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Ontario finds a reason to celebrate in every season. Savour the dazzling array of Ontario festivals, events and fairs from world-renowned to unique and local.

Throughout the province of Ontario, there are over three thousand festivals and community events staged each year. No wonder, Ontario is a favourite destination of festival and event goers thanks to the variety of events and celebrations that reflect its diversity through the arts, sports, or history.

Whatever makes you laugh, smile or just have a feeling of enjoyment, Ontario's events will entertain you!

The Festivals & Events in Ontario guide, April 2008 - March 2009 edition*, offers both residents and visitors a chance to explore the unique and familiar. It is chock full of many favourites that continue to fascinate and captivate people from all over the world every year.

For additional event listings, please visit:
www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca or
www.ontariotravel.net and check out the current Calendar of Events.

Come to Ontario where there's always something to celebrate.

ONTARIO
Yours to discover

* Some events change or are cancelled after the publication of this guide. Please check www.ontariotravel.net for current listings and cancellations.

how to use
this guide

Festivals and events can be easily located in the guide by date, by type of event in the Experience Index pages 118 to 126, and by event location in the Regional Index pages 109 to 117.

The months of the year are colour-coded to help you search for the event of your choice by date.

 april	 september
 may	 october
 june	 november
 july	 winter - december to march 2009
 august	

Festivals and events are selected for inclusion based on their tourism value.

Each year, Festivals & Events Ontario selects the Top 100 Events in Ontario. These events are colour-highlighted within the months they occur. See pages 9 and 10 for the complete list of the Top 100 Events in Ontario.

These symbols help to identify if the event is wheelchair accessible, which region in Ontario it is located (see page 6), and if it is a member of Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO).

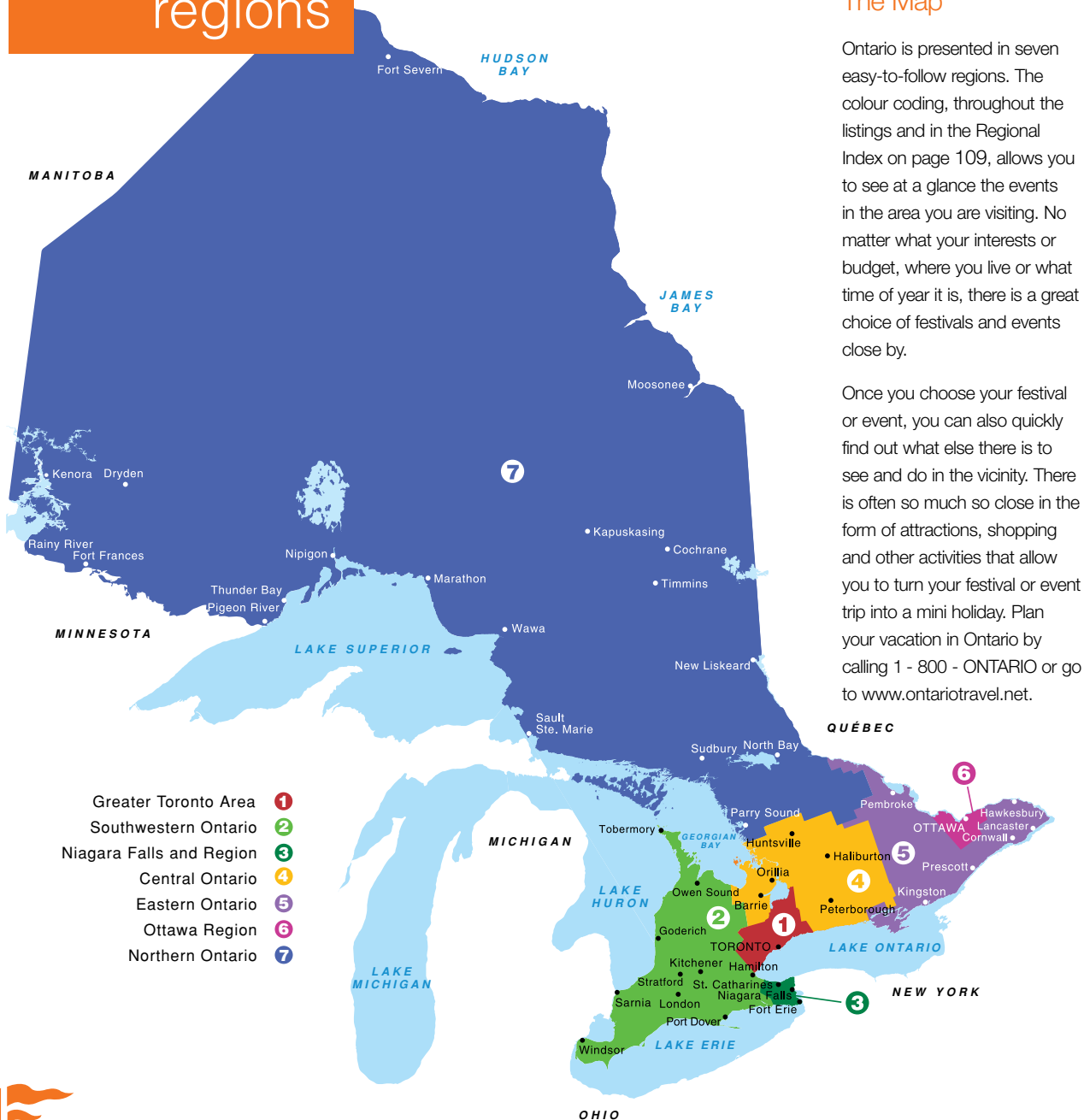
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ontario regions



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- Central Ontario 4
- Eastern Ontario 5
- Ottawa Region 6
- Northern Ontario 7

The Map

Ontario is presented in seven easy-to-follow regions. The colour coding, throughout the listings and in the Regional Index on page 109, allows you to see at a glance the events in the area you are visiting. No matter what your interests or budget, where you live or what time of year it is, there is a great choice of festivals and events close by.

