



Oh Canada

Spot On, together with our wonderful northern partners and colleagues in the south west, has been fortunate to attend showcases in Maritime Canada through the excellent Contact East showcase programme. This has enabled us to see, select, and ultimately tour fantastically high-quality Canadian companies to our rural communities. Starting in 2001 with Barachois, organised by Get Moving and Gail Ferrin, the schemes have, over the years, collectively toured 30+ companies to communities across the country. The memories are numerous —relationships formed, beer drunk, villages discovered, babies born. Our audiences and promoters absolutely value not just the talent but also the recognition that a touring company from Canada brings to their rural community. Some of the best nights out on our networks have been provided by Canadian musicians and artists.

To celebrate our 30th anniversary, we contacted companies we've toured and invited them to send us a birthday message, which you can watch here: <https://youtu.be/UnGLtcYToRM>

With immense gratitude to Laurie Gillis and the Atlantic Presenters Association for their ongoing support and collaboration in making these tours viable. Also we recognise Canadian Heritage and all the Provincial arts funders who support the artists' touring costs, so making these international tours affordable to our small rural venues.

