

# Roy Johnstone

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY



FiddleHead  
PRODUCTIONS

Roy Johnstone has been active in the east coast musical community for the past thirty years. Not only is he one of the most accomplished fiddle players in Atlantic Canada but he has also received accolades for his compositions and studio production. An active recording artist with 4 solo albums to his credit, he has received multiple nominations for East Coast Music Awards and PEI Music Awards. Many of the region's most noted artists such as J.P. Cormier, Laura Smith, Lennie Gallant and jazz pianist Doug Riley have invited him to perform. He has toured internationally in Scotland, Iceland and the United States. The Government of PEI awarded him the Official Musical Ambassador Award and he is often requested to highlight events such as the Governor General's recent visit, royal visits, Maritime Premiers Conferences, and Canadian Trade Missions.

He produces and engineers recordings for many Island artists. A recent production with the Queen's County Fiddlers was awarded best group of the year recording at the PEI Music Awards. His music has been featured in award winning NFB and independent film productions. Recently, the Highland Council of Scotland commissioned him to write music commemorating the 200th anniversary of Scottish settlers coming to Prince Edward Island. This collaboration with musicians from the Isle of Skye culminated in a recording and concert tours. His passion for fiddle music has taken him to Scotland, Cuba, East Africa, Turkey, and made him the subject of several documentaries.

Roy's love of fiddling is evident in his research of traditional tunes and violin acoustics. He has given talks on many aspects of fiddle playing, both regionally and internationally. He assisted Memorial University professor Dr. Beverly Diamond in her research on Prince Edward Island fiddling ([www](http://www.royjohnstone.com)).

Roy teaches privately and writes a regular column for the Queen's County Fiddler's Newsletter. He is well known for contributing his talent to aid many social justice and community causes and actively works to create a vibrant musical community on PEI. He has served as a board member and Vice President for the Island Music Association, was the music representative on the PEI Council of the Arts and the PEI representative on the Canadian Conference of the Arts.

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