Once you choose your festival or event, you can also quickly find out what else there is to see and do in the vicinity. There is often so much so close in the form of attractions, shopping and other activities that allow you to turn your festival or event trip into a mini holiday. Plan your vacation in Ontario by calling 1 - 800 - ONTARIO or go to www.ontariotravel.net.

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This guide has been developed by Festivals & Events Ontario in partnership with the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation to assist you with timely, easy to use information about festivals and events that take place throughout the year. Festivals & Events Ontario is a membership driven, not for profit organization.

Please share your thoughts with us on how we could improve the guide and make it more useful to you. As well, visit the Festivals & Events Ontario website www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca and Ontario Travel website www.ontariotravel.net for further event listings throughout the year.

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Festivals and events offer Ontarians and visitors to our communities a venue to celebrate the arts, multiculturalism, citizenship, nature and heritage. Festivals & Events Ontario created the **Top 100 Events** in Ontario to recognize events that excel within the festivals and events industry. Each of the **Top 100 Events** are highlighted within the listings. A nomination process with criteria, resulted in the **Top 100 Events** for 2008:

april

- Doors Open Ontario

may

- Canadian Tulip Festival
- Terroir Wine Celebration
- Lilac Celebration
- Carassauga Festival
- Thunder Bay Kite Festival
- Gregor's Crossing Medieval Faire

june

- Welland Rose Festival
- Dundas Buskerfest
- White Pine Cultural Festival
- Burlington Sound of Music Festival
- Mississauga Waterfront Festival
- Carrousel Festival
- Canadian International Military Tattoo
- Oshawa Fiesta Week
- 4th Annual Italia In Festa
- Oakville Waterfront Festival
- Toronto Pride Week 2008
- TD Canada Trust Toronto Jazz Festival
- TD Canada Trust Ottawa International Jazz Festival
- Bikers Reunion
- It's Your Festival
- Friendship Festival
- Canada Dry Festival of Fire

july

- Canada Day Celebration (Ottawa)
- Canada Day Celebrations (Oshawa)
- The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival
- Caribana Festival & Parade
- World Famous Sunset Ceremonies
- Sunfest '08: A Celebration of World Cultures
- Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest
- Grand Prix of Toronto
- Porquis Blues Festival
- Northern Lights Festival Boréal
- Collingwood Music Festival
- Samia Rogers Bayfest
- Essex Fun Fest
- Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition
- Art of Being Green
- French Dressing International Dragon Boats Festival
- Mount Forest 8th Annual Fireworks Festival
- Beaches International Jazz Festival
- Rogers Cup 2008
- Illuminaqua
- Collingwood Elvis Festival
- Mattawa Voyageur Days
- Kapuskasing Annual Lumberjack Heritage Festival
- Fergus Truck Show
- Hillside Festival
- Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival
- Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival
- Rockhound Gemboree

august

- Glengarry Highland Games
- Barrie Kempenfest Inc.
- Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival
- Simcoe Rotary Friendship Festival
- Kitchener Blues Festival
- Kingston Sheep Dog Trials
- Taste of the Danforth
- Canadian Redneck Games
- Fergus Scottish Festival
- MuslimFest
- Buckhorn Fine Art Festival
- SuperEx
- Winnie's Home Town Festival
- Canadian National Exhibition
- Anishnawbe Keeshigun
- Barrie Fair
- Scotiabank Buskerfest
- Tecumseh Corn Festival
- Winona Peach Festival

september

- Shores of Erie International Wine Festival
- Toronto International Film Festival
- Taste of the Kingsway Festival
- Western Fair
- "Come Home To The Country" - 2008 International Plowing Match
- Niagara Grape and Wine Festival
- Bushplane Days 2008
- St. George Apple Fest & Craft Show
- Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon/Half Marathon/5k

october

- Port Elgin Pumpkinfest
- Scotiabank Nuit Blanche
- Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
- Rockton World's Fair
- Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival
- Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest
- Waterford Pumpkin Festival

november

- Royal Winter Fair
- Winter Festival of Lights 2008 / 2009
- Festival of Northern Lights
- Calvacade of Lights 2008
- Simcoe Christmas Panorama

december

- 2008 Portage Flyer Christmas

january

- Niagara Icewine Festival 2009
- WinterCity 2009

february

- Bon Soo Winter Carnival 2009
- Winterlude 2009
- Barrie Winterfest & Festival of Ice 2009

march

- Maple in the County 2009
- Canadian Music Week 2009

april

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Welcome Spring!

Now is the time to say farewell to winter grey and welcome the fresh green of spring. Nothing says spring like tulips in



bloom. Celebrate the arrival of the sun with a visit to **Hamilton's Tulip Festival** or **Burlington's Tulip Celebration**.

Fun for the whole family can be had planting trees or embarking on a nature scavenger hunt at **Windsor's Sunoco Earth Day** activities.

