

STAN ROGERS

Stan Rogers was born in Hamilton Ontario on November 29th, 1949 of maritime parents and although he lived his life in Hamilton and on the road, his life reflected his deep roots in Nova Scotia.



On June 2nd, 1982, Stan's life ended as he lived it. He was larger than Life. His legacy is a collection of songs that reflect a Canadian persona, and, due to his untimely demise, is but a small part of a body of work that was only just begun.

Stan Rogers' songs continue to be such an inspiration that his albums (CDs) and books continue to sell twenty years later.

**Achievements:** Stan Rogers has been honoured in all parts of the world with plaques and tree plantings, and many posthumous awards for which his family will always be grateful.

For years at folk festivals, fans felt that at any moment Stan would show up at a workshop or walk out of an elevator with his guitar strapped across him, looking for a place to laugh and sing, and laugh. The Canadian Folk Legend lives on through his words.



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The  
CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC  
WALK OF FAME

In the autumn of 2002, some Ottawa Folklore Centre staff came up with the idea of the Folk Music Walk of Fame, a way of honouring the accomplishments of members of the greater Canadian folk community. "Why not!", was the ringing realization! With the revitalization of the Bank Street infrastructure, we would have all new concrete sidewalks, a great time to add a unique aspect like a walk of fame. We have a great folk community in Ottawa and a splendid folk history with *Le Hibou*, *Roosters*, *Le Monde*, *The Wasteland* and Ottawa has fledged many fine folk musicians like Valdy, Bruce Cockburn, Colleen Peterson, Ian Tamblyn and many others.

We dropped the suggestion into the lap of our councillor, Clive Doucet, who, along with Mayor Chiarelli and City Council enabled funds for 8 bronze plaques to be set into the concrete sidewalks on Bank Street. Along with the actual plaques, 22 leaf shaped 'blanks' filled with red concrete will be created to extend the FOLKWALK well into the future. Thanks to O'Leary's Ltd., the sidewalk makers, for their interest and patience.

This summer, a call went out for popular votes on who should be honoured with a bronze maple leaf. We've received hundreds of votes from across Canada, every province and territory has been represented. Over 50 different folkies have been nominated. People like Joni Mitchell, Ian and Sylvia, Bruce Cockburn, Stompin' Tom, Emile Benoit, La Bolduc, Ian Tamblyn and many others. Between the popular votes and the opinions of our board of "professional folkies" we chose 6 folkies to be honoured in cement.

The first six inductees into the Canadian Folk Music Walk of Fame are:

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| JONI MITCHELL  |  | GORDON LIGHTFOOT |
| BRUCE COCKBURN |  | STAN ROGERS      |
| JEAN CARIGNAN  |  | HELEN CREIGHTON  |

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## JEAN CARIGNAN

Jean Carignan was born in Levis Quebec in 1916. Learning from his father from the age of 4, by 5 years old he was playing on the streets to help his family's finances.

His fondest wish was to have been classically trained. While he was apprenticed to a shoemaker at age 11, and during the 20 years spent driving his own cab, he continued to play the fiddle.



Highlights in his career included concerts at Carnegie Hall and the Newport Folk Festival.

**Achievements:** Member of the Order of Canada • Honorary Doctor of Music (McGill) • 3 Command Performances (Queen Elizabeth II).

Ti-Jean was never destined to be a classical violinist, but through the years he gave traditional music a new life. He significantly enhanced the art of fiddling around the world.

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## BRUCE COCKBURN

Born in 1945 in Ottawa, Bruce spent the 60's playing in various musical aggregations and in the 70's he struck out on his own developing into an international icon as a folk artist.



Always evolving, his music delves the depths of issues from personal to environmental to world issues. Bruce represents the thoughts and aspirations of an entire generation.

**Achievements:** 11 Juno Awards • 16 Gold Records • 3 Honorary Doctorates (Letters) • Order of Canada •

Governor General's Award • Promotion within the Order of Canada • There are numerous music industry awards and achievement awards.

Bruce Cockburn stands as an example to several generations of singer/songwriters and is highly regarded for his work promoting issues about the environment and humanitarian causes.

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## HELEN CREIGHTON

Helen Creighton was one of Canada's pioneers in the collection of folk songs and stories notably from Nova Scotia. Her legacy includes material from the 13th and 15th centuries and most prominent among them, "*Farewell to Nova Scotia*".

She published anthologies from over 4,000 songs and stories which can be found in the Library of Congress (1943-1948) and the National Museum of Canada (1947-1967). Her collection is at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.



**Achievements:** 1915–Music Diploma, McGill University • 1916–Halifax Ladies' College • Member of the Order of Canada • Canadian Music Council Medal • 1981–Distinguished Folklorist of Canada • Fellow of the American Folklore Society • Honorary Life President of the Canadian Authors Association • 6 Honorary Doctorates.

Her memory is kept alive through the Helen Creighton Folklore Festival in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and through the Helen Creighton Foundation.

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## GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Gordon Lightfoot was born on November 17th, 1938. Just before his 13th birthday he sang at Massey Hall in Toronto in a competition for boys with unchanged voices.



Massey Hall became an annual tour date for many years. Throughout his career he has inspired a host of songwriters and his songs have been recorded by hundreds of musicians including Bob Dylan. Today the tradition continues in Country, Folk, Bluegrass, Pop, and even Disco.

**Achievements:** 5 Grammy Nominations • 17 Juno Awards • 6 Gold Albums • Canadian Music Hall of Fame • Order

of Canada • Governor General's Award • Country Music Hall of Fame.

His influences on contemporary music from the 60's to the new millennium are still being written. His legacy in the annals of music will endure forever.

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## JONI MITCHELL

Joni Mitchell was born in Fort McLeod, Alberta on November 7th, 1943. Her parents moved to Saskatoon where her interests in art, poetry, and music were soon seen and encouraged by family and teachers.



After a short stint at Art School in Calgary she set out to become a folk singer. Her rise was meteoric, for all who heard her recognized a unique voice, unique musical style, and lyrics that were absolutely stunning.

**Achievements:** 4 Grammy Awards • Multiple Grammy Nominations • Rock & Roll Hall of Fame • Canadian Music Hall of Fame • Century Award • The awards for personal

achievements are too numerous to mention here.

It is through Joni Mitchell's ongoing quest to express herself as a visual artist, a musician, and a songwriter that she continues to be an inspiration to all.