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Only a few seats left for ?back by popular demand? concert

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Musician Bruce Ley's Country Classics Concert is back by popular demand at Grace Tipling Hall this Friday night at 7pm. This fantastic fundraiser sponsored by Primrose United Church played to standing room only audiences last year.

Candice Bist, the interim minister for Primrose and Trinity United churches, says there are a few tickets left that can be purchased from congregation members, and a limited number to be made available at the door of Grace Tipling Hall November 24th.

The two-hour show with Bruce Ley and guests, ?promises to have you tapping your toes and humming along to familiar melodies by your favourite Country performers.? Some selected favourites include ?Angel Band', ?Today I Started Loving You Again', ?Ring of Fire, ?East Bound and Down', and ?On the Road Again' to name a few.

Bruce Ley, who is also the musical director for both United Churches, has been on tour much of this fall. As musical director, he has been performing along with actress-singer Leisa Way - first in western Canada and most recently in the Maritimes. He has returned home in time to team up with the same group of fantastic professionals who thoroughly engaged and entertained Shelburne audience members last year.

Some great musicians are getting together for the concert, including ?The Barrel Boys? stars Nathan Smith, Ryan Hancock, Tom Griffith and Scott Bruyea, who performed at the Heritage Music Festival in Shelburne this past summer.

According to the group, Ryan Hancock is a multi-instrumentalist, who has been the bandleader of ?The Campfire Poets? band for 15 years and counting. Proficient on guitar and bass, as well as a strong vocalist, Ryan has performed over 2000 shows at only 31 years of age.

A native of North Bay, Nathan Smith started playing violin at age 6 and has been
exploring musical possibilities ever since. Nathan is in demand as a sideman in Toronto's Folk and Country scenes.

Scott Bruyea is a drummer and musical collaborator, who has worked and recorded with Columbia recording artists and currently performs with ?The Campfire Poets.?

Candice Bist, who is also Bruce Ley's wife, says Bruce is thrilled about the show. A professional musician for over fifty years, Mr. Ley played piano with Country greats on ?The Tommy Hunter Show? and ?Grand Old Country? in the 1970's. He went on to have a career scoring for television and film, but still keeps his hand in live performances across Canada.

Country Classics will be at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne at 7 pm on Friday, November 24th. Tickets are $15 and available from Holmes Music and Appliances, Caravaggio IDA, or members of Primrose United Church.