

Gerald S. Doyle
**FOLK SONG
FESTIVAL**

Eastport, Newfoundland and Labrador

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The Beaches Heritage Centre



*Old-Time Songs
and Poetry
of Newfoundland*



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**Message from the Minister
Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation**

On behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, I extend a warm welcome to all the participants and visitors to the Gerald S. Doyle Song Festival, hosted by the Eastport Peninsula Heritage Society, August 14-16.

As a new initiative of the Eastport Peninsula Heritage Society, the festival is designed to acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary life of Gerald S. Doyle and his life-long commitment to collecting and publishing a distinct body of Newfoundland and Labrador songs.

I invite everyone - young and old - to participate in the many events this festival has to offer, including: special musical performances, folk history panel discussions, film, photography and memorabilia exhibits and more.

All the best for a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clyde Jackman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Honourable Clyde Jackman
Minister**

Gerald S. Doyle Folk Song Festival

The Eastport Peninsula Heritage Society is proud to present a new festival this summer. The initiative is to acknowledge and celebrate the late Gerald S. Doyle for his outstanding legacy of collecting and publishing a distinct body of the songs of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The main events of the festival take place in the Beaches Heritage Centre, a short distance from the former Gerald S. Doyle summer home, overlooking Eastport Beach.

It is hoped the festival will renew a sense of the importance of the songs written by our forbearers. Their songs, coupled with the traditional ballads and music brought over by the earlier settlers, comprise one of the richest of our cultural resources.

A stage presentation in the Centre's theatre on Friday night offers a dramatic profile of Doyle, written by his son John. The Saturday night concert is hosted by Anita Best in the company of many of our well known musicians.

The weekend program also includes readings and presentations, with exhibits of photos, film and memorabilia in the gallery at the Centre. To complete the weekend, there's a Sunday afternoon concert to introduce several young musicians from both near and far.

The Songs of My Country

A Son's Tribute to his Father

Filmmaker John W. Doyle presents his father's story in words and pictures with music provided by Marjorie Doyle.

John W. Doyle is a filmmaker who has produced The following documentaries: Lend Me Your Ears, Ferry Command: The Forgotten Flyers of WWII and The film Extraordinary Visitor. John received a Gemini nomination and a Canadian Screenwriting Award for the CBC television series Above and Beyond. He is a founding member of Newfoundland Independent Filmmakers Cooperative and past chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council.

Marjorie Doyle has co-hosted the award-winning Doyle Bulletin with her brother John. She is the author of three books: *Reels, Rock and Rosaries: Confessions of a Newfoundland Musician*, *A View of Her Own and Newfoundlander in Exile: The Life and Times of Philip Tocque (1814-1899)*. She has just recently returned after four months as the Haig-Brown writer-in-residence in Campbell River, BC.

Folk Songs Of Newfoundland & Labrador

Readings & Discussion

Anna Kearney Guigné is the author of *Folksongs and Folk Revival: The Cultural Politics of Kenneth Peacock's Songs of the Newfoundland Outports* (2008), for which she received a post-doctoral Books Fellowship from Memorial's Institute of Social and economic Research.

Anna has written a new Introduction to Gerald S. Doyle's *Old Time Songs and Poetry of Newfoundland* (1940) and with Neil V. Rosenberg, co-authored a new Forward to Elisabeth Greenleaf and Grace Yarrow Mansfield's 1933 publication *Ballads and Sea Songs of Newfoundland* (2004).

Marjorie Doyle has hosted national CBC radio programs including *That Time of the Night* and the *Arts Tonight*. She has also written for the *Globe and Mail* and the *St. publication* credits include *Descant*, *Geist*, *Queen's Quarterly*, *National Post*, *This Magazine*, the *Ottawa Citizen*, *Fiddlehead*, the *Independent*, and the *Antigonish Review*.

Neil Rosenberg taught in the Department of Folklore at Memorial University from 1968 to his retirement in 2004. He was honoured as Professor Emeritus in 2005. Neil has published extensively on Canadian and American folk music. In 1997 he won a Grammy for his contribution to the Smithsonian's *Anthology of American Folk Music*. Neil is a Fellow of the *American Folklore Society* and the 2001 winner of *Canada's Marius Barbeau Medal* for lifetime achievement.

The Gerald S. Doyle Legacy of Song

**Anita Best
Concert Host**

Performers

Pat & Joe Byrne

Hugh Scott

Linda Slade

Roger Bradley

Shirley Montague

Bob Hallett

Neil Rosenberg & Terri Thompson

The Youth Concert

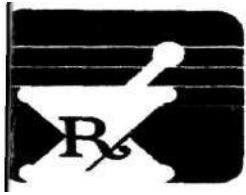
**Jillian Penney & Robert Doyle
Concert Hosts**

Performers

**Glovertown Duo
Andrew Saunders & Dexter Carter**

**Rastra-Astra
Adam Vardy, Tiffany Cheeks,
Simon Blackwood, Ryan Gordon**

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Friday Night
8 o'clock

A Dramatic Profile of Gerald S. Doyle
written and performed by John Doyle

Saturday Afternoon
2 o'clock

Newfoundland Folk Songs
Readings & Discussion

Marjorie Doyle, Anna Kearney-Guigne
Neil Rosenberg

Saturday Night Concert

8 o'clock

Host/performer Anita Best

**Linda Slade, Pat & Joe Byrne,
Roger Bradley, Bob Hallett,
Shirley Montague, Hugh Scott,
Neil Rosenberg & Terri Thompson**

Sunday Afternoon Concert

2 o'clock

**Hosts, Jill Penney & Bob Hallett
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Dexter Carter & Andrew Saunders
(Rastra-Astra)
Adam Vardy, Tiffany Cheeks,
Simon Blackwood, Ryan Gordon
(Eventide)
Darrell & Vanessa Jackman**

Local Events

Saturday -10 am -noon

**Sea Side Brunch at
The Ocean Breeze Lounge
\$12.00**

Saturday - Noon

**Pea Soup & Dumplings
Dessert, Tea/Coffee at
The Holy Cross Church Hall
\$7.00**

Saturday - 4 pm - 5 pm & 6 pm (Three Sittings)

**Fish Supper
at
The Royal Canadian Legion
\$16.00**

Saturday Night 11pm

**Open House
at
The Royal Canadian Legion**

Sunday 10am - noon

**Sea Side Brunch at
The Ocean Breeze Lounge
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