

SYMPHONIC FIDDLES

It might not be everybody's idea of a symphony orchestra, but the Cape Breton Symphony is a sometime visitor and always welcome addition to Shelburne's National Fiddle Contest. "The word 'symphony' has a bit of a stigma of long-hair," says leader Bobby Brown, so the group is sometimes called Bobby Brown's Cape Breton Symphony Fiddlers.

The appearance of this group is part of the CBC's national broadcast of the 41st championship Saturday night.

Prescott-Brown, three artists from the original Family of Ottawa, is the other part of the broadcast. The original group of six no longer exists, but the tradition lives on through these three.

The 41st Fiddleville will have an even greater exposure this year. Insight Productions is to film the champs of the 12-and-under and 65-and-over classes for CBC TV's Country Gold, on Fiddleville Saturday at 10 a.m. at the arena.

