

Fiddle fun in Falkirk

FIDDLE FANS are in for a big treat at Falkirk Town Hall on Wednesday, August 8, with the appearance of the Cape Breton Symphony.

For the pianist with the Canadian-based group is Bobby Brown who emigrated from Falkirk district to Toronto at the age of 16 in 1941.

The symphony are well known throughout the world for their expertise in the playing of the Cape Breton style fiddle music in the Scottish/Irish tradition. The four fiddlers are Buddy McMaster, Sandy McIntyre, Wilfred Gillis and John Donald Cameron. At the concert they will be backed by members of the Scottish Accent Band and the whole show will be compered by Robin Brock of Radio Forth.

BORN LOCALLY

Bobby Brown was born in Dennyloanhead. After emigrating he became general sales manager of a Toronto-based company before giving up that occupation to become a full-time musician at the age of 32. He married a Canadian girl Carol and they have a 16-year-old son Laird.

His mother was the popular Scottish soprano Jean Day, his father was a fiddler and several uncles were pipers and drummers. During his stay in Falkirk, Bobby will live with relatives in Carronshore.

The programme during the Scottish tour will be varied with airs, strathspeys, clogs, jigs, hornpipes, polkas and reels — some of them are familiar but others may not be known in this country.



Bobby Brown

Bobby leaves the piano on occasions to entertain on the accordion. On the programme is also the dancing of Sandy and Lucy McIntyre.

The many albums released by the group will be on sale at each venue. Tickets are available from the Steeple Box Office.