

FRESH FROM DAN'S HALL

ORIGINAL TUNES

by

THE DANCEHALL PLAYERS

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Preface

The Dancehall Players - and friends - have been playing weekly for English Country Dance at Dan's Hall in Victoria BC for over 15 years. That's a lot of music in a very special place! The title, *Fresh From Dan's Hall*, does more than describe the name of our third CD, made up solely of original tunes written by various band members. It encompasses the inspiration that grips us all when we gather there and play for our dance community.

Included here are the 19 tunes included in our 2016 album, **Fresh From Dan's Hall**. In the **Appendix**, you will find 10 tunes included on our earlier albums, as well as a bonus waltz.

We tend to play these tunes in a variety of ways - as is, with harmonic accompaniment, or transformed into an alternative melody, and always as a template for improvisation. It depends on the mood, the occasion and the orchestration.

You will hear hints of some of these approaches on our 3 recordings: *Live From Dan's Hall* (2010), *More From Dan's Hall* (2012) and *Fresh From Dan's Hall* (2016).

A little comment on each tune is included in the **Notes** and **More Notes**, found in the sections after the music. A version of these notes may also be found in the booklets accompanying our CDs.

If you should wish to use any of these melodies on your own recording, then please ask us for permission. **Contact information** can be found at the back of the book.

Heartfelt thanks to my band, *The Dancehall Players*, for many good times together playing these tunes, to Karen McIvor, Charlotte Hale and Lael Whitehead for preparation of the scores, to Joanne Thomson for the spectacular cover image, *Infinity Tulips*, and to the callers and dancers of The Victoria English Country Dance Society for their constant support and appreciation. And to all those people who come to Dan's Hall to dance, laugh, share food, sing, and play. And of course, to Dan Page - at the heart of it all!

Join us and enjoy this music - written to share with friends.

Ann Schau
The Dancehall Players