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Mr. Eric Ruff
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(Via Email)

Re: Yarmouth Shantymen at the Deep Roots Festival

Dear Mr. Ruff

I am delighted that the Yarmouth Shantymen are being considered for inclusion in the Deep Roots Festival in Wolfville this fall.

In my role with programming for the Tuesday Night Tunes series at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, the Yarmouth Shantymen are probably the single most popular act we feature annually in our concert series. Your presentation of rollicking sea shanties both traditional and contemporary is a huge crowd pleaser. The music is great, and the humor your group expresses on the stage gives everyone great laughs. All around a real audience favorite.

Donning my other hat as Chair of the Helen Creighton Folklore Society, I give great kudos to the work of the Yarmouth Shantymen in bringing to life the living traditions of Nova Scotia's historical connection with the sea. In this province we are pretty good with preserving the artifacts of our sailing history through museums and floating ambassadors, but our social heritage of the sea is often sidelined. Your group gives audiences a true glimpse into the unseen engines of the days of sail with your singing of sea songs in the way the tradition bearers of old would have sung them.

In short, the Yarmouth Shantymen will be a huge "hit" at the Deep Roots festival, and I will make a point of getting there to hear your performance.

Should you require further endorsement details, please do not hesitate to ask. Should anyone from the Deep Roots festival wish to have a chat with me, please do not hesitate to provide them with my contact information.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stone', with a stylized, flowing script.

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