

Mark Sullivan

(Bowmanville, ON Canada / Vancouver, BC Canada)

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At only 26, Mark Sullivan has established himself as one of the finest fiddlers in the country. As a 3x Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion, 3x Canadian Open Fiddle Champion and 3x winner of the prestigious Pembroke Fiddle Contest, Mark is in demand as an ambassador of the Canadian Old Time Style. Mark has performed throughout Canada, the United States, Japan, Ireland and Scotland as a soloist, sideman, session musician, and guitar accompanist for many musicians. Mark received rave reviews for his solo performance in a two-month run at The American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA USA.

Some of the following performances are highlights in Mark's short career:

- Shared the stage with The Chieftains in February 2009
- Tour of Japan with traditional music group 'Tread' (December 2008)
- Performances with 'The Paperboys'
- Featured soloist at The American Music Theatre 2006 Christmas Show – Lancaster, PA USA
- Featured role of Don Messer in the 2006 Memories of the CBC Jubilee Ontario Tour
- Principal fiddler for the Canadian Celtic Group 'Pulse' featuring Chanda Gibson-Leahy
- Featured in John McDermott's PBS Special 'A Time to Remember'
- Fiddler/Guitarist with the 2000/2001 Memories of Don Messer's Jubilee Christmas and Western Canada Tour
- Hank Williams: The Show He Never Gave' – Ontario Tour - fiddler
- Featured on BRAVO TV's 'Live at the Rehearsal Hall' with Lara St. John
- Principal fiddler in 'A Taste of Nova Scotia' featuring Tom Leadbeater
- Tourism Ontario radio jingle
- BBC Scotland 'Take the Floor' Radio Program
- Has collaborated and performed with legendary fiddler, Buddy Spicher
- Member of The Brian Pickell Band – performing at numerous festivals and stages throughout Ontario/BC
- Member of contra dance trio known as 'Tramp Steamer' (Toronto, ON)
- Successful tours of Ireland, Scotland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia.
- House fiddler and respected Judge of Canadian Old Time Fiddling

As a spirited performer and advocate of style and technique, Mark has been dedicated to teaching private fiddle lessons to many promising young fiddlers. He has since been in demand as an instructor of various fiddle styles, including French Canadian, Irish and Western Swing. Mark has instructed at these fine Music Camps and Associations:

- The Leahy Music Camp – Lakefield, ON Canada
- Pacific Fiddle College – Hope, BC Canada
- The Calvin Vollrath Fiddle Camp – St. Paul, AB Canada
- Orangeville Fiddle and Stepdance Camp – Orangeville, ON Canada
- St. Lawrence College Fiddle School – Kingston, ON Canada
- The International Music Camp (co-developer of The Fiddle School) – Minot, ND USA
- Smithers Fiddlefest – Smithers, BC Canada
- The Kole Crook Fiddle Association – Northwest Territories, Canada
- Jacinthe Trudeau’s Fiddle and Stepdance Camp – Sudbury, ON Canada
- AlgomaTrad Music and Dance Family Camp – St. Joseph’s Island, ON Canada
- Ottawa Valley School of Traditional Fiddling – Manotick, ON Canada
- Fiddles on the Tobique – Perth-Andover, NB Canada
- Oshawa/Durham Symphony Workshops – Oshawa, ON Canada
- Various Suzuki School Workshops on the Canadian Fiddle style – ON Canada

In addition to Mark’s musical career, he holds an honours degree from The University of Toronto and a Masters in Education from New York State.

While maintaining a professional music career, Mark resides in Vancouver, BC Canada working as a Grade Three teacher at Collingwood Junior School.