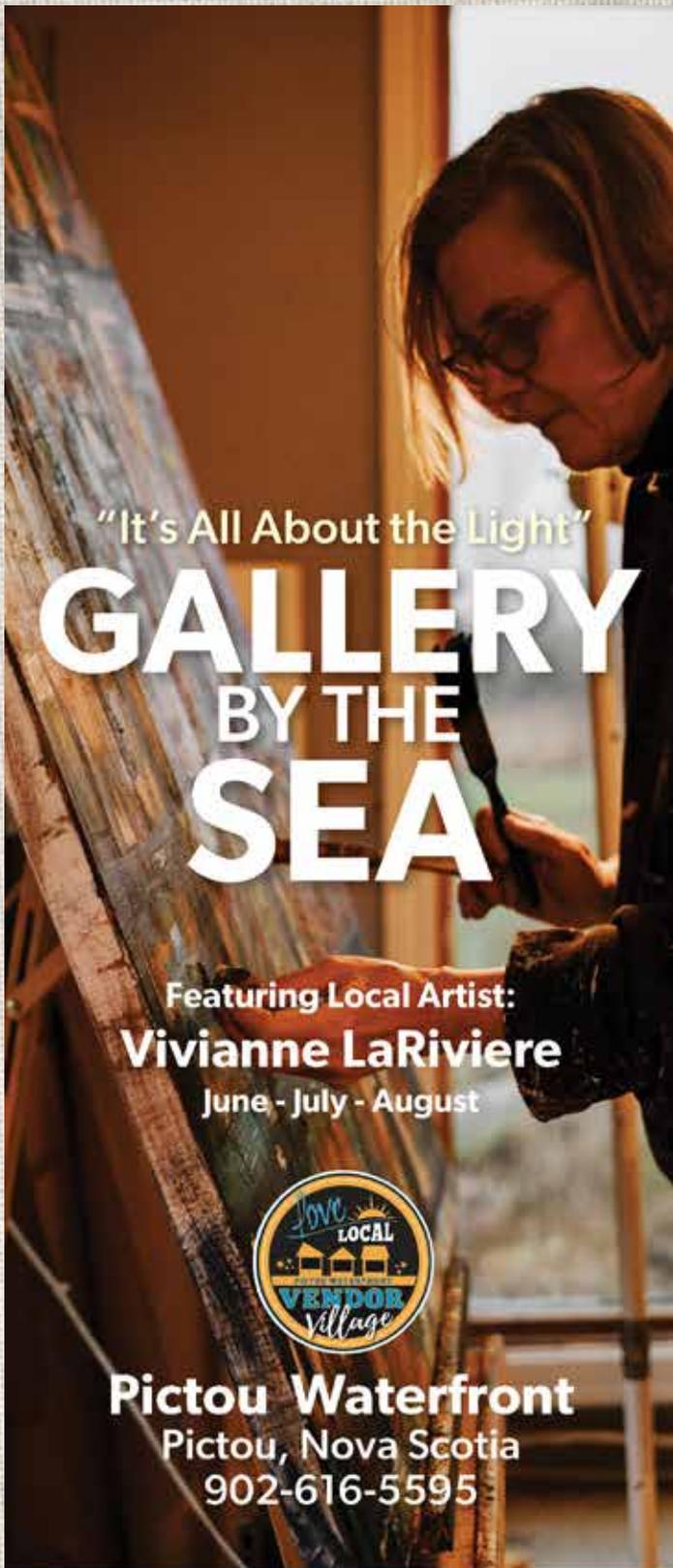
Members: \$14.00 + fees & taxes = \$22.23

We're thrilled to welcome back Kim Dunn, Owen "O'Sound" Lee, and Doris Mason to the deCoste stage! These powerhouse performers have built impressive careers—both solo and alongside legends like Rita MacNeil, Denny Doherty, and Classified. What began as a special event has become an annual favourite, loved for its unforgettable blend of masterful songwriting, stunning piano performances, heartfelt stories, and plenty of laughs.



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Friday, August 22 | 6 pm - 8 pm

Andre Pettipas (Solo)

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Saturday, August 23 | 2 pm - 4 pm

Amelia Parker

Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Sunday, August 24 | 4-6pm

11th & Duke Band

Vendor Village Courtyard Stage



Monday, August 25 | 6 pm - 8 pm

Lynn DeCoste (solo)

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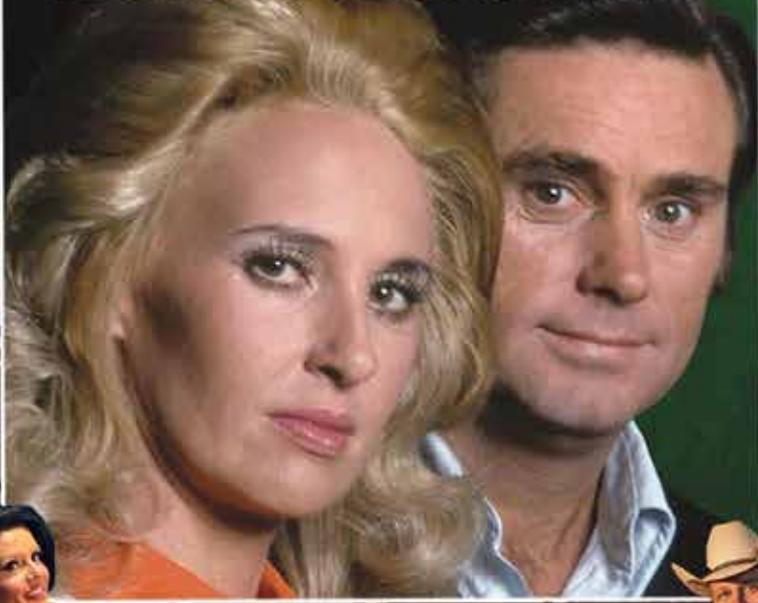
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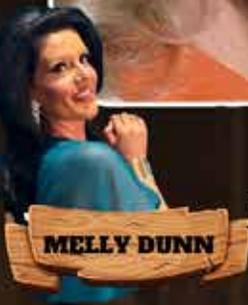


Wednesday, August 27 | 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$40.00 + fees & taxes = \$51.87

Get ready to step back in time and experience the unforgettable magic of country music's most legendary duo, George Jones and Tammy Wynette. Nashville recording artists Melly Dunn and Victor Cormier deliver a world-class musical tribute, flawlessly capturing the haunting vocals and timeless sound of the original recordings. From powerful duets to unforgettable solo hits, you'll hear favourites like *He Stopped Loving Her Today*, *Stand by Your Man*, *Golden Ring*, *White Lightning*—and many more. A deCoste favourite, Thane Dunn will emcee the show as a special guest, adding his charm and charisma to this must-see evening of classic country.

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