Absorb the latest in Green living information and earth appreciation at **Burlington's Get Diggin' Earth Day** festivities and **Oshawa's Earth Day Festival**. Spring also brings a chance to peek inside Ontario's most intriguing heritage sites during **Doors Open Ontario**, as it begins its summer-long offering in small town Ontario. Delight in the sweet

sounds of spring at the **Georgian Sound Festival in Thornbury** or lift your spirits at the **Ottawa Valley Music Festival in Renfrew**, for choral and orchestral music.



april

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Apr 1 - Oct 31, Doors Open Ontario
Province Wide



Explore the province's heritage sites during Doors Open Ontario 2008. Community events run from April to October. Call 1-800-Ontario for the Doors Open Ontario Guide or visit our

website. See ad on page 19.

T: (416) 325-5000

W: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 1 ★

Apr 1 - Nov 2, Shaw Festival
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

The Shaw Festival is one of the largest repertory companies in North America, and the only theatre in the world that specializes in plays written by Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, and in plays set in the period.

T: 1-800-511-7429

W: www.shawfest.com 3

Apr 3 - 12, Images Festival
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's largest independent media festival for over 20 years, Images Festival has showcased independent film, video, new media, installation and performances that fall outside the mainstream.

T: (416) 971-8405

W: www.imagesfestival.com 1

Apr 5, Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny
Port Hope, Central Ontario

The 27th Annual 10 kilometer river race down the Ganaraska River for kayaks, canoes and crazy crafts. Food booths, entertainment and a lot of fun for the entire family.

T: 1-888-767-8467

W: www.porthope.ca 4 ★

Apr 5, A Taste of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

A 5 course progressive dinner through 5 of the top restaurants in town. You will receive each course at a different restaurant all with wine accompaniment. Transportation between restaurants is included.

T: 1-877-342-4374

W: www.atasteofniagara.com 3

Apr 5, Elmira Maple Syrup Festival 2008
Elmira, Southwestern Ontario

Family Event-Pancake breakfast, trips to the sugar bush tours, dog show, craft & quilt show & sale, toy show & sale, antique show, lots of good food.

T: 1-877-969-0094

W: www.elmiramaplesyrup.com 2

Apr 5 - 6, Canadian Snowcross Championships
Craighurst, Central Ontario

The final round of the CSRA Canadian National Snowcross Championships takes place at Horseshoe Resort. See hundreds of the world's best snowmobile racers compete for the Canadian SX Championship title.

T: (905) 722-7771

W: www.snowcross.com 4 ★

Apr 5 - 6, Toronto Spring Motorcycle Show
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Toronto's Spring Motorcycle Marketplace for the best prices on all your riding needs. Dealer displays, stage events, accessory superstores, club displays, custom bike competition and more.

T: (905) 655-5403

W: www.supershownevents.com 1

Apr 6 - 12, Fiddle and Step
Wingham, Southwestern Ontario

Come on down and witness the best fiddling, step dancing and singing in town!

T: 1-866-357-4082

W: www.winghamheritagetheatre.com 2

Apr 7 - 26, Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival
Barrie, Central Ontario

Competitive and non-competitive classes, workshops by professional Adjudicators.

T: (705) 726-1764

W: www.barriemusicfestival.com 4

april

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Apr 8 - Jun 14, The Sky's the Limit: 19th Century Astronomy & Photography
Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

An exhibition of 19th century photos of the moon and outer space observed through Canada's largest telescope - built in Simcoe in 1893!

T: (519) 426-1583

W: www.norfolklore.com 2

Apr 9 - Aug 23, Stirling Festival Theatre Inc.
Stirling, Eastern Ontario

Performances include Carmel Quinn, Steel Magnolias, Man of La Mancha and Garage Delight. Check website for complete details.

T: 1-877-312-1162

W: www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com 5

Apr 10 - 12, Belmore Maple Syrup Festival
Belmore, Southwestern Ontario

Thursday and Saturday. Country hospitality, maple syrup demonstration, entertainment, crafts and of course, homemade pancakes. All indoors.

T: (519) 335-3748 2 ★

Apr 10 - Dec 31, Shipwrecks of Georgian Bay
Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Discover the haunting vestiges of Georgian Bay's forgotten past, now an eerie world of shipwrecks. See displays chronicling the fate of the courageous captains and crews of these doomed ships.

T: (519) 371-3333

W: www.marinerail.com 2

Apr 17 - 19, THE QUILT: 10th Anniversary Celebration of Quilts
Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for our 10th Anniversary kickoff celebration. All quilts received for our 2008 exhibits & auctions will be on display. Be sure to see the quilts before they begin their cross country journey!

T: 1-866-578-8553

W: www.TheQuilt.com 2

Apr 19, 42nd Annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival
Elmvale, Central Ontario

Enjoy the sweet taste of Spring. Many of our 30,000 visitors have told us we're the best Maple Syrup Festival in Ontario.

T: (705) 322-6613

W: www.elmvalemaplesyrup.ca 4

Apr 19, Earth Day Festival
Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

This free community event features earth-friendly exhibits, tree planting, enviro-friendly marsh tours, compost giveaway, prizes, entertainment and free swimming.

T: 1-800-667-4292

W: www.oshawa.ca 1 ★

Apr 19 - 20, Get Diggin' Earth Day
Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate your surroundings - now more than ever the Earth needs to be cared for and understood. Come learn about Green living and earth appreciation with seminars, Discovery Cart and more.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 1 ★



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Apr 19 - 27, Spring Fest

Milton, Greater Toronto Area

Kids Fest 10-4 Weekends: April 19 & 20 and April 26 & 27. Pony rides, face painting, crafts, baby animals, tractor track, wagon ride & farm tour, straw mazes, pancakes & maple syrup, farm market bakery gift shop.

T: (905) 878-4908

W: www.springridgefarm.com 1

Apr 19 - May 10, 27th Annual Orillia Perch Festival

Orillia, Central Ontario

Fun, family fishing derby! Great prizes. Adult and children's categories. Special OPP Kids Day! Live release program. Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching. Just fish to win!

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com 4 ★

Apr 20, Earth Day

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate Earth Day! This annual spring festival celebrates horticulture and gardening, visual arts, painting, sculpture, photography, mural art, crafts, a culinary smorgasbord and musical performers.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

Apr 20 - Oct 5, Ottawa Valley Music Festival

Renfrew, Eastern Ontario

Come enjoy our 15th season of choral and orchestral music. Mozart, Baroque Gems, Classic Broadway and Symphony of Praise fill the Ottawa Valley this summer. See website for concert listings.

T: (613) 623-6842

W: www.valleyfestival.ca 5 ★

Apr 22 - 27, Festival des Folies Franco-Fun

Cobalt, Northern Ontario

Held simultaneously in 7 communities, this FUN-filled week of shows, demonstrations, songs, dances, car rally, art fair, culinary experiences, and out-of-the-ordinary activities promises fun, fun, FUN!

T: (705) 647-6105

W: www.festival3f.ca 7

Apr 23 - Nov 9, Stratford Shakespeare Festival

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

The Stratford Festival presents a spectacular season in four venues, encompassing Shakespeare and the best in contemporary drama, musical theatre, and new Canadian works.

T: 1-800-567-1600

W: www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com 2

Apr 25 - 27, Good Food Festival

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

The Good Food Festival provides "foodies" of all ages with cooking lessons, hundreds of free food and drink samples, oodles of expert advice, and a look at thousands of new and unique products.

T: 1-800-265-3693

W: www.goodfoodfestival.com 1

Apr 25 - 27, Georgian Sound Festival

Thornbury, Southwestern Ontario

The 17th Annual Georgian Sound Festival is a spectacular 3-day event in Thornbury and Clarksburg featuring Jazz, Big Band and Gospel. We hope to welcome you to Southern Georgian Bay.

T: (519) 599-3223

W: festival@georgiansound.ca 2

Apr 26, Festival of the Maples

Perth, Eastern Ontario

The grand finale to the month-long maple celebration takes place in Downtown Perth. Maple products and taffy sale, displays of maple syrup production, pancake breakfast, entertainment, food and wine fair.

T: (613) 267-3200

W: www.perthchamber.com 5 ★

Apr 26, Powassan Maple Syrup Festival

Powassan, Northern Ontario

Maple Syrup Festival focusing on family, friends, music, competitions, local businesses and street vendors and of course Maple Syrup topped Pancakes! See website for details.

T: (705) 724-9760

W: www.powassansyrupfestival.ca 7

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april

Apr 26, Doors Open Guelph

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

To celebrate Guelph's rich architectural heritage, up to 12 of Guelph's finest buildings - many of which are not generally open to the public - open their doors for free public tours.

T: (519) 836-3280

W: www.guelph.ca/doorsopenguelph 2

Apr 26 - May 10, Port Dover Perch Derby

Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario

11th Annual Perch Derby, over \$23,000.00 worth of tagged fish to be caught. Junior and adult divisions, Early Bird, Daily and Grand Prize draws. Fishing fun for everyone!

T: (519) 583-1314

W: www.portdover.ca 2

Apr 26 - May 18, Tulip Celebration

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Nothing says Spring like tulips in bloom. Come enjoy our skillfully planted tulips in the famous Rock Garden. Weekends include musicians, education, kids crafts and more. Book lunch at the teahouse!

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 2 ★

Apr 26 - Oct 25, History Hands-On - April to October

Vandorf, Central Ontario

A chance to really experience life as it was more than 100 years ago! Try your hand at some pioneer chores. Complete lessons on a slate in the 19th century classroom. Activities change seasonally.

T: 1-888-290-0337

W: www.townofws.com/museum 4

Apr 27, Battle of Fort York

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Battle of Fort York is a great spring outing for families and history buffs! Enjoy tours, kids' drill, military music and a taste from the historic kitchen.

T: (416) 392-6907

W: www.toronto.ca/fort_york 1

Apr 27, Sunoco Earth Day

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Join ERCA and its partners in planting 1500 trees to celebrate Earth Day! Take part in a nature scavenger hunt and other family oriented activities, courtesy of Suncor Energy Foundation.

T: 1-888-487-4760

W: www.erca.org 2

Apr 27 - May 5, Halton Hills Arts Week

Halton Hills, Greater Toronto Area

A celebration of all aspects of art in Halton Hills, including exhibits, performances and tours.

T: (905) 877-7119

W: www.haltonhillsartsweek.ca 1

Apr 27 - Oct 19, Guelph Arts Council Historical Walking Tours

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

On selected Sundays between April and October, five different walking tours highlight the history and heritage of Guelph's historic core area.

T: (519) 836-3280

W: www.guelpharts.ca 2

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Enchant your senses with the breathtakingly beautiful sights and smells of Ontario's springtime blossoms.



A glorious display of over 3 million tulip bulbs are showcased at **Ottawa's Canadian Tulip Festival**. Experience the vibrant palette of colour at the stunning **Lilac Celebration at Royal**

Botanical Gardens. Join the kids outdoors and become a 'Frog Watcher' at **Scarborough's Spring Toad Festival** and meet some 'wild moms' on **Mother's Day at the Toronto Zoo**. Experience the world at the fabulous **Carassauga Festival** in **Mississauga** with music, food, art and dance. Children can learn about protecting our water sources at the **Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival**. Test your angling skills at the **Fish Kincardine**

Derby, or fly high during an amazing afternoon at the **Thunder Bay Kite Festival**. Witness thrills and spills as brave knights compete at **Gregor's Crossing Medieval Faire** in Chatham.



may

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May 1 - 3, CanAsian International Dance Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The CanAsian Dance Festival fosters and promotes diverse expressions of Asian aesthetics through dance in Canada.

