



Ashley MacLeod

Media Bio

Ashley MacLeod is from Dalkeith, Ontario, in the county of Glengarry, a hotbed of Scottish culture in Canada.

At the age of 10, Ashley literally picked up a fiddle and began playing. In the next few years, she proceeded to win many awards at fiddle competitions throughout Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes. At age 14, she was invited to play at the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship as a Junior Showcase artist—an honor given to only four young people across Canada each year!

Building from there, Ashley has gone on to perform her musical magic before thousands of captivated fans all over North America. She has collaborated with many outstanding musicians, including the world champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band and Celtic rock band Hadrian's Wall.

In 2002, she released her first CD entitled **From the Heart of Glengarry**, a collection of traditional Scottish fiddle tunes arranged in Ashley's inimitable style. Her much-anticipated follow-up CD **Hold Fast** was released in August 2006 to rave reviews.

Living in a community so steeped and rooted in its Scottish heritage, and raised on a farm that has been in the family for over 200 years, gives Ashley the spirit and depth in the music she plays. Her strathspeys, jigs and reels vibrate with strength, and her waltzes and airs are coloured with an aura of peacefulness. It is a gift, and it flows freely to you from the heart—from the heart of Glengarry.