

“A TASTE OF CELTIC COLOURS”

WINNERS OF THE "BIG SAMPIE" AWARD

FEATURING:

CHRISSY CROWLEY

This 20 year old native of Margaree Cape Breton has been charming international audiences with her amazing fiddle playing for the past few years. Mostly self taught, Chrissy has attended the Celtic College in Goderich and the Cape Breton Ceilidh School, showing great personality in her playing yet remaining firmly grounded in the Celtic tradition. Chrissy is a rising star on the Canadian horizon!

JASON ROACH

The hard driving accompaniment of this 25 year old Cheticamp Cape Breton native is already legendary in Celtic circles. Known for his percussive style and signature attack, Jason is fast becoming the pace setter for Cape Breton piano players. Jason has a Bachelor degree from Francis Xavier University and has been performing since 1997.

RACHEL DAVIS

Another amazing young Cape Breton fiddler not to be missed. Rachel is from Baddeck Cape Breton and will be featured in this years Celtic Colours Festival for the 3rd straight year. Following in her grandfather's foot steps Rachel proudly continues her family fiddle tradition, so much a part of the Cape Breton culture. Rachel is attending Cape Breton University.

DARREN McMULLEN

Colin Grant calls him the "multi tool" of stringed instruments. Darren amazes audiences world wide with his mastery of the guitar, banjo, mandolin, bouzouki, bass and whistle. Based in Halifax Nova Scotia Darren is a member of J.P. Cormier's band and a member of "Pogey" as well as being one of the most sought after side men in the business.

COLIN GRANT

Raised in Toronto this fiddle phenom has been blazing a trail across the Celtic landscape. His unique style, as well as his prolific composing abilities, have set him apart from all others. Although relatively new to the Cape Breton music scene, several of his tunes are fast becoming "standards" in the tradition. Colin has a degree in education from the Universit'e Sainte-Anne.