

Hello friends,

In December I was surprised and honoured to be told that I would be included in this year's group of Canadians to be given the Order of Canada. As overwhelming as this news was, it was matched by the outpouring of good wishes from so many family members, musical colleagues, students, fiddle camp attenders, fiddle fans, neighbours and friends from across Canada and south of the border. I have been deeply touched by the many kind and thoughtful emails and Facebook posts and I am so appreciative that so many people took time to send support and congratulations. I'm off in a couple of days to do workshops in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba and with time short I've asked my wife, Marlene to forward this to all of you. I apologize if this seems impersonal but the message is the same: thank you for taking the time to send your good wishes, and I hope our paths cross soon and often.

Very sincerely,

Gordon Stobbe