An update from... Folk Roots Radio

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Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first *Folk Roots Radio* newsletter. We won't be sending this out too often, but it's something we've been meaning to do for a while - and, of course, the start of a new year is the perfect time to kick things off!

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these strange times. The pandemic has certainly changed our lives in a myriad of ways.

2020 may have sucked in so many ways - It's actually rather nice that the music didn't. I spent the holidays finalizing my review of all the music I've listened to this year, and recording Episode 560: Our Favourite Albums of 2020 which I'm pleased to share with you today.

It was actually a good year for *Folk Roots Radio* too. Fresh from being honoured by <u>Folk Music Ontario</u> with the <u>2019 Estelle Klein Award</u> for my contribution to Ontario's folk music community, we were able to celebrate our 500th episode and our 1,000th post for the website!

We've also pivoted to sharing more of the wonderful Covid tunes that artists have been producing during the Covid-19 pandemic on special all-music episodes under the "We're All About The music!" banner.

We will continue to do that in 2021 as we continue to chase down great artist interviews and share more wonderful new releases.

Thanks again to all the artists who share their music with us... thanks to the radio stations who air this show... and thank you for listening. Without you, I'd just be talking to myself in the studio each week.

Remember, If you enjoy the music we play on Folk Roots Radio and want to support the artists – many of whom aren't able to play live at the moment because of the Covid-19 pandemic, don't just stream their music – that earns them much less than a penny per play. Instead, buy their music – and really make a difference to their income.

Folk Roots Radio is a labour of love, a full-time hobby. If you like what we do, please spread the word.

Stay safe and well!

Until next time,

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