T: (416) 593-8455

W: www.canasiandancefestival.com 1

May 1 - 3, Spring in Bloom Concerts

Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

The Winter Festival of Lights proudly presents the Spring in Blossom Concerts featuring Mickey Gilley & The Lettermen. Combo group rate; order group tickets to both shows and receive a discount.

T: 1-800-563-2557

W: www.wfol.com 3 ★

May 1 - 10, 1000 Islands Jazz Festival

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Series of Jazz Concerts presented at the Brockville Arts Centre and other historic Downtown Brockville locations.

T: 1-877-342-7122

W: www.brockvilleconcert.ca 5

May 1 - 31, May is Museum Month/Mai, Mois des Musees

Across Ontario, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate May is Museum Month with a month long showcase of the special exhibits, events and activities. Visit www.museumsontario.com for listings, free events and e-coupons.

T: 1-866-662-8672

W: www.museumsontario.com 1 ★

May 1 - 31, Contact Toronto Photography Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

CONTACT is a month long festival of photography exhibitions and events held throughout the Greater Toronto area in May. The festival presents works by diverse national and international participants.

T: (416) 539-9595

W: www.contactphoto.com 1

May 1 - Dec 31, Haunted Hamilton's Ghost Walks

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Experience the dark and mysterious side of the past! Explore the haunted buildings where voices of the past still linger. Various tours run every weekend and weeknights too in July/August/October.

T: (905) 529-4327

W: www.hauntedhamilton.com & www.ghostwalks.com 2

May 2 - 4, Asian Tradeshow

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

A spectacular celebration of Tamil art, culture, industry, enterprise and cuisine of the Tamil community for the entertainment of thousands of people across the GTA.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

May 2 - 4, 28th Annual Walleye World Live Release Fishing Weekend

Trenton, Eastern Ontario

Fishing buddy's big and small have been turning up for this premier walleye trophy derby since 1979. The Bay of Quinte offers some of the best Walleye angling and this season opener is a true tradition.

T: 1-800-930-3255

W: www.quinte.com/walleye 5

May 2 - 4, Georgian Bay Kayak, Canoe & Film Festival

Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

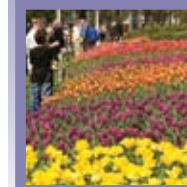
A fun paddling event for the whole family and the best instructors in Ontario. Paddle hundreds of boats, participate in demos, workshops, slide shows, cardboard kayak race, film festival and concert.

T: (705) 342-5324

W: www.whitesquall.com/festival.php 7

May 2 - 19, Canadian Tulip Festival

Ottawa/Gatineau, Ottawa Region



Where Ideas Bloom! World-famous festival with 3 million tulips, a 15-km Tulip route, an 18 day International Pavilion of food, music, culture from around the world and a celebration of ideas

come into full bloom in 2008.

T: 1-800-668-8547

W: www.tulipfestival.ca 6 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

May 3, The Polish/Kashub Festival

Barry's Bay, Eastern Ontario

As Custodians of Canada's Polish Kashub History, the Wilno Heritage Society is proud to celebrate their Heritage. It is a celebration of the Feast of St. Mary-Queen of Poland. Check our website for updates.

T: 1-866-222-8699

W: www.wilno.org 5

May 3 - 4, Spring Toad Festival

Scarborough, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy touch tables, "Toady" the mascot, lessons on tracking wildlife, becoming a Frog Watcher, or Turtle Detective. Ribbiting fun for the whole family!

T: (416) 392-5929

W: www.torontozoo.com 1

May 3 - 4, Doors Open Hamilton 2008

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Over 50 of Hamilton's architectural landmarks & cultural jewels open their doors and invite everyone in for tours and/or entertainment to learn more about this diverse urban/rural city.

T: 1-800-263-8590

W: www.architecturehamilton.com 2

May 3 - 11, RBC Cup National Jr A Hockey Championship

Cornwall, Eastern Ontario

The RBC Cup is the culmination of a year of hockey beginning with 140 teams nationwide. The tournament consists of 13 games, culminating with a national champion.

T: 1-800-937-4748

W: www.hockeycanada.ca/rbccup 5

May 3 - 24, Wine and Herb Festival & Touring Program

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Discover the wonderful connection between wine and herbs as each of the 17 Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake spotlights an herb-themed nibbler matched to a wine selected to highlight the flavours.

T: (905) 468-1950

W: www.wineriesofniagaraonthelake.com 3

May 4, Sudbury ROCKS!!! Marathon

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Race, run, walk or cheer for Diabetes is the largest distance event held in Northern Ontario, featuring events for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Event includes race expo and meal.

T: 1-800-833-0377 / (705) 670-1993

W: www.sudburyrocksmarathon.com 7

May 4 - 11, Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Don't miss the most important francophone literary event in Ontario. The Salon is a festival of authors, a celebration of the arts and a cultural happening for people of all ages.

T: (705) 675-1149

W: www.lesalondulivre.ca 7

May 4 - Sep 28, Ghost Tours at Fort George

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Join us on a candlelit guided walking tour through haunted Fort George. Thrill to accounts of real-life experiences with spirits. Dress for the weather. Call to confirm details.

