

Fun with violins

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May 28 was all right for violins. Murray Nelson and Ed Dietrich's May 28 show at the Slice, which featured Dietrich on violin, with guitarist Murray Nelson and numerous guests including his son, was a blast .

Nelson was a tasteful addition to Dietrich's fantastic fiddle playing which is the subject of a DVD/Blu Ray disc which was being filmed of the show. The musicians covered everything from jazz to country music. In several places, Dietrich was even making his hand - crafted fiddle sound like an entire horn section. His son joined him on stage for an impressive song.

Dietrich and Okotoks fiddler Andrew Dexter also traded impressive licks for an entertaining set. Then Dietrich accompanied Shaela Miller, who was backed by drummer Brad Brouwer, stand up bassist Tyler Bird for a heart-wrenching set including Patsy Cline' "She's Got You" and the Shirelles, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow", Loretta Lynn's "Sucess" and some of her own songs.

Dietrich's horn-sounding fiddle really enhanced Miller's sultry voice. Check out Shaela's June 6 show at the Front Row pub with Treeline and the Record Holder. While she may not be singing gorgeous jazz, she is sure to put on an entertaining show.

Dexter, Dietrich, Nelson, Bird and Brouwer wound up the night with a jam featuring "Orange Blossom Special," and instrumental versions of "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Yakity Yak."