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"Princess of the Métis Fiddle."  
- Calvin Vollrath

Darla Daniels is a Métis fiddler, singer-songwriter, actress, composer, and championship Red River Jigger renowned for her dynamic style, passionate compositions, and vivacious stage presence. Hailing from the Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, Darla has spent the past twenty years sharing her deep love for Traditional Métis Fiddle music while infusing it with her own vibrant, modern twist. Darla has carved out a unique space in the music world, blending cultural preservation with innovative artistry.

Darla's musical journey has taken her from local stages to some of the most prestigious events around the world. She has graced the stages of the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, the Newport Celtic Rock Festival, and the legendary Mardi Gras in New Orleans, captivating audiences with her electrifying performances. Her role as a performer extends beyond the music scene, making her theatre debut at the prestigious Stratford Festival in 2024 for the world premiere of *The Diviners*, a production that placed Indigenous narratives at the forefront.

Performing regularly with Edmonton-based Country band Justin Sutton & North of 49, Darla is a versatile artist who can effortlessly transition between musical genres, all while staying true to her Métis roots. Over the years, she has had the honor of opening for prominent artists such as Snotty Nose Rez Kids, Gary Allan, and The Road Hammers, further solidifying her reputation as a dynamic performer.

Darla's impact extends beyond live performances. She has been featured on major media platforms, including APTN and CBC Radio, and her discography includes albums like *From Feel to Flare* and *Bowing to Tradition*, which showcase her dedication to both tradition and innovation. Her work has earned her numerous accolades, including the MSGC Arts & Culture Award in 2023 and the Young Woman of Vision Award from Grant MacEwan University in 2010.

# DARLA DANIELS

## **NOTABLE PERFORMANCES**

The Winspear Centre - Edmonton, AB 2025

The Diviners, Stratford Festival - Stratford, ON 2024

International Indigenous Music Summit - Toronto, ON 2024

Beaumont Music Festival - 2024

Alberta Métis Fest - Métis Crossing, AB

Edmonton Folk Music Festival – 2017, 2023

Okimaw Awards - Edmonton, AB - 2023

Servus Heritage Festival – Edmonton, AB 2010-2011, 2013, 2023

Taste of Edmonton – 2017

The Festival of Stars - Bashaw, AB 2009, 2010 & 2014

Mardi Gras - New Orleans, LA 2013

Capital Ex (Klondike Days) - Edmonton, AB 2008, 2009 & 2013

Great Blue Heron Music Festival – Sherman, NY 2012

Newport Celtic Rock Festival – Newport, RI 2012

South Buffalo Irish Festival – Buffalo, NY 2012

The Esquao Awards – Edmonton, AB 2009 & 2011

International Métis Festival – International Peace Gardens, ND 2011

Calvin Vollrath Annual CD Release Gala – Fort Saskatchewan, AB 2010 & 2011

Back to Batoche Days – Batoche, SK 2006 - 2010

The International Polar Year Launch - Ottawa, ON 2007

## **ARTISTS OPENED FOR**

Snotty Nose Rez Kids - Gary Allan - The Road Hammers - The Prairie States

Ashley MacIsaac - Susan Aglukark - Eileen Ivers - Brandi Carlisle - Shawn Desman

## **MEDIA**

AGNT Spotlight Series 2025

CJWE - 2023 | CFWE - 2023 | “Strings With a Dream” – APTN 2012

Global Edmonton 2009-2011 | CBC Radio – 2009-2011 | “The Mix” – APTN 2009

Big Dog 103.5 – Newcap Radio 2009

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## **DISCOGRAPHY/RECORDINGS**

*1992* - EP 2025

*Nothing to Fear* - single, Hungry Hollow 2024

*Nôcikiwikamikosihk* - Album, W.T. Goodspirit 2024

*Dancing Along* - Single, Trent Agecoutay 2023

*From Feel to Flare* - Album 2009

*Bowing to Tradition* - Album 2008

## **COMPOSING**

Kohkom's Babushka - Theatre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, AB 2025

Coast Salish Love Story (workshop) - Musical Theatre, Stratford, ON 2024

Dusk and Dawn - Film, AB 2024

Laurent Garneau Honour Song - Theatre, University of Alberta, AB 2015

## **CHOREOGRAPHY**

The Diviners (Métis Jigging Consultant) - Theatre, Stratford Festival, ON 2024

## **AWARDS**

Specialty Instrument Player of the Year (Fiddle) Nominee & finalist - Country Music Alberta Awards, 2025

Arts & Culture Award - Métis Settlements General Council, 2023

The Young Woman of Vision Award - Grant MacEwan University, 2010

Overall Grand Championship, Red River Jig - JA Fiddle Fest, 2009

The Aboriginal Youth Female Role Model Award - CNFC, 2008