

## LENNIE GALLANT HIGHLIGHTS AND QUOTES

Lennie Gallant, from Rustico, Prince Edward Island, has released fifteen albums (12 in English and 3 in French) of original songs which have won him a host of awards and nominations from the JUNOs and Les Prix Éloizes.

He's received a Canadian Folk Artist of The Year Award as well as 19 East Coast Music Awards, including the ECMA Entertainer of the Year several times over.

Gallant's live double album from his multimedia hit production, *Searching for Abegweit*, won him an ECMA, ran for over 190 shows and toured to sold out shows all over Eastern Canada.

His Maritime classic "Peter's Dream" was voted one of the Top Ten East Coast Songs of all Time and was recently inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame.

A recipient of the Order of Canada, (the country's highest civilian honour) Lennie is a touring artist who has performed all over Canada, in the US and Europe, for the troops in Afghanistan, and at the Winter Olympics.

"Time Travel", his critically acclaimed album released in 2018, was named one of the Top Ten Folk Albums by members of the Canadian music industry, alongside albums by Richard Thompson, John Prine and Joan Baez. The album also received a Canadian Folk Music award.

Lennie has recently teamed up with well-known Acadian musician and partner, Patricia Richard, to create a francophone duo called *Sirène et Matelot* (The Siren and the Sailor). They released their first album in 2019, and has done extremely well in the francophone world. They just completed a second album which was released in September 2023.

He has toured with Symphony New Brunswick, Symphony PEI and Symphony Nova Scotia, who he performed with for two sold out shows days before the COVID-19 crisis hit.

He has shared the stage with such artists as Lucinda Williams, Patti Griffin, Roger Hodgson, Ray Willie Hubbard and has performed onstage with both Jimmy Buffett and David Foster and their bands. He co-wrote 2 songs on Jimmy Buffett's soon to be release posthumous album and had the pleasure to add some vocals to the recordings.

His songs have been covered by numerous artists including Buffett and have appeared in feature films and TV shows.

One of his albums, "When We Get There", went up to the International Space Station with Canadian Astronaut Julie Payette for the crew to enjoy. It orbited the planet 248 times, at long last putting Gallant's music in high rotation worldwide!

Lennie has acted in several productions both for television, stage and film. He has also released many music videos over his career including the recent beautiful video *Sequoia*, filmed in the Sierra Nevada, California.

He has written theme songs for The Acadian World Congress, Pier 21 (Canada's Ellis Island), and the city of Halifax's 250th Anniversary (performed with a choir of 2000 voices).

Lennie Gallant has been involved in charity events and fundraisers, so much that received the PEI Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award for his efforts.

## QUOTES

*Gallant truly is a master tunesmith. His lyrics and the melody lines that flow through them are beautifully interwoven and go straight for the heart almost every time.*

**- The Guardian**

*Compelling melodies.... the finest narrative lyrics - Toronto Star*

*A rousing performance! - Edmonton Journal*

*One of my favourite Canadian songwriters - Jimmy Buffett*

*One of our country's finest singer-songwriters, Lennie gave one of the standout performances of the National Arts Centre's Canada Scene festival.*

**Chris Dearlove – Manager, National Arts Centre, Ottawa**

*Lennie's performances have always mesmerized Indian River Festival audience. His songs, stories and clever wit continue to be a favourite with Atlantic Canadians and those visiting the region from across the country and around the world.*

**Don Quarles - Artistic Director, Indian River Festival**

*Lennie Gallant is an incredible talent and a good soul to boot. He has graced the stages of Stanfest many times and shines every time. Lennie is at home with the best songwriters in the world.*

**Troy Greencorn - Artistic Director, Stan Rogers Folk Festival**

*Un spectacle de Lennie, c'est un spectacle plein d'énergie, rempli d'anecdotes et de nouvelles chansons. Le talent de Lennie Gallant ne connaît aucune frontière.*

**- La Voix Acadienne**