

ADJUDICATOR

Anthony Rissesco, Fiddle and Traditional Music



Anthony Rissesco is a contemporary violinist who performs folk, fiddle, rock, classical, and more. He grew up playing in the "down east old time tradition" and has competed in fiddling competitions across the country. He was a student of both Jan Wicha and Prof. Philippe Djokic, and has toured for many years with Lennie Gallant. Anthony appeared on Lennie's album *Live Acoustic at the Carleton* which received a Canadian Folk Music award, and he has been on many festival stages across the U.S with roots rock band, Pogey. He has also played

and toured with many Maritime artists including Bruce Guthro and Anne Murray. Anthony has been a guest performer with Symphony Nova Scotia several times, either performing with Lennie Gallant or playing fiddle medleys and singing folk songs. He is part of the trio Papilio which has just released its second CD, and whose first CD was nominated for both an ECMA and Music Nova Scotia award.

With almost 30 years' experience as an educator, Anthony has given many workshops for fiddle organizations and clubs such as the Maritime Fiddle Association. He has often been a string and fiddle adjudicator for the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival and other music festivals. He is a first place prizewinner in five Canadian provinces and has represented Nova Scotia at the Canadian Grand Masters several times. Anthony is third prizewinner at the Canadian Open. He is also a past Maritime Fiddle champion and recently was a judge at that competition.