



Lennie Gallant



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This prolific songwriter has recorded ten albums, which have won him a host of awards and nominations from the JUNOs and the East Coast Music Awards. He has toured extensively, performing his music in many parts of the world, and even saw one of his albums go up to the international space station aboard the shuttle Endeavour. He has been named to The Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian music culture.

Searching for Abegweit: The Island Songs & Stories of Lennie Gallant

About the show:

Lennie brings back his musical theatre show, *Searching for Abegweit: The Island Songs & Stories of Lennie Gallant*, for audiences in PEI this summer. A runaway hit boasting sold out shows for the past 2 seasons. The show is presented by PEI Brewing Company and will be staged at the PEI Brewing Company Culinary Event Space in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Woven around the music of the award-winning Island songwriter, this P.E.I. love-letter stars Gallant himself, and presents his folk, roots and pop music, alongside comedic stories, Island legends, and poignant tales in a multimedia format that utilizes film, and visual works from well-known painter Karen Gallant.

This dynamic, energetic show is storytelling at its best and includes Acadian and Celtic numbers that will have you dancing in your seat in celebration of Canada's cradle on the waves. The colourful spectacle will offer Lennie Gallant favourites such as 'Peter's Dream' 'Tales of the Phantom Ship' and 'Island Clay' along with new Island-themed songs.

Searching For Abegweit 100th Show slideshow retrospective

<https://youtu.be/OvGeigCeCbw>

COLM MAGNER: Searching for Abegweit just what people love to see - Review in The Guardian

Quotes from those that attended the show:

"Absolutely amazing show tonight! This show defies description but in a feeble attempt it is an incredible combination of songs, stories, moving paintings, videos and humour. It brought laughs, goosebumps, tears and smiles and a whole lot of enjoyment. I highly recommend it. Bought the book and CD to remember it by. We will be channeling these dreams for many summers to come." - Craig Bannon

"This is such an awesome show! We thoroughly enjoyed it last year!!! All the best to you, Lennie, and the band!" Isabelle Cormier

"Saw this show last summer- fantastic!!! Planning to get back this summer. More than your money's worth!" Wndypine Farm

"Loved the performance last week, paintings are awesome!" Mary Alice Taylor

"Saw Lenny Gallant and band in PEI last summer. An excellent show." Jeannine Chisholm

"Incredible show ! I have seen it twice and loved it both times." Blair Walsh

"It was a fantastic show! Highlight of our trip to PEI!" Julie Oakes DeBlanc

"Saw you last night at PEI Brewing Co. and at the Mack in past years....Terrific Show! Thank You! You make me Very Proud to be an Islander!!! ? " Marjorie Lambe Hunter

"Come to Calgary! " Trudy Godden

"Come to Ontario Lennie!" Neil Hutchinson

"Amazing show with such talented musicians. BRAVO!" Ruth Arsenault

"Absolutely FANTASTIC show!" - Linda A

"Loved the show. You have an unique way of uniting people and our Canada." - Lynn Roberts

"This is such a magnificent show. I heartily recommend it to everyone." - Lynn Ellsworth

"Excellent show, loved the music and Karens' paintings were awesome!" - Janet Doiron

"Everybody's having a great time, especially the audience." - Eric Macewen

"So much energy. I don't know how you do it. Loved it!" - Julie Auld Hipson

"Fantastic show! Foot stopping, hand clapping. By far the best show I've seen in a very long time." - Cheryl Reid

"The show was world class and your performance was like always, fantastic. Thank you." - Miles Gallagher

"It was more than just a concert, more than just a show. It was AMAZING. Enjoyed it tremendously." - Caro MacKillop

"The show is fantastic!! had to see it twice " - Vandra Macdonald

"The must-see show of the summer!" - Nils Ling

"Loved the show last night! Highly recommend this as your "MUST SEE" for the summer!" Janice Ganske Kupsch

"Visiting from Port Dover, ON...was part of the [Searching for Abegweit] audience last night...spectacular! The highlight of our vacation!!!" Gayle Bridger

"This was our third year seeing it and we're among those gushing about it being better than ever. Everything that made the first show wildly successful is still there with even better stuff added." William J. Toner

"Beautiful music and the paintings are stunning!! These videos make me want to be there. Perhaps I should put a plan in motion!! Berwick, Nova Scotia isn't that far away!! How long is the show running?" Carolyn Spencer

"Went to searching for abegweit last night. Took my two Québec students....it was absolutely amazing. that was my fourth time seeing this show. I could go every night!!! Amazing artists they all are!!!" Karen Lavers

"We were at the 90th show visiting PEI on our Honeymoon. The came back to the Island for show 91 this year. Thanks for the memories." Aylmer Given III

"This is a heart-warming, deeply moving, and highly entertaining show. Everyone gives their all to it, been to see it the past two years, and definitely going again this year. If you have roots of any kind here, it will touch your soul. Love it!!!" Linda Harding

"Saw Lennie's show for the second time this year...once a few weeks ago and once in BC. Can't get enough. "Love letter to PEI" is right! Born an Islander (and a Gallant) his music feeds my soul! ??? " Barbara Star

"I love the last sentence in Colm Magner's review in today's Guardian "...it deserves the recognition and support afforded to other key Island icons such as Anne of Green Gables". He's right!!!" Heather McGrath

"Saw you "live" in Boston a few years ago...hoping someday to see you "live" at the New Bedford Folk Festival. New Bedford, Massachusetts, is a maritime city that I'm sure you could relate to and enjoy!" Jean Reale Gallant

"This is an awesome show, been there twice and planning a third trip. The CD for the show is available on kind and is most excellent." Larry Clinton

"Can't wait to see your show Lennie this week, for the second time, what a treat it is to see one of Canada's national treasures on his home turf. A feast for the eyes too with Karen Gallant's beautiful paintings ! " Mike Barker

"We attended this Show last summer in C'town and it was truly fabulous. We highly recommend it if you're in the vicinity! Wowsy!" Sharon Marie Mugford MacDonald

"Saw the show last night, it was fabulous. What a creative musician, songwriter and storyteller Lennie is. The artwork and video part of the show was wonderful as well as the rest of the band. We moved to PEI less than 2 years ago and "found our Abegweit." I hope to see the show again." Julie Binks Rose

"Whether you are an Islander by choice, by birth, or by visit, Lennie Gallant's Searching for Abegweit will make your heart sing...It is a show that celebrates PEI, captures what it means to be Canadian and carries a truly universal message. The songs, the stories and the musicianship will entertain but will also remain with you, long after the last note is played. Don't miss it!" Suna Houghton

"This is the most compelling production of all things Prince Edward Island, that I have ever experienced, a work of art and a work of heart." Margie Carmichael

"Searching for Abegweit was the highlight of my visit to the Island this summer. It evoked so many beautiful memories of growing up in Prince Edward Island and the talent of Lennie and his band can't be understated. I brought the book of Karen Gallant's images coupled with song lyrics back to Toronto with me. I will look at it every time I need to be reminded of home and where I come from." – Heather Tasker

"One of the musical highlights this year was to catch your show this week in Charlottetown Lennie. A delightful , fun, revealing performance. Thanks again." Jim Henman

"Last night was brilliant, incredibly revised from the original production with more heart, musically and visually stunning.. T.S. Eliot's words express perfectly how Gallant has captured Abegweit: "We must not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we began and to know the place for the first time". - Valerie Bline



Dave Brosha, world renowned photographer, is featured in the current issue of Canadian Camera magazine and uses one of Lennie's photos in the article: