

# A Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald

*“The legend lives on”*

**Thursday, November 4th at 7:10 PM**  
**BBC, 436 Center Street Street, Lewiston, NY**  
**\$10 Admission • Free for LCA Members**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual “A Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald” begins with a multi-sensory and multi-media tribute hosted by artist and Edmund Fitzgerald enthusiast, [Thomas Paul Asklar](#), who will commemorate the 46th anniversary of the disaster.

The brief presentation by Asklar explains the ship’s history, the timeline of the tragedy, and theories of its destruction. A tolling of the bell will honor each soul of the 29 crew members. Artifacts will be displayed, and [Jim Rankine](#) will provide bagpipe tribute.

The SS Edmund Fitzgerald, also known as the “Mighty Fitz”, was an American Great Lakes freighter that sank in a Lake Superior storm on November 10, 1975, with the loss of the entire crew of 29.

Songs with a nautical theme, as well as music from the Fitz era will be performed by [Bruce Wojick](#), [Jamie Holka](#), [Dave Thurman](#) and special guest [Jeremy Hoyle](#), lead singer of Strictly Hip. The centerpiece will be Gordon Lightfoot’s most famous musical tribute, the *“Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald”*.

This year’s special tribute will be BBC’s very own beer Gitchegumee. Artwork on the [Gitchegumee](#) label was created by designer [Rob Hopkins](#), whom Asklar actually taught in kindergarten! On tap and to go options will be available. [Master brewers John Mateer](#) and [Tom Winter](#) created this masterpiece, which Mateer describes as “A golden lager meant to be drinkable, but never boring. Brewed with barley grown and malted in the Great Lakes region. Hopped exclusively with Michigan Copper hops, a cultivar bred by Great Lakes Hops. This beer is an ode to all things regional, and a tip of the cap to the Mighty Fitz.”

*Make sure to get there early and enjoy BBC’s mouthwatering menu!*



Left to Right: Master Brewers Tom Winter & John Mateer, Tom Asklar, BBC’s Ken Bryan, Musician Dave Thurman, RMS Owner Paul Beatty, and Designer Rob Hopkins



Designer Rob Hopkins original artwork for BBC’s Golden Lager “Gitchegumee”

## THE MIGHTY FITZ 5K RACE

**Saturday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 2:00PM** in front of the Brickyard Pub & BBQ, 432 Center Street, Lewiston. The race will take runners through the Village of Lewiston, Artpark State Park and along the Niagara River waterfront. There will be a postrace celebration and awards ceremony at the Brickyard following the race with food, Gitchegumee beer specials, special edition “Mighty Fitz” commemorative t-shirts, and live music by Zak Ward. For more information visit: [www.racemanagementsolutions.com](http://www.racemanagementsolutions.com)



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**The Mighty Fitz Photo Album**

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