

Ned Landry, Saint John, New Brunswick, 2/2/1921 - 8/28/2018



Ned's musical career began at the very early age of four with the Harmonica and his love and interest in music was so great it led to his first Fiddle which was provided by his aunt Rose Sullivan. As he was unable to read music his talents showed through his keen ears and understanding of the intricacies of various instruments over the years. But his main love was the Fiddle. Ned's radio career began in the early thirty's at CFBO at Saint John and it was while playing on the radio his talents were noted by Don Messer and thus his professional career began at five dollars per show, first with the Harmonica and eventually as second Fiddle. This gradual progression thus led to Ned starting his own band, The New Brunswick Lumberjacks. Ned met his wife Celina as she was a neighbor that he took an interest in and they married that year.



Ned and a couple of his band friends decided to join the Army in 1940. After his basic training in Fredericton he was posted to Newfoundland where he spent the majority of service time on duties in the Belle Isle Area. It was here that due to several injuries that led to a medical discharge after three and a half years.

In 1943 Ned continued his musical career and in 1952 Ned received a recording contract with RCA Canada. His career blossomed throughout the 50's, 60's and 70's with many of his own compositions becoming hit tunes throughout the country and western music venue.

AWARDS HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS RECEIVED BY NED LANDRY

1939 - First Canadian fiddler ever televised in U.S.A. over NBC network.

RCA recording artist since the 40's with over 500 tunes.

Winner of the NATIONAL FIDDLING CONTEST in Shelburne, Ontario 1956, 1957 and 1962. (He entered contest three times and won three times.)

1976 - Accepted into the Country Music Hall Of Fame, Nashville, Tennessee.

1979 - Honored by the City of Saint John for his contribution to country music.

1982 - Presented with a plaque by the Mayor of Saint John, making him an Honorary Loyalist.

1983 - Inducted into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame.

1983 - Received recognition by School District 20 in Saint John for work with the school children of the city.

1988 - Inducted into the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

1992 - Received the Order Of Canada.

1983 - gold record of Ned's composition, the "Prince Charles Waltz" presented to the Prince by New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield.

1996 - Played for Prince Charles on the occasion of his visit to Saint John.

1996 - Lifetime Achievement Award by the Grand Masters Fiddlers in Ottawa.

1996 - Played for the Canada Day Evening Show on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. (Broadcast over CBC Radio and Television networks.)

Has played the fiddle with many country stars including Rita McNeil, Ashley MacLissac, Natalie McMaster, Don Messer, Hank Snow, Johnny Cash, Red Sovine, Roy Acuff, Roy Clark, Stompin' Tom Connors, Diamond Trio, Doc and Chickie Williams, Kidd Baker, Tommy Hunter, Webb Pierce, and many more.

At age 18, had his own radio show called Ned Landry and the New Brunswick Lumberjacks, Called the Ned Landry Show.

Original leader of The Maritime Farmers.