

Folklorist, Educator and Set Dance Master  
**Tonya Kearley-Russell**  
will be coming to Sudbury to teach  
**Traditional Newfoundland Set Dancing**  
on Friday June 16th 2023.  
Live music from  
**Kelly Russell & Tamsyn Russell**

She's looking for Sudbury dancers to learn the set and perform at the National Provincial Departments of Tourism gathering on Saturday, June 16th at The Holiday Inn.

On Saturday these dancers will be invited to the performance from master fiddler Kelly Russell (Figgy Duff, The Wonderful Grand Band, The Plunker Down Band, Bristol's Hope, Kelly Russell & The Planks and The Irish Descendants) and accordion player, Tamsyn Russell and will dance as part of a demonstration of NL culture.

Tonya says;

*"We are being brought to the area for a National Provincial Departments of Tourism gathering as visiting artists. As a Folklorist, Educator, and Set Dance Master, It is my goal to always meet with enthusiastic local learners whenever given the opportunity to teach and learn traditional dance nationally and internationally. I would love to do some workshops at some local Sudbury spots in demonstrating the "Teach the Teacher" dance instruction method for NL Dance. In exchange for a free performance of "Russells in the Corner" Kelly, Tamsyn, & Tonya would love to have some volunteers for the demo the next day.*

*We are looking for 6-10 folk enthusiasts to learn some material to use in a national conference the following day. The purpose of the workshop as a part of our visiting artists demonstration on the following is to show how traditional pastimes remain relevant through Tampering and Transmission. Dancers can be 8-108! As well, we hope to entice a few new NL dancers to be available for the following day for approximately 1 hour, these dancers will be selected to perform. I will be teaching a very traditional Set dance aka square dance or square set. We will have master fiddler Kelly Russell and our daughter, renowned accordion player, vocalist and set dancer, Tamsyn.*

See Tonya in action here teaching NL Set Dancing;

<https://youtu.be/MaKVL0mXKYU>

Learn more about musician Kelly & Tonya's work;

<https://sites.google.com/view/kellyrussell/home>

<https://sites.google.com/view/kellyrussell/traditional-dance>

<https://heritagenl.ca/discover/provincial-historic-commemorations-program-designations/kelly-russell/>

<https://kellyrussell.bandcamp.com/>

Details:

### **DANCE WORKSHOP DAY**

- Date - Friday June 16
- Location - Holiday Inn Sudbury, 1696 Regent St, Greater Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8

### **DANCE PRESENTATION & CONCERT**

- Date - Saturday June 17
- Location - Holiday Inn Sudbury, 1696 Regent St, Greater Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8

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Fiddle  
**KELLY RUSSELL**

Accordion  
**TAMSYN RUSSELL**

## INFO FOR DANCE TEAM


Sat;


11:30am meet in lobby \*\*

12: 25 entrance \*\*

1:15 dance

Videos that Tonya shared;

 [Figgy Duff, Not Figgy Pudding \(HD\)](#)

 [The Mummers Parade - St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador](#)