

Jason Lepine: Métis Fiddler



Manitoba Métis Fiddling Champion and Recording Artist Jason Lepine was born and raised in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Jason started playing fiddle at the age of 7 yrs, and was influenced by his dad, Garry Lepine, who is a Métis and Manitoba Fiddle Association, Hall of Famer. Jason is a self-taught fiddle player who plays by ear, and also teaches private lessons, to all ages. Jason has been judging fiddle contest in and outside of Manitoba, for many years. Jason has a recording out called "Hearsay" Métis Style Fiddling, and another CD in the works. Jason has won many major contests throughout his fiddling career. Here are some:

- Manitoba Champion
- Manitoba & Saskatchewan Métis Champion
- Festival du Voyageur Champion
- Holland, MB Champion
- Carman, MB Champion
- Miami, MB Champion

Jason is a freelance fiddle player who has played with a lot of great players at dances, shows, etc. He also has played for a lot of incredible Square Dance groups, and Red

River Jiggers, from both inside and outside Manitoba, for both shows and competitions. Jason has also competed in The Grand Masters Fiddling Contest in Ottawa, twice, and has played against the best fiddle players from across Canada. Jason has been a part of many opening acts for many different festivals such as The *Asham Stomper Festival*, *Métis Fest.*, *Back to Batoche Days* in Saskatchewan, *Foklarama*, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Ontario, and all over, who have included...Natalie McMaster, Leahy, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Michelle Wright , and Patricia Conroy to name a few.

Jason has also played for the Asham Stompers at many big venues like: Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards in Edmonton, and Celtic Colors International Festival in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Jason was also on "The Mix" on APTN many times, sharing his Métis style of fiddling.



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