T: (905) 468-6621

W: www.niagara.ontarioghosts.org 3

May 8 - Sep 1, The Sacred Image of the Icon

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

This exhibition examines the roots and the continuity of the tradition of icon painting in all ethnic communities from the early Christian Diaspora, through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

T: (905) 477-9511

W: www.varleygallery.ca 1 ★

May 9 - 10, Fiddle and Step Dance Competition

Chelmsford, Northern Ontario

Serious and fun, innovative and traditional, Fiddleworks sets the stage for two days of jam-packed fiddling and step dancing!

T: (705) 855-9239

W: www.fiddleworks.net 7

May 9 - 11, Mississauga Marathon Presented by Canon

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us for the 5th Anniversary of the "Run for Everyone". Events include Canon Marathon, half marathon, "the Hazel" 5k, corporate and student relays and the Bell 2k Family Fun Run.

T: (905) 949-2931

W: www.mississaugamarathon.com 1

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

May 9 - 25, Niagara Folk Arts Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

2008 marks the 40th Anniversary edition of the Niagara Folk Arts Festival, Canada's oldest heritage festival. Festival information is available on our new website.

T: (905) 685-6589 x 229

W: www.folk-arts.ca 3 ★

May 10, Doors Open Chatham-Kent

Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

In the third year for Doors Open Chatham-Kent, we hope to include previous successful sites and add new ones to explore and marvel over.

T: (519) 351-2958

W: www.doorsopenchatham-kent.com 2

May 11, Mother's Day at the Toronto Zoo

Scarborough, Greater Toronto Area

Bring Mom to meet some of our wild Moms! Take in a Mom's Day Keeper Talk. Moms can also win great prizes!

T: (416) 392-5929

W: www.torontozoo.com 1

May 15 - 25, Inside Out Toronto Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The TLGB Film & Video Festival attracts more than 30,000 to the best features, documentaries and shorts from around the world.

T: (416) 977-6847

W: www.insideout.ca 1

May 15 - Nov 9, Frederick Varley in Unionville

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

A fresh look at the artistic legacy of Fred Varley in Unionville, including works from the private collections of Charles Band and Collin Campbell.

T: (905) 477-9511 x 221

W: www.varleygallery.ca 1 ★



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Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca for details.

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

May 16 - 18, Beer & Cocktail Show

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

With more brands of beer and spirits than ever before, the Beer & Cocktail Show promises to be a sparkling mix of fun and excitement spiced with the unique blend of the world's most famous alcohol distributors.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

May 16 - 19, Toronto International Circus Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Visitors to the 6th annual Toronto International Circus Festival can expect side-splitting comedy, mind-bending acrobatics and eye-popping daredevil stunts!

T: (416) 469-1440

W: www.tocircusfestival.com 1 ★

May 16 - 19, Twisted Pines Festival

Pentanguishene, Northern Ontario

Three stages, children's stage, main stage and jambalaya stage. More than twenty bands, roots, rock, country, folk, blues, punk and more. Also includes Twisted Pines Music in Movies Festival!

T: (705) 527-7778

W: www.twistedpines.com 7

May 16 - 24, Fish Kincardine Derby

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for music, entertainment, great fishing and amazing prizes!

T: (519) 396-2731

W: www.fishkincardine.com 2 ★

May 17, Fort Henry's 70th Season Opening

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Join Fort Henry as we open our gates for our first full season as a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Events include our Garrison Parade, guided tours and performances by the Fort Henry Guard.

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com 5 ★

May 17 - 19, Brews & BBQ's Festival

Village at Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

Kick off summer with the 6th annual Brews & BBQ's Festival in the centre of the Events Plaza with breweries, patio BBQ's, live outdoor music, entertainment and kids activities. Fun for all ages.

T: (705) 445-0231 x 6205

W: www.villageatblue.com 4 ★

May 17 - 19, Buckhorn Spring Craft Show

Buckhorn, Central Ontario

Over 120 Artisans displaying for sale Canadian handmade contemporary, traditional crafts.

Designer clothing, leather, florals, toys, jewellery, woodworking, gourmet foods, pottery plus much more!

T: (705) 657-8833

W: www.buckhorncommunitycentre.com 4 ★

May 17 - 19, Barrie Waterfront Festival

Barrie, Central Ontario

Featuring live bands, outdoor entertainment, street buskers, a play zone for the kids, fresh food, fireworks at dusk, contests and fun for the whole family!

T: (705) 739-4220

W: www.barriewaterfront.ca 4

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May 17 - 19, Terroir Wine Celebration

Pictou, Eastern Ontario

Taste the new releases from the wineries in combination with food prepared by local chefs. Tour the wineries where music, art and culinary delights await.

T: 1-888-313-9463

W: www.thecountywines.ca 5

May 17 - 19, Spring Fling in Ching

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Amusement rides, great family entertainment, BMX/Skateboard competitions and demos in Brampton's brand new concrete skateboard park and more!

T: (905) 458-6555

W: www.brampton.ca 1

May 17 - 19, Sheep Shearing Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

It's time for the sheep to be shorn. Highlights include shearing demonstrations, Border Collie dogs at work, spinning and weaving, felt making, alpacas on display, and much more.

T: (613) 991-3044

W: www.agriculture.technomuses.ca 6

May 17 - 24, Lilac Celebration

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

World-famous lilacs - over 100 different species. Breathtakingly beautiful sights and smells. Weekends include entertainment, barbeque, information and children's area.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 1 ★

May 17 - Sep 1, LEGO: Secrets of the Pharaohs

Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Imagine a pyramid, a life-sized sarcophagus, a re-creation of Tutankhamen's mask - all made entirely from hundreds of thousands of LEGO bricks! Explore ancient treasures or build your own Egypt!

