

Sunset concert coming next week to Alton Mill

Award-winning violinist Anne Lindsay will be presenting selections from her recently released CD Soloworks at the Alton Mill Arts Centre Sept. 24.

Lindsay employs an unusual combination of both classical and fiddle techniques to create compositions based upon her many journeys and self discoveries.

Since spending her childhood in the Headwaters region, Lindsay has established herself as one of the most engaging and versatile instrumentalists in Canada, adapting her unique violin/fiddle style to the eclectic sounds and musical languages of this country's rich cultural texture.

An exuberant fireplug of a session-player-to-the-stars (she has played with Led Zeppelin, The Chieftains, Blue Rodeo, James Taylor and Roger Daltry), her skills have graced many a stage around the world. Lindsay has played on hundreds of recordings and is a featured performer with the Jim Cuddy Band, The Skydiggers and John McDermott. She was the resident fiddler for the Toronto Maple Leafs and the stage production of The Lord of the Rings, and she has also built a formidable career on her own as a musician, composer and vocalist.

Her fluency is evident in a wide-ranging repertoire, encompassing jazz, rock, classical, country, old-time fiddle, Celtic, Cajun and Klezmer styles, and the recent addition of two new Scandinavian fiddles ? the Finnish jouhikko and the Swedish nyckelharpa.

Lindsay has won numerous music awards, including Solo Instrumentalist and Producer of the Year (Canadian Folk Music Awards), Jazz Violinist of the Year (National Jazz Awards) and the K.M. Hunter Award (Ontario Arts Council).

Her new CD is a departure. It consists of 13 solo compositions that she performs on violin, voice, piano and nyckelharpa. From toe-tapping fiddle tunes and lyrical ballads with heart-catching vocals, Soloworks is a major artistic accomplishment, and a personal triumph.

?Music takes me far and wide, from north of the Arctic Circle to the Cape of Good Hope, through India, Europe, Central America and back and forth across Canada, this amazingly big, beautiful country of ours,? she said.

Along the way, these tunes were born ? 13 pieces to be played by one player.

The concert will take place in the Paul Morin Gallery, overlooking the Alton Mill pond at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.altonmill.ca