

Atlantic CHARACTER

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◀ *The Acadian Songstress:*

PATRICIA RICHARD,
Prince Edward Island

A clam-digging daughter of a lobster fisherman. A full-on peaceful Island spirit and mother who juggles a nursing career with a passion and talent for singing, performing, and sharing her Acadian culture through music.

You can have one of the most perfectly scenic landscapes in the world: a perfect mix of sweeping boreal forests, highlands, tablelands, rivers, rocky shores, Canadian Shield, valleys, beaches, fields and meadows, lakes, coves, mountains, and marshes; but, as the saying goes, a place is nothing without its people.

New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Four East Coast provinces small in size compared with their western neighbours, but a region that reaches far beyond their size in the weight of their collective culture and the reputation of their people.

From the strength of the founding Indigenous people who hold connection to these lands for thousands of years, to the diversity of hard-working character and soul from a multitude of backgrounds who call our four Atlantic provinces home, hospitality and character in these parts is legendary. People take a pride in being “good people.” In lending a hand, in opening themselves to people in need. In welcoming those “from away,” whether it’s a visitor just here for a short time or someone trying to get a new start in life.

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Atlantic Canada is a land of seafarers, farmers, entrepreneurs, music-lovers, labourers, parents, healers, leaders, hunters, politicians, educators, activists, lovers, dreamers, and soul-searchers. It’s a place of passionate people and story-tellers. Here are a few of those stories—two from each of our provinces. Stories of people. Eight stories of character.



The Seafarer:

ALISTAIR FORBES SCOTT,
Nova Scotia

A bearded Scottish-born immigrant and man of the salt who has sailed the world’s seas for close to 40 years. A calm man with kindness in his eyes and experience in his veins. Retirement, after “a good life,” has brought him to new hobbies and new interests.