

Multi-talented performer returns to Devon for one night only

A. Frank Willis coming Oct. 11

By Devon Dispatch News staff

Known as the “One-Man Band from Newfoundland”, A. Frank Willis is returning to Devon for a one-night performance guaranteed to make his audience laugh.

The 43-year veteran performer will be at the Devon Community Centre Oct. 11 at 9 p.m.

It's been a year and a half since Willis was last in Devon, and he's stoked to be back.

“I love Devon. It is a beautiful, warm community. It keeps on drawing me back,” said Willis.

Willis' show is ever-evolving.

“I'm always coming up with new material,” said Willis. “It's going to be a lot of laughs and a lot of down-home, country, Irish and Celtic music.”

Some of Willis' popular acts include *I'm My Own Grandpa*, *I Lobster and Never Flounder* and *I Used to Call Her Darlin' (But Now I Call Her Collect.)*

Willis said his one-man show attracts a diverse audience — not just audience members from the East Coast. On Sept. 12, Willis performed to a sold out venue in Esterhazy, Sask.

“There was one Newfoundlander there and I got three standing ovations,” said Willis. “My audience varies. I guess they're generally true Canadians who like to have a good time.”

Willis, who will perform in Athabasca the night before, loves taking the stage.

“I get a joy and a complete satisfaction out of making people happy and laughing,” said Willis.

Tickets for the Devon event are available at Devon Garden Market IGA and at the door.

A. Frank Willis, a man of many talents, entertains sold out audiences with catchy songs and by playing a variety of instruments at the same time.


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Appreciated donation

On Sept. 23, Parkland Industries Short Stop Fast Gas brought to a close their 2008 “Backpacks for Kids” campaign with a donation of school supplies to Robina Baker School. The campaign, which saw patrons drop off school supplies and cash donations at the Short Stop Fast Gas, raised over \$500 worth of supplies that will be used to help families that would benefit. On hand to receive the donation was Grade 4 student Robin Hughes-Toope.

Submitted photo



**A. FRANK
Willis
Musical Comedy Show**



The Superman from Newfoundland, The Human Octopus, The multi-talented Award winning 'A. Frank Willis' is returning to Devon by popular demand. A virtual legend on the east coast, this promises to be another evening of toe tapping music & side splitting humour that shouldn't be missed.

Saturday, October 11th @ 9:00 p.m.
Devon Community Centre
 Advance tickets available @ IGA \$15 or at the door \$20.
 Ages 18+
www.afrankwillis.com