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## Winnipeg Folk Festival Shines on Prairie Scene

### *Renowned Festival-Style Workshop Set To Celebrate Prairie Music In Ottawa*

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada** – The Winnipeg Folk Festival has a reputation across the country for being one of the best of its kind, and for showcasing some of the hottest acts around, both established and up-and-coming. That's why the Prairie Scene collaborated with the Winnipeg Folk Festival to present one of the renowned festival-style workshops in Ottawa.

"The Winnipeg Folk Festival is delighted to partner with Canada's National Arts Centre by hosting a unique presentation of folk music featuring talent from Manitoba and Saskatchewan," says Tamara Kater, Executive Director of the Winnipeg Folk Festival.

"Audiences travel for miles to take in the workshops we offer each summer at Birds Hill Provincial Park – the festival's home on the prairie – we are delighted to help to recreate this experience for audiences in our nation's capital. The mélange of prairie musicians featured in this workshop is sure to ignite musical fireworks and create an unforgettable afternoon of folk music."

The Winnipeg Folk Festival Workshop at Prairie Scene takes place:

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm EST**  
**National Arts Centre – Fourth Stage**  
**53 Elgin Street, Ottawa**  
**Tickets \$15 (or get 6 shows for \$49)**

For this special workshop experience, the Winnipeg Folk Festival presents its signature blend of musical styles, putting **The Deep Dark Woods, Del Barber, Romi Mayes, and Shuyler Jansen** on the same stage and letting the good times roll. This mix of musical genres features the shadowy, contemplative roots music of The Deep Dark Woods, the youthful intensity of Del Barber's alternative folk, the blues guitar of Romi Mayes and Jay Nowicki and the genre-defying music of Shuyler Jansen.

"The Winnipeg Folk Festival has grown from a one-time event into an anchor of Canadian folk culture, and has fostered and inspired generations of musicians from Manitoba and beyond," says Kater.

"This year, as we celebrate our 38<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Folk Festival, we're thrilled to be able to showcase a new generation of folk musicians from Manitoba and Saskatchewan at Prairie Scene. Along with that, we're proud to be recognized as a cultural leader and trailblazer.



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### **About the Winnipeg Folk Festival**

[www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca](http://www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca)

With one of North America's premier outdoor music festivals as its signature event, the Winnipeg Folk Festival is a year-round, not-for-profit arts organization that presents live music, arts events, and education and outreach programs designed to benefit the community. The 38th annual Winnipeg Folk Festival – recently called “One of the Top Ten music festivals in the world” by Delta Sky Magazine – will take place July 6-10, 2011 in Birds Hill Provincial Park, Manitoba, Canada. The Winnipeg Folk Festival also operates a performance space and music store in Winnipeg's historic Exchange District.

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