

Tune of the Month: Manitoba's Golden Boy

Manitoba's Golden Boy is not just a tune, but a gilded bronze statue of a rather odd-looking running young man carrying a sheaf of wheat and torch which sits atop Manitoba's General Assembly Building. The tune reminds us that a lot of old-time fiddling goes on in our neighbor to the north, Canada. The tune, as shown here, is in D, but can also be played in G. See if you can figure out the transposition. Start with the "b" note on the "g" string. Got that? Now try it from the "b" note on the "a" string.

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The musical score is written on seven staves. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes: D, G, and A7. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.