

64 years of Canada's premier Fiddle Championship

The 64th Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship will take place August 6-10, 2014 in Shelburne.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shelburne, the event features Canada's top fiddlers in competition for thousands of dollars in prizes. Community events in conjunction with the Championship include camping, a giant fiddle parade, an open air market, non-denominational church service and 24 hour meals at the Legion -- we are working on adding more experiences to make the 64th a spectacular not-to-be-missed, non-stop five days of fun and entertainment.

The Becketts Fire Up

Shelburne

After an absence from the Shelburne Championship of almost a decade, the Rotary Club is excited to present Linsey and Tyler Beckett on Thursday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Beckett Family is sure to get your toes tappin' with their arrangements of traditional country music and old tyme fiddling. Their show captures the corners of traditional music from Western Swing to Bluegrass, includes exhilarating step dancing, down home humour, ole tyme fiddling and special guests. The Beckett Family have three recordings available, 'Fiddlin' 4 Generations,' which included great grandpa, Elmer Beckett, 'Changing Times' and their latest, 'The Roots of Our Raising.'

Since graduating from Business Honours Administration in 2009, Tyler has worked with several musical artists, including the award winning bluegrass group, The Chapman's. Tyler has also established himself as a valued multi-instrumentalist, playing with Jason McCoy on a recent Canadian Service Tour to Afghanistan, and performing with CCMA winners Jason Blaine and Tara Oram. Along with his busy music career, Tyler has enhanced his career path and has joined SunLife Financial in Owen Sound, where he specializes in Insurance and Investments.

Linsey has completed her degree of Geography and Music at Wilfrid Laurier University, and performs regularly with a variety of musical groups. In 2009, Linsey began working with the international string production, Bowfire. Her involvement in Bowfire has led to many exciting opportunities, such as performances with the Houston, Calgary and Colorado Symphonies, Sean Connery's 80th Birthday celebration in the Bahamas, and on the runway of New York Fashion Week's Dressed to Kilt. Linsey continues to freelance, perform and record with a variety of traditional fiddle, country and contemporary acts.

The Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship starts with the playdowns on Friday, August 8 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (Shelburne Arena). Classes that will compete in the afternoon include the young (9 and under, 12 and under) and the young at heart (56 and over). The evening features the remaining classes.

The contest finals happen on Saturday, August 9 at 6 p.m. and will feature the competition, entertainment, and the judges' showcase.

Ticket Prices and Information

' (Thurs. eve., Fri. all day, Sat. aft. and eve.) Adults: \$45, Youth: \$22 (12 Years and Under)

' Beckett Family Show, Thurs. Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m., Adults: \$20, Youth: \$10 (12 Years and Under)

' Competition Playdowns, Fri. Aug. 8, 1 & 7 p.m., Adults: \$10, Youth: \$3 (12 Years and Under)

' Fiddle/Stepdance Show, Sat. Aug. 9, 3:15 p.m., Adults: \$7, Youth: \$2 (12 Years and Under)

' Fiddle Championship, Sat. Aug. 9, 6 p.m., Adults: \$20, Youth: \$10 (12 Years and Under)

Tickets by phone at 519-925-8620 or at www.ShelburneFiddleContest.com/tickets

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