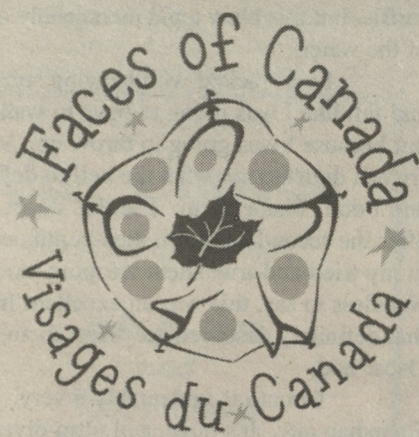
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JOIN US FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2
FOR 4 DAYS OF MUSIC, DANCE, FOOD & FUN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7 pm, Mainstage
WAVE IN CONCERT
Popular Canadian pop music band Wave, famous for the hit song California, will rock the Mainstage!
Tickets: \$24

8 pm, Art Gallery
MIR
Featuring the acclaimed pop band Mir in a rare, intimate, "unplugged" cabaret-style setting. Tickets: \$12 plus taxes
Licensed 19 years +.

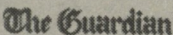




FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
9 pm, Memorial Hall
REGGAE NIGHT WITH AFRO-MUSICA
Sponsored by Patterson Palmer
Gather up your friends and join us for the hottest night of the year!
Tickets: \$10. Licensed 19 years +

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
2 pm, Mainstage
VINOK WORLDANCE
Experience dazzling costumes and high-spirited international dances! Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 seniors, students & children

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
8 pm, Mainstage
NATALIE MACMASTER
Sponsored by Delta Prince Edward
This world-class fiddler and entertainer will bring down the house!
Tickets: \$24-35 (\$2 discount for students and seniors)

10 pm, Memorial Hall
BOIS - JOLI
Licensed 19 years +
Dance the night away to the great Acadian beat of Bois-Joli.
Tickets: \$10, \$2 discount with Natalie MacMaster ticket stub.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
FREE FUN DAY!
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Multicultural Brunch/Bazaar featuring foods and crafts from over 15 different countries in Memorial Hall (nominal fee for culinary delights!); Free Performance of the play "The New Canadian Kid" in the Studio Theatre. Join us!

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Fiddling Superstar to Play in Charlottetown

By Mari ve MacGREGOR

On Saturday, March 1 at 8:00pm, Natalie MacMaster will be playing on the Confederation Centre of the Arts main stage. She will be performing as part of the Faces of Canada Festival, which celebrates Canada's diverse multicultural music and dance.

Even though she will be in British Columbia and California the week before her performance here, and back to Ontario the day after, she still feels the importance of getting back to her roots. Natalie grew up in Cape Breton, but spent many summers lounging on PEI's beaches. It's been a while since Natalie's last visit, and she will suffer the 6 hour flight from California for the chance to play PEI again.

When she's in the Maritimes, she still has the freedom to join in the kitchen party atmosphere, to be herself and to be treated like anyone else. Celebrity is no special virtue when she's home, it's just another circumstance.



Natalie has been singing since age three, dancing since age five, and playing fiddle since age nine. She used to be able to do the splits when she was 16 years old in her serious dancing days. When she travels, she likes to invite local dancers to join her on stage. Natalie plans on having either the Judy MacLean dancers or the College of Piping dancers join her on stage during her visit if she can get them.

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Her success is something she doesn't take for granted. She's always felt lucky to be able to do what she loves for a living. Natalie always believed that someone should have something to fall back on if their dream doesn't work out.

In university she had planned to become a teacher. "I would have taught elementary school," says Natalie, "but I don't think I could have taught music. I teach a week-long workshop for children in the summer and by the end of it I am just so exhausted. I don't think teaching elementary would be as tiring, as difficult for me." Natalie finds she has too close a connection and understanding for music to be able to teach it.

Last October Natalie tied the knot with 1/10 of the Leahy clan, Donnell Leahy. Natalie says that eventually she and he will do some touring, playing venues together. Before the marriage Natalie had only two brothers. Now with the Leahys, there are plenty of siblings to go around, and she loves it.

When it comes to starting a family of her own, it won't happen for a while yet. I asked her if her first child will learn dancing, singing, or fiddling first. "Oh, I'm sure he can do whatever he wants to do," laughs Natalie, "We won't make him do anything he wouldn't want to." Yeah, like her children won't be born with fiddle bows in their hands and step shoes on their feet.

Tickets to Natalie's show are from \$20 to \$30. She's coming home just for us, let's give her the welcome she deserves.

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