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New CD and Show promotes NS Country Music Hall of Fame Members

A compilation CD showcasing the talents of 15 members of the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame will be launched Sunday, April 29th at St. Michael's Catholic Church Hall in Spryfield.

The launch of the CD, "*First Edition Showcase*," will feature five Hall of Famers in live concert accompanied by the popular band *Sidewinder*. Two of the performers, Jo-Ann Newman and Don Haggart appeared on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville in the early 1970s. Nova Scotia bluegrass pioneers Larry Boutilier and former *Don Messer's Jubilee* star, Vic Mullen are also featured on the show, along with steel guitar virtuoso Floyd Spicer.

"These performers represent the broad spectrum of country music in Nova Scotia and the Hall of Fame board of Directors is most grateful that they have donated their time and talents for this special show," said Hall of Fame President Roger Bleasdale.

The compilation CD is a fundraising project for the not-for-profit Hall of Fame organization. In addition to the five artists on the April 29th show, the CD includes performances by singers Cindy Church, Robert Bouchard, Jamie Cotter, Frank Spinney, Chet Brown, Brent Williams, Joyce Seamone, and Blain Henshaw. Instrumentalists whose work is on the CD include guitarist, the late Ross Broughm and fiddler, the late Cliff Manley.

"We have a wealth of talent in this province and I encourage the public to come out and enjoy what promises to be an excellent show," said Bleasdale.

The CD will be available at the show for \$15 each. During the intermission and after the show, people will have an opportunity to meet the performers.

Admission to the show is \$10 per person, tickets at the door. It is a joint fundraiser for the Hall of Fame and St. Michael's church. Doors open at 1:00 PM and show time is 2:00 PM. The Church Hall is located at 6 St Michael's Avenue just off Herring Cove Road, three kilometres from the Armdale roundabout.

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