

Shane Cook - Canadian and US National Fiddle Champion

A Canadian and US National fiddle champion, **Shane Cook** captivates audiences with technically thrilling and adventurous performances. Noted by The Canadian Fiddlers' Hall of Fame as one of the "finest fiddlers in the world today," Cook has distinguished himself as a master of the Canadian old-time fiddle tradition. He also enjoys playing and arranging everything from traditional Irish and Scottish music to Pop and Bluegrass.

In 2006, Shane retired from competitive fiddling as one of Canada's most highly awarded fiddlers. He is a *three-time Canadian Open National Champion*, a *three-time Canadian Grand Masters Champion*, a *Grand North American Champion*, and is the only foreign fiddler to win the *US Grand National Championship*, a feat he accomplished at just 17 years of age.

The result of Shane's collaboration with long-time friend Jake Charron (The East Pointers) is their album, *Head to Head*. Grammy-nominee and leading Irish-American musician, Liz Carroll describes the 2014 project: "*You can't get much better than this - Shane cranking it out on the fiddle with his innovative, hot-smooth playing, and Jake, alternating between guitar and piano, creating the perfect groove. Superb musicians, beautiful tunes, powerful music!*"

Another collaboration, with Nova Scotia's Troy MacGillivray, earned a 2007 East Coast Music Award for Roots/Traditional Album of the Year by a Group/Duo for their duo project *When Here Meets There*.

Shane has four solo recordings. Shane leads Shane Cook & The Woodchippers and their 2021 release, *Be Here for a While*, is receiving high praise. Shane also performs regularly with several ensembles including Grammy-nominee *Claire Lynch Band*, The StepCrew, and the PBS hit *Bowfire*, having toured extensively in Canada, the US, the UK, Ireland, Germany, China, Singapore and Taiwan. He is a graduate of Western University and resides in London, Ontario with his wife and son. www.shanecook.com