



Calvin Vollrath

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Having received his first fiddle at the age of eight, Calvin was raised on the music of Don Messer and his father, Art “Lefty” Vollrath. To date, he has composed over 800 tunes, many of which have become standard repertoire played across North America and Europe. He has released 72 of his own albums and numerous music books featuring his original compositions.

Over the years, Calvin has played on hundreds of recordings for country artists, including some of Alberta’s finest such as Ian Tyson, Laura Vinson, R. Harlan Smith, Brett Kissel, and many more. He has also performed with the likes of Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Russell DeCarle, Jess Lee, and Danny Hooper, among others.

In 2010, Calvin was commissioned to compose five fiddle tunes for the Vancouver Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies, representing various styles of fiddling from across Canada. In 2011, he was inducted into the North American Fiddlers’ Hall of Fame in New York. His influence in the fiddle world is widely recognized.

Calvin is also very active in teaching fiddle music and is recognized by the Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society as one of the driving forces behind the revitalization of fiddle music. He has mentored and inspired hundreds of fiddlers around the world. Calvin resides in St. Paul, Alberta, and today, as you drive into town, you’ll see his name proudly displayed on the “Welcome to St. Paul” sign.

QUOTE

“Way back when I started playing fiddle, it was just fiddle music. And then, in my 20s, I fell in love with country music.”

– CALVIN VOLLRATH

ARTISTS

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| • IAN TYSON | • VINCE GILL |
| • LAURA VINSON | • RUSSELL DECARLE |
| • R. HARLAN SMITH | • JESS LEE |
| • BRETT KISSEL | • DANNY HOOPER |
| • WILLIE NELSON | • & MANY MORE |

