

The Calgary Fiddlers Biography

The Calgary Fiddlers are a group of young people who love to perform and who appeal to audiences of all ages around the world. This exciting ensemble performs a variety of music, ranging from traditional folk fiddling, to country, bluegrass, Celtic, and even big band. Each fiddler takes private classical violin lessons and participates in weekly private and group coaching sessions for fiddling. In addition to performing at over 100 functions in and around the Calgary area each year, The Fiddlers tour internationally every summer.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Since the formation of The Calgary Fiddlers in 1981, this highly skilled group of amateur musicians, ranging from 14 to 18 years of age, has performed for live audiences, television and radio broadcasts, and concert tours. During the past 6 years the group has toured extensively throughout Scotland & Ireland, Florida, Kansas, Iowa, Montana, Minnesota and Hawaii. They were chosen as ambassadors of Alberta for centennial celebrations in Ottawa, where they performed with the world renowned National Art Centre Orchestra in May 2005. They have been sent by the Alberta and Canadian Governments as ambassadors of Calgary to Korea, Los Angeles, Monte Carlo and Monaco, and New York City. The Fiddlers have also had the privilege of performing for dignitaries such as H.S.H. Prince Albert of Monaco, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and the President of Yemen.

CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Fiddlers have been honoured to perform for a variety of fundraisers including the Calgary Children's Hospital Foundation and the Make a Wish Foundation. The group presented a tribute to the 2005 Alberta Centennial with 'Wild Rosin', a concert at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. In July 2005, The Fiddlers were given the rare privilege to share the stage with youth groups from over 130 countries, as the Canadian representatives to the 1st International Young Peoples Music Festival (YoPeFe 2005) in South Korea. In September 2005, the group returned to Minnesota to headline the Ethnic Festival in Walker and The Calgary Fiddlers Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2006 with the concert 'Wild Rosin 2' at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. The Fall of 2006 saw the Fiddlers tour Saskatchewan and northern Alberta and in March 2007, the group performed at Vancouver's Cherry Blossom Festival. Not ones to stop there, the group completed a successful 12 day, 17 performance tour of Florida in January 2008 and then in July, The Fiddlers embarked on a two week tour of Ireland which included private instruction from world renowned fiddler, Theresa Burk, after a hectic (as always!) Stampede schedule. For booking inquiries, please contact:

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