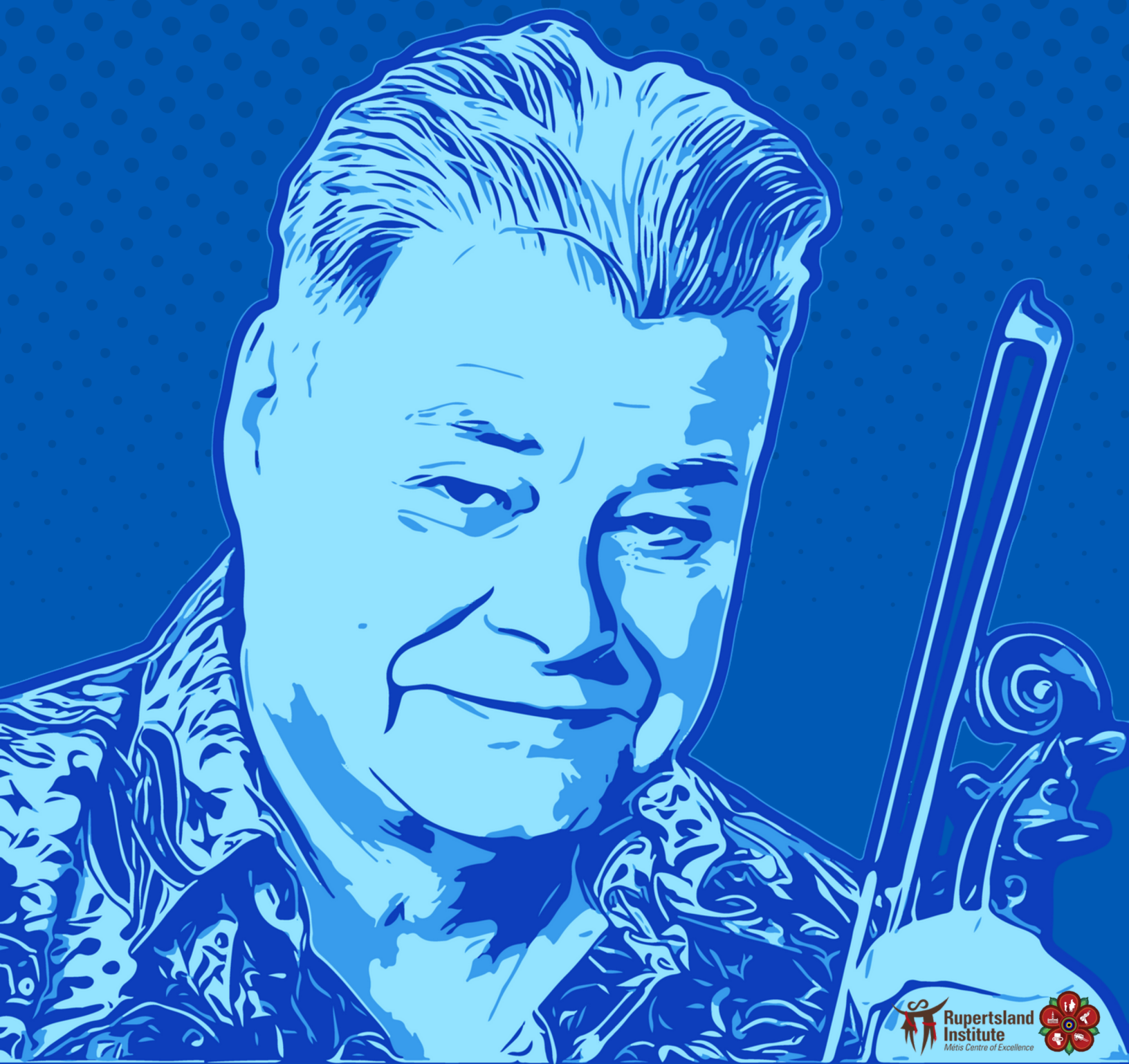


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John Arcand, born on July 19, 1942, in the bush at Big River, Saskatchewan, is known as the "Master Métis Fiddler." John is a ninth-generation fiddler and has composed over 500 original tunes, significantly revitalizing Métis fiddle music. He founded the John Arcand Fiddle Fest and helped instruct at the Emma Lake Fiddle Camp. John has released seventeen recordings. Honored with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 2003, and invested in the Order of Canada in 2008, Arcand's work as a performer, educator, and cultural ambassador has brought Métis fiddle music to both national and international prominence.

**"I knew from childhood I would be a fiddler," he said. "I love the constant challenge because you cannot ever master the fiddle."**

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