

## Fiddler's Choice

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System A: A, F#m, A, F#m, A, E7, A, F#m, A, E7, A

System B: A, D, A, E7, D, A, D, A, E7, A

Fiddler and composer John MacDougall (1925-2008) is thought to have composed more than 38,000 pieces, sometimes as many as 65 tunes in a day. The Mabou fiddler kept them secret, claiming they came to him from deceased musicians. His cousin fiddler Ian MacDougall is now sharing many of them. Luthier William "Bill" G. Sampson, WGS Violins, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, recently wrote "Fiddler's Choice" for a special event to honor John MacDougall. (There are at least 2 other tunes by that fine tune name, published in the mid 1990s).

3 videos of John MacDougall playing, plus 1 of his tune "F17":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6Oq3ZfVjAk> (with more information about him)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2K7nvmnb\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2K7nvmnb_k)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10155996000851842>

<https://soundcloud.com/cbc-nova-scotia/f17-a-tune-by-john-macdougall> (played by his cousin Ian)

Bill Sampson Explains Violin Building: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOMJDDrM1Hc>

MacDougall entertained regularly at the Glenora Distillery (America's first single malt whisky distillery), Glenville, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia; and was the inspiration for their Fiddler's Choice Whisky. Glenora will host an "International Night of a Thousand Fiddles" on Saturday, August 31, 2019, to set a world record for fiddle playing and whisky drinking. Fiddlers should play "Fiddler's Choice" or a tune of their choice (and have a drink) that evening at the distillery, at home, or wherever they may be, and then let Glenora know by emailing: <[info@glenora1.ca](mailto:info@glenora1.ca)>, or by posting your picture or short video on the Glenora Facebook page or on other social media using the hashtag: #Nightof1000Fiddles.

International Night of a Thousand Fiddles information, "Fiddler's Choice" sheet music and recording, etc: <https://www.glenoradistillery.com/night-of-a-thousand-fiddles>

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