



Live theatre is back ... and there's a Fiddler on the Loose at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – There's a fiddler on the loose in Cambridge... and he's on a mission to entertain with a high-energy musical extravaganza at the **Hamilton Family Theatre** from **June 1 to June 18!**

Crafted to showcase the incredible talents of fiddler and showman **Jesse Grandmont**, *Fiddler on the Loose* is a lively revue packed with over 60 songs running the gamut of genres from country and bluegrass to Celtic, classical, pop, and more.

"*Fiddler on the Loose* is an electrifying fusion of entertainment that will leave audiences clapping along and dancing their way out of the theatre," says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "The depth of talent on stage is incredible."

Conceived by **David Rogers**, one of Canada's most accomplished artists, and directed and choreographed by **David Hogan**, who helmed Drayton Entertainment's critically acclaimed production of *Man of La Mancha* in 2018, *Fiddler on the Loose* features more than just fantastic fiddling – there's singing, dancing, and plenty of comedy in the mix.

Grandmont anchors the production with his natural charisma, breezy banter, and seemingly effortless musical flourishes. He is a natural-born entertainer, evidenced by the fact that he has been playing the violin since the age of three, and has toured internationally with the Ontario Festival Symphony Orchestra and the popular fiddle group, Barrage. He also recently finished a seven-month contract at Expo Dubai.

In this show, Grandmont fiddles and sings up a storm, while sharing the stage and showcasing the considerable talents of fellow artists **Devan Ballagh, Matt Ballagh, Paige Ballagh, Leah Grandmont, Elena Howard-Scott, Stephen Ingram, Erik Larson, and Dave Roilliard**.

Together, they present a musical variety show that covers the spectrum of styles, including country standards ("Thank God I'm A Country Boy," "The Gambler"), unbridled feel-good rock 'n' roll ("Rock This Town," "Rock Around The Clock"), Broadway (complete with a *Fiddler on the Roof* montage), emotional ballads ("Hallelujah"), and more.

Set, Costume, and Lighting Design are by **D2 Entertainment**, with **Jesse Grandmont** serving double duty as Music Director, **Charles Russell** is the Stage Manager, and **Stephanie Bignell** is the Assistant Stage Manager.

Fiddler on the Loose is proudly sponsored by **Equitable Life of Canada**. Media Sponsors are **KX 94.7** and **Country 106.7**. The Design Sponsor is **Schiedel Construction**.

Fiddler on the Loose runs **June 1 to June 18** at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Box Office, by calling **(519) 621-8000** or toll free at **1-855-drayton (372-9866)**, or online instantly at www.draytonentertainment.com.

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