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Special 10th Anniversary Edition of John Arcand Fiddle Fest kicks off Thursday!

August 3, 2007, SASKATOON – The 10th Anniversary Edition of the John Arcand Fiddle Fest kicks off this Thursday for four days of full immersion in fiddle music and Red River Jigging. Workshops, concerts, dances, and competition fill each day, morning to night.

Whether you're 6 or 66, are an accomplished player or have never picked one up, two full days of workshops at the Fiddle Fest will help you uncover or develop your inner fiddler. You can build skills in fiddling from an impressive list of instructors that includes John Arcand, *Master of the Metis Fiddle* himself. A number of other accomplished professional performers and instructors join John in passing on the traditions and helping others develop skills in almost every kind of fiddling and for every level of development. Red River Jigging, guitar and piano workshops are also offered.

For those who can't resist cuttin' a rug on the dance floor, two old time dances—one Friday night and one Saturday night, finish off full days of learning, competition and performance. Earlier in the evenings concert showcases display the skills of a variety of artists. Thursday it's the workshop instructors on stage to perform and Friday brings a smorgasbord of entertainment that includes a variety of genres, cultures, and disciplines. Saturday Night brings the special anniversary edition of "John Arcand & Friends" where John will be joined by seven young fiddlers who have grown up on his festival and who exemplify the reason this festival exists – to promote and preserve the traditions of fiddle music and dance through our young people.

John Arcand was recently awarded a membership in the Order of Canada for his work preserving the culture and traditions of his Metis people and for promoting harmony among cultures. No matter what your ancestry, the Fiddle Fest will make you welcome and you will soon feel part of a loyal and growing family of John Arcand Fiddle Fest fans.

The festival takes place at Windy Acres on the Pike Lake Highway (#60). Admission is \$20 per day per person or \$40 per weekend. Children 12 & under are free. Access to workshops is included with admission. Free un-serviced camping, concession, and children's activities on site. It begins Thursday, August 9th and continues through to Sunday, August 12th. Get all of the details at www.johnarcandfiddlefest.com or call 306.382.0111.

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