



Pierre Schryer - Fiddle, Foot Percussion

Pierre Schryer is one of Canada's leading traditional fiddlers. A recipient of numerous titles and awards including Canadian Open Fiddle Champion, Grand Masters Champion, Violoneux Championnat, and North American Irish Fiddle Champion, Pierre truly captivates an audience with his energy and genuine warmth. His ability knows no bounds, covering styles from Irish, Scottish, Québécois, and Cape Breton to Canadian Old Time, American Swing and more. In the mid-90s, Pierre Schryer Band built an international reputation as one of Canada's most well respected traditional music ensembles by touring throughout Canada, the USA, Ireland, Europe and the UK.

Pierre has shared the stage with hundreds of internationally renowned colleagues in the traditional music scene and has performed with numerous orchestras across Canada with his acclaimed Symphony Pops show. Of his seven recordings released on his own label New Canadian Records, "Blue Drag" was nominated at the 2004 JUNO Awards for best Roots and Traditional (Group) Album of the Year, "Mélange" at the 2008 Canadian Folk Music Awards for Instrumental Solo Album of the Year, and "2 Worlds United", a brilliant duo album with top Irish button accordionist Dermot Byrne, was distributed worldwide by Claddagh Records. In 2019, Schryer teamed up with BC guitarist Adam Dobres and released "Mandorla." The album was nominated at the 2020 Canadian Folk Music Awards as well as at the 2020 Western Canadian Music Awards.

Pierre's talents extend beyond his musical abilities, he's an accomplished luthier and artist currently performing on one of his own violins and bows. Pierre Schryer, as producer, also created and directed his own festival "Canadian Celtic Celebration," in Thunder Bay, Ontario from 2000 to 2017.

Dedicated to passing on the tradition, Pierre teaches at numerous fiddle camps and retreats, and is committed to creating community through traditional music sessions, community dances and collaborative projects wherever he resides.