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Alana Cline is a Toronto based Celtic fiddler who combines Irish, Cape Breton and Scottish styles to create her own sound. She first started playing at the age of 8 under the tutelage of Cape Breton fiddler Sandy MacIntyre. She has augmented her playing style with private lessons from Irish fiddlers Kevin Burke, Liz Carroll, Tony DeMarco and Patrick Ourceau. Alana has also studied privately with All-Ireland Fiddle Champion Maeve Donnelly. Alana holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Specialized Honours Music, Summa Cum Laude. In 2008 Alana became the first Canadian to be accepted to the auditioned Meitheal School of Irish Traditional Music in Limerick, Ireland with Paul O'Shaughnessy of Altan as one of her instructors. She has also studied fiddle at the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts in St. Ann's, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Alana performs solo, as a duo with guitar accompaniment, or with her band whose personnel can be tailored for the specific event. Most recently, she performed at the City of Toronto's Canada Day Celebrations at Mel Lastman Square, as well as at the Taste of the Danforth 2013. She has performed at many pubs and private events including house parties and weddings, for Tourism Ireland, Fredericton Tourism, The Toronto Irish Film Festival, The Ireland Fund and Golf Newfoundland and Labrador at their promotional events, as well as a main stage solo act at the Distillery District East Coast Festival. She has recently performed with Jazz musician/composer David Amram during his latest Toronto appearance. Alana hosted the weekly session at Toronto's An Sibin Pub for over three years.

“Alana is an inventive, energetic and imaginative musician who has a particularly vibrant and distinctive style of fiddle playing.”

## **Maeve Donnelly**

"Alana Cline is a highly gifted musician bursting with talent and personality. She transmits the magic of the stars."

## **T.C. McLuhan Producer/Director/Writer**

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