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Everything Fitz brings fiddles, step-dance to Raton, Lamar

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RATON – The kids are up front in Canada's Fitzgerald family band, Everything Fitz, with good reason. All four are national step-dance champions, and three hold national fiddle championships. They're all enrolled in ambitious college- or graduate-school programs, yet they manage to continue their long show-business tours, backed by mom and dad on piano and electric bass.

Everything Fitz has been touring the breadth of Canada and the U.S. since 2009. The show comes to Raton's Shuler Theater on Friday night, April 11, and to Lamar High School Auditorium in Lamar on Saturday night, April 12; both shows begin at 7 p.m. The two-month tour began in Minnesota on March 13 and will end on May 9 in Canada. Coming at the midpoint of the 47-show tour, the Raton and Lamar shows are the farthest south they'll venture before turning the bus around and working their way back north.

The Fitzgeralds feature high-energy fiddling and percussive step dancing. With roots in the Canadian old-time fiddle tradition and Ottawa Valley step dancing, their unique stage show combines a variety of musical styles — from traditional jigs and reels to bluegrass, jazz and swing



standards. They perform Celtic and gospel songs, as well as novelty numbers and choreographed dance routines. Six years of international touring have made them polished performers that provide wholesome, captivating entertainment for diverse audiences.

Julie Fitzgerald, 24, is in her final year of a degree in Jazz and Contemporary Music at Toronto's Humber College. She's been winning fiddling contests since she was 6 years old and is now a two-time Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion. She's also a two-time Ontario Open Step-Dancing Champion. She also writes fiddle tunes and arranges her family's music.

Kerry Fitzgerald, 23, is the current Ontario Open Step-Dance Champion and has placed high at the prestigious Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Championship. She's in her fourth year on a full scholarship at the University of Western Ontario, completing both Kinesiology and Foods & Nutrition degrees.

At 20, Tom Fitzgerald is the family's youngest, but he's already placed fifth in the U.S. Grand Master Fiddler Championship in Nashville, and he holds the Canadian Grand Master title as his sisters do. Also skilled on mandolin and acoustic guitar, he has a passion for improvisation that has led him to incorporate elements of jazz, bluegrass and Texas Swing, influenced by Mark O'Conner and jazz legend Stéphane Grappelli. He's studying jazz violin at Humber College. As are his sisters, he's a serious multi-tasker: He once performed for five weeks in Branson, Missouri, as a professional step dancer.

That's the show's front line, sometimes joined by oldest sibling Pat, 25, who spends much of the show on the drum kit but is another Ontario Open Step Dance Champion. He almost won that championship again but placed second to

his sister Julie. At the University of Western Ontario, he's completing his graduate degree in Pedorthics, following his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology.

That leaves mom and dad, Pam and Paddy, on piano and electric bass, respectively. They remain resolutely in the background, but their playing anchors the infectious rhythms that propel the entire show. The high points come when three fiddles entwine in spirited harmonies and when four siblings perform their award-winning group step dancing. It's a propulsive, thrilling show that has kept them on the road — apparently around college studies — for six years.

Friday night's Shuler Theater show is the last in this season's Raton Arts & Humanities Council's Performing Arts Series. Reserved-seat tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. Tickets will be available at the door for the 7 p.m. show. Information is available at Old Pass Gallery: 575-445-2052.

The band bus will make a U-turn on Saturday morning, beginning the return northward leg of its tour, with the group playing consecutive nights in New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and North Dakota. Saturday night's show in Lamar will be show number 26 in a tour of 47 shows. The curtain will rise in the Lamar High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Everything Fitz

When Canada's Fitzgerald family brings its rousing Everything Fitz show as far south as Raton and Lamar on Friday and Saturday nights, the group will be fronted by three champion fiddlers and step dancers and backed by a rhythm section of mom, dad and brother.

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BOWLING SCORES

LEAGUE	Tuesday Night Mixed	Week 26	Friday Night Mixed Doubles	Week 25	Ten Pin Topplers	Week 25	National League	Week 25	Channel Dusters	Week 24	Sunday Night Mixed	Week 28	American League	Week 26	Coffe Cup	Week 25
Team Standings	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON	WON
1	Edward Joes	65	Leone Sand & Gravel	67.5	Trinidad Lanes	64	The Cut Above	65	J&J Motors	60	Ottic	85	Cummings Ranch	71.5	Enchanted Ladies	67.5
2	Main St. Auto & Tire	63.5	Trinidad Lanes	63.5	Al's Gas	51	KCRT	60.5	The Mane Event	58	Halo Eight	66	Huey's Cycles	65	Car Quest	66.5
3	T&M Trucking	59	Tangle V Ranch	57.5	F & C Sawaya Wholesale	51	Salon Three Oh Nine	60	Montera Cattle Co.	58	Sonic	55	Lee's Bar-B-Que	63	Mike's Museum	54.5
4	Ironwood Builders	53	2 T's	57.5	Boobs or Bust	49	Bearden Insurance	53	SRG Consulting	54	Gutter Masters	46	Ortiz Tax Service	61.5	Dochter Lumber & Sawmill	54
5	Fire and Ice	52	Just A&E	57	High Five	43	Kamm & McConnell	51.5	Spare Me	53.5	Ghost Hunters	43.5	Bob & Earl's Café	56.5	Cress Cleaners	53
6	KAF Plumbing	50	Poole's Upholstery	54	Gutter Girls	42	Trinidad Janitor Supply	51	Huntheim Kennels	52.5	M&M Repair	40.5	C&M Automotive	52	Muddy Paws	52.5
7	Red Mountain Appraisals	49.5	Redwing Electric	53.5			Maniscalco Bros & Sons	51	Silver Foxes	49			Fisher's Peak Chiropractic	47	Bob & Earl's Café	50
8	BYE	0	Metro Studios	50			Trinidad Lanes	50	Trinidad Lanes	48			Super Thunder Ducks	44	MC Ranches	47.5
9			Brix Sports Bar	47			Pioneer Natural Resources	44	Chasin' Strikes	42			Kelly's Towing	42.5	Trinchera Trio	47.5
10			Weston Supply	42			BYE	0	BYE	0			BYE	0	BYE	
11			Off Constantly	35.5												
12			BYE	0												
High Average Girls/Women	Pat Festi	153	Michelle Burley	168.1	Michelle Burley	169.2			Pat Festi	153.9	Becky Wilson	179.8			Betty Madole	150.4
High Average Boys/Men	Dennis Manifold	200.4	Jason Cirone	220			Mark Young	219.7			Joe Arguello	211.5	Berry Wilson	198.9		

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