T: 1-877-473-9766

W: www.greyroots.com 2

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May 17 - Oct 12, Huron Carol Exhibit
Midland, Central Ontario

This fascinating new exhibit celebrates the Huron Carol, which is believed to have been written by Father Jean de Brebeuf at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in the early 17th century.

T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

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May 17 - Dec 31, Town of Kearney Centennial Year
Kearney, Northern Ontario

Special events throughout the year, check website. Some events: May 17, Black Fly Fest; June 27-July 1, Homecoming Weekend/Canada Day Celebrations; Aug. 1-3, Kearney Regatta; Aug. 3, Centennial Parade; Dec. 31, Closing celebrations.

T: (705) 636-7752

W: www.townofkearney.com ♿ 7

May 22 - 25, ING Ottawa Marathon & MDS Nordion 10K
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Join thousands of runners and walkers in Canada's largest running festival. Also includes Pfizer Health & Fitness Expo.

T: 1-866-786-6882

W: www.runottawa.ca ♿ 6

May 23 - 25, Carassauga Festival
Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area



A city-wide multicultural festival to promote understanding, respect and co-operation among all Canadians of different heritage. Experience the world at Carassauga during three incredible days!

T: (905) 615-3010

W: www.carassauga.com ♿ 1 ★

May 23 - 25, Springlicious Food, Wine, Beer and Spirits

Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

This event will feature local wineries, micro brewers culinary instructions and Niagara Region restaurants showcasing their finest products in friendly competitions.

T: (905) 353-9012

W: www.sargantevents.com ♿ 3 ★

May 23 - Jun 1, Huron Fringe Birding Festival
Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario

Festival headquarters are at the Visitor Centre at MacGregor Point. There are many opportunities to learn about birds and nature in a variety of locations in Bruce County. Over 80 hikes, workshops and large group sessions for all levels of expertise. Pre-registration is recommended. Further information available late January, 2008.

T: (519) 389-6231

W: www.friendsofmacgregor.org 2 ★

May 24, Doors Open - Brockville 1000 Islands
Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Free admission to more than 25 historic sites, churches, museums and other attractions, many offering special activities.

T: (613) 498-3003 ♿ 5

May 24, Christie Classic Antique Show and Sale

Flamborough, Southwestern Ontario

Come out for Canada's favourite antique show and sale with over 300 dealers. Browse or buy that special something.

T: (905) 628-3060

W: www.antiqueshowscanada.com/christie.htm

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May 24, Emergency Services Muster, Games & Parade

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Antique and modern fire trucks, police cars and ambulances on exhibit. Fire fighter games, displays and demonstrations about fire safety.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doorsopen ♿ 2 ★

May 24 - 25, Doors Open Toronto
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The 9th annual Doors Open Toronto will have over 140 buildings to explore with a special focus on Toronto's Sacred Spaces and Sacred Circles. Free!

T: (416) 338-3888

W: www.toronto.ca/doorsopen ♿ 1

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

May 24 - 25, Wings & Wheels Heritage Festival
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate the heritage of Downsview Park and enjoy two days of classic cars, vintage airplane fly-ins and live entertainment in association with the Toronto Aerospace Museum. See ad on back cover.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

May 24 - Sep 28, Golden Horseshoe Live Steamer Days

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Hear that whistle calling and get onboard. Catch a ride on coal burning steam powered miniature trains. They look, sound and smell just like their full-size cousins.

T: (905) 546-4797

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums ♿ 2

May 25, Thunder Bay Kite Festival
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

The Kite Festival has been a "Top 50 Ontario Festival" four times! Join us for an afternoon of kite flying, kite making, demonstrations and fun!

T: (807) 625-2487

W: www.thunderbay.ca/kitefestival 7 ★

May 26 - 30, Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

The Festival provides 45 hands-on learning centres for students in grades 2 to 5. The Festival promotes messages that teach about conserving water used daily and protecting our water sources.

T: (519) 748-1914 x 3265

W: www.wwcgf.com ♿ 2 ★

May 26 - Sep 15, Bandshell Concert Series
Bracebridge, Central Ontario

Bring the whole family out to enjoy concert bands, country, folk, rock n'roll, gospel, pipes and drums, brass bands, dixie land, blues and great family entertainment. Mon and Thu 7pm-8:30pm.

T: (705) 645-3077

W: www.town.bracebridge.on.ca 4 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

May 28 - 30, Geritol Follies "The Times of Our Lives"

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario



Celebrate with our ageless cast. Enjoy our vibrant 70 voice choir, hilarious comedy skits, talented dancers and smooth soloists. By a cast who believe that life begins at 60! See ad on page 20.

T: (905) 528-8095

W: www.geritolfollies.ca ♿ 2

May 29 - 31, Special Olympics Ontario 2008 Provincial Spring Games

Durham Region, Greater Toronto Area

Special Olympics provides athletes with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience

and succeed in sport. Sports include: swimming, basketball, power lifting and bowling.

T: (905) 579-1520 x 4004

W: www.specialolympics2008.ca ♿ 1 ★

May 29 - Jun 1, Gregor's Crossing Medieval Faire

Chatham, Southwestern Ontario



Stroll through the marketplace as period artisans create unique treasures. Test your skills with period games, cheer on the Knights of Valour, or relax at the pub listening to the Tartan Terrors.

See ad on page 24.

T: (519) 354-0294

W: www.gregorscrossing.com ♿ 2 ★

May 31 - Jun 8, Iris & Peony Celebration

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Come visit our newly redesigned Iris collection that allows an up-close and personal view of the irises. Weekends include artists, musicians and children's area.

