



# Ivan Hicks

## ~Biography~

Ivan and Vivian Hicks are well known for their contribution to the preservation and promotion of old-time fiddling throughout North America. Many albums and hundreds of concerts have made Ivan and Vivian a very popular duo in the entertainment scene.

Ivan is a native of Sackville NB and has been performing since the age of 6. With 60 years of playing old-time music, he has shared his talents with many students, young and old alike, and has been an inspiration to countless others.

Ivan Hicks, the composer, the recording artist, the mentor and the performer is ".....synonymous with the type of music which is part of Atlantic Canada's heritage." His music is a gift, a legacy passed to him from his parents. Ivan has become a great musical ambassador for his home province of New Brunswick as well as Canada.

Ivan has been a member of various bands including: "Marshwinds" dance band (1969-1989) and "Maritime Express" old-time and bluegrass band (1979-present). In the late 1970's, he formed the fiddle group "The Sussex Avenue Fiddlers" of which he is director.

Ivan is actively involved in promoting, attending and instructing at workshops. He continues to judge fiddling contests throughout Canada.

He is a consultant for various aspects of the music business and is an organizer and promoter of concerts and tours. Ivan has and continues to make many personal appearances throughout Canada and the USA.

Ivan and Vivian have made an outstanding contribution to the Canadian music scene. Many awards and honours have come to them including induction into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame (Ivan and Vivian) and the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame (Ivan). Ivan and Vivian Hicks have always demanded and achieved a high standard of excellence in their performances and related musical activities.

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