



MEDIA RELEASE

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Folk n Fiddle Festival Appoints Artistic Director, Oliver Swain



November 16, 2021 - I am delighted that Oliver Swain has agreed to act as the Folk & Fiddle Festival Artistic Director for the next 3 years. The Board is fully behind Oliver's appointment and eagerly looking forward to the upcoming months.

Oliver is an exceptional musician, the artistic director of The Victoria Django Society and former artistic director of Fok West. He brings experience and vitality to Programming of the Festival and Marketing areas, although his influence will be felt in all areas.

Under Oliver's leadership, we are planning for the 2022 Festival centred at the Mary Winspear Centre plus a few other scheduled events and fundraisers. The success of the 2022 Festival will allow an expanded Festival in 2023.

We're going to be having a number of scheduled events. Some limited to Members and Volunteers, others as part of our fundraising initiatives, and some as warm-up for the Festival

We'll be sending out future press releases with more details.

If you have interest in helping out, please be in touch with me for details.

With regards,

Bob de Wolff (President)

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About Artistic Director Oliver Swain

Oliver Swain has had an award winning career, spanning three decades in folk music and community arts organizing. His work with the Grammy nominated groups The Duhks, The Red Stick Ramblers(Louisiana) and Toni Childs(USA) was all started in Victoria as founding member of The Bills in 1996. Having performed multiple times at many of the greatest cultural events in the world like The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Strawberry Fest in California, the Byron Bay Blues Fest(AU), Oliver has been passionate about presenting world class cultural in the CRD since the early 2000's. Having programmed for The Peace, Earth & Justice Festival(2003-(2005) and FolkWest(2010-2012), Oliver is the current director of the Victoria Django Society and produces events throughout the year including the Victoria Django Festival, The Grand Victorian Opry and The Victoria Bluegrass Revival. Oliver is looking forward to working with The Folk & Fiddle Festival to create a world class event here on the Saanich Peninsula.

'Music builds community and fosters dialogue and understanding in the very best of ways – Through Joy!' ~ Oliver Swain