

Jeff Matheson

Jeff is a very active musician and has become fluent in many music genres including folk, country, gospel, Celtic and rock. This diversity has strengthened his natural gift to compose and arrange unique and powerful melodies. His percussive and innovative approach to piano and guitar playing is distinct and is the very reason why he is in high demand for live performances, recording sessions, and as an instructor for music workshops. Jeff is a real 'people person', looking for every opportunity to mingle with his audiences.

A former member of the New Brunswick Celtic group **39 Toes**, Jeff, between 2001 and 2005, helped the band become music festivals favorites throughout Canada's Maritime provinces. In 2004, the Toes were chosen and performed as provincial show casers at the annual **East Coast Music Awards (ECMA's)** in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Jeff co-fronted the band with fellow singer/songwriter **Jason Myers** and was the engineering force behind their CD entitled **Right!** which continues to receive worldwide Internet sales.

Jeff has personally collaborated with the likes of **Natalie MacMaster**, Bishop Faber MacDonald, and **Richard Wood**. East Coast artists such as **J.J. Chaisson**, Stacey Read, Kinnon Beaton, **Andrea Beaton**, and ECMA nominees **Cynthia MacLeod** and Banshee have recorded his compositions. In addition, Jeff has become sought after for his record engineering skills and his keen sense of sound dynamics.

Jeff has written a very successful instruction booklet entitled **Piano and Guitar Accompaniment Secrets for the Fiddle** and has used this as a teaching tool at music workshops across the continent. In addition to being a frequent music instructor throughout Atlantic Canada, Jeff has taught at workshops as far away as Blue Hill (Maine), the **Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp** (Colorado), and the **Klondyke Fiddle School** (Yukon).

Jeff's latest project is a debut album of his own. It will feature over ten tracks of his own songs in a acoustic-folk-rock setting.

