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Glenn McFarlane Releases New CD “Music and Friends” Available October 10th, 2014



[Brampton ON] Brampton Folk Club President and long-time member of the Celtic and East Coast duo Brown Ale, **Glenn McFarlane**, is proud and excited to be releasing his second solo CD. As the title implies, “**Music and Friends**” is a collection of original songs celebrating two things that are very important to him. The songs are fun and lively folk songs that reflect his East Coast roots, along with strong elements of country, folk-rock and world music, with an underlying theme of camaraderie throughout the album. Like his last release “Food for Thought”, the CD was engineered and co-produced by Wendell Ferguson, James Gordon and Jon Grant, to better capture the diverse musical styles on the album.

Also reflective of the CD title is the long list of special guests on the album, which includes Ferguson, Gordon, Grant, his Brown Ale bandmate Les Smith, his brother Keith McFarlane, Jason LaPrade, Don Ablett, Peter Jellard, Alec Fraser, Mike Shotten, Mark Rolland, and two large groups of backup singers. Some of these guests appear in cartoon form on the album cover in a jam session.

To help launch the album, Glenn has released a YouTube video of his song “[Offense Scores, Defense Wins Games](#)”. Arranged for commercial country stations, the song is a light-hearted country-rocker, about what it takes to win, regardless of sport. Another song, “[Let’s Talk New Brunswick!](#)” was released last year with a video collage of photos taken in Glenn’s native province. Many of the photos were shot during his “Prodigal Son(g)s Tour” last year, where he sang songs **about** New Brunswick **in** New Brunswick, even performing **on** New Brunswick Day. (A song documenting the tour is included on the CD.) Both YouTube videos can be accessed through his new and improved website www.glenmcfarlane.ca, under the Videos page. Samples of all songs, as well as their lyrics are also posted.

Glenn is celebrating his CD release with a series of concerts in Southern Ontario. He will be performing all shows with his brother Keith on percussion and backing vocals. Keeping in the spirit of the CD, he will be joined by special guests on some of these shows. For example, his Celtelectic bandmates Les Smith and Jon Grant will join him at the November 1st concert in Brampton. Other guests include finger style guitarist Don Ablett (who performs on the album) and Steve Kossen, who organizes a popular open stage event in Bolton.

For more information, please visit Glenn’s website at www.glenmcfarlane.ca.

“Music and Friends” - Track Listing

- 1 **It's a Beautiful Day for a Beer** – up-tempo country song about summer long weekends
- 2 **Come See the Stars** – romantic acoustic folk waltz
- 3 **Middle Aged and Overweight** – whimsical up-tempo acoustic country piece
- 4 **Offense Scores, Defense Wins Games** – hard driving country rocker
- 5 **I Am the Kyle** – slow dramatic accordion based song about a Newfoundland steamship
- 6 **Let's Talk New Brunswick!** – high energy “Maritime Rap” piece
- 7 **The Prodigal Son(g)s Tour** – Acadian style account of my New Brunswick tour
- 8 **An Instrumental Break** - a medley of three instrumentals, from lullaby to flamenco
- 9 **Music and Friends** - Music Hall style sing-a-long waltz
- 10 **The Christmas Truce** – dramatic story song about the 1st Christmas of World War 1
- 11 **The Ballad of Kwakiutl** - cheesy country parody about Brampton’s infamous statue
- 12 **Jerry and Jim** – mellow rock song saluting April Wine’s bass player and drummer
- 13 **Decompress** - parody of Bob Dylan circa 1965
- 14 **Stan Rogers** - dramatic folk rock piece about the Canadian folk music icon

Live Appearances in Support of “Music and Friends”

Saturday, October 18th, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Folk Music Ontario Conference, Mayfair Room, Westin Bristol Place, Toronto
- Featured as part of the Brampton Folk Club Sponsored Showcase

Saturday, November 1st, 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- Brampton Golf Club, 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton
- A Fundraiser for Brampton Civic Hospital

Saturday, November 15th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy Street, Bolton
- A Fundraiser for Bolton United Church

Saturday, November 29th – 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon

- Freewheeling Folk Show, Hamilton, 93.3 FM
- 45 minute interview, featuring live performances and tracks from the album
- Podcast available at <http://cfmu.msumcmaster.ca/>

Friday, December 5th, 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- St. Paul’s United Church, 30 Main St. South, Brampton
- Opening for Boreal’s “Songs for the Snowy Season” concert