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May 29th & 30th - Education Days

Sat., May 31st - Heavy Armour Jousting Tournament, Continual Entertainment, Kings Feast & Tartan Terrors in Pub Tent

Sun., June 1st - Sunday Service, Continual Entertainment & Heavy Armour Jousting Tournaments



May 29, 30, 31 & June 1, 2008

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO



Song & Adventure

Festivals devoted to food, song and adventure flourish under the warm June sun. Enjoy a fabulous family day at



the impressive **Cambridge Riverfest & Dragon Boat Races** where over 30 dragon boat teams participate. Aerial acrobatics are sure to amaze at **Air Show Ottawa**, featuring the Snowbirds and CF18 Demo Team. Explosions

of colour will enchant as spectacular fireworks are choreographed to music from around the world, during the gorgeous **Canada Dry Festival of Fire**. Indulge in the best of blues and R&B at the **Waterfront Blues Festival** in Toronto and celebrate with **Burlington** at the **Sound of Music Festival**. Join thousands

during **Pride Week** in Toronto. Dragon boat races, a lumberjack show and entertainment for the kids are yours to enjoy at the **White Pine Cultural Festival** in Blind River.



June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 1 - 30, Welland Rose Festival

Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Celebrating our 47th year in the Rose City. This year's theme "Celebrating the City of Welland's 150th Anniversary". Festivities take place in June. Family activities, Grand Parade, coronation ball and more.

T: (905) 732-7673

W: www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca ♿ 3 ★

Jun 3 - Jul 29, Tranquil Tuesdays

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Every Tuesday evening in June and July stroll through the Laking Garden amongst the Irises while live classical musicians play and watercolour artists paint their surroundings.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 4 - 7, London International Children's Festival

London, Southwestern Ontario

The London International Children's Festival is an ARTS Festival where children can explore, dream, dance, play, laugh and learn about worldwide arts and cultures in a unique setting.

T: (519) 645-6739

W: www.londonchildfest.com ♿ 2

Jun 4 - 8, Dunnville's 35th Annual Mudcat Festival

Dunnville, Southwestern Ontario

Parade, midway, fireworks, dances, magician/juggler, cruise night, strong man contest, duck and canoe races, reptile show, bed races, musical acts, pony rides and food.

T: (905) 774-3183

W: www.dunnvillechamberofcommerce.ca 2 ★

Jun 5 - 8, Spring Barrie Automotive Flea Market

Oro-Medonte, Central Ontario

Our vendors have something for everyone. Don't rush home, take advantage of our comfortable campground and excellent food and beverage facilities.

T: (705) 487-3663

W: www.burlescreek.com 4 ★

Jun 5 - 8, Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival

Orangeville, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy music in the clubs every night of the festival. Free concerts in the park on weekend, other events include beer garden, farmers market, food & crafts.

T: 1-866-590-5299

W: www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca ♿ 1

Jun 5 - Jul 31, Alternative Roots Music Series

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Start your weekend off with a concert! Enjoy the wide open space of our Arboretum with a wide variety of music from classic rock to folk to indie music.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 5 - Sep 21, Port Hope Festival Theatre

Port Hope, Central Ontario

Port Hope Festival Theatre presents: "Educating Rita", Jun 5-14; "Buddy - the Buddy Holly Story", Jun 19-Jul 12; "Same Time Next Year", Jul 17-26; "Anne of Green Gables - The Musical", Jul 31-Aug 24.

T: 1-800-434-5092

W: www.capitoltheatre.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 6 - 7, Clinton Spring Fair

Clinton, Southwestern Ontario

Demolition derby, ambassador competition, baby show, parade, talent show, midway, sheep, poultry, heavy horse, all breed 4-H derby calf show.

T: (519) 482-7925

W: www.hurontourism.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 6 - 8, Spring Boat, Cottage & Outdoor Show

Orillia, Central Ontario

Fantastic in-water selection of new and pre-owned boats! Marine safety demonstrations. Cottage and outdoor living displays and vendors! Port of Orillia.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 6 - 8, Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

This is a fun-filled family festival featuring a huge parade at 10am on Sat. There is live entertainment on 2 stages, a petting zoo, pony rides, children's inflatables, crafts, souvenirs and much more.

T: (905) 816-1640

W: www.breadandhoney.com ♿ 1 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 6 - 8, Muhtadi International Drumming Festival Toronto

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Located at Queen's Park North, this festival celebrates the drum and its universality as an art form and its presence in all cultures around the world. Over 30 drum groups and many food and craft vendors. Family fun!

T: (416) 504-3786

W: www.muhtadidrumfest.com ♿ 1

Jun 6 - 8, Carden Nature Festival

City of Kawartha Lakes, Central Ontario

Over 60 nature outings and workshops on the Carden Alvar. Birding, canoeing, hiking, botanizing. Experience the sounds of night in the woods. Expert guides and programs for all skill levels.

T: (705) 326-1620

W: www.CardenGuide.com/Festival 4 ★

Jun 6 - 8, Dundas Buskerfest

Dundas, Southwestern Ontario



Returning for its 11th year, Dundas Buskerfest features the hilarious high jinks of internationally-renowned circus-arts performers, arts/crafts, sidewalk sale, great food and children's area.

T: (905) 628-3954

W: www.downtowndundas.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 6 - 8, LaSalle Strawberry Festival

LaSalle, Southwestern Ontario

Fun filled family themed festival with carnival rides, craft vendors, great entertainment each evening, fireworks on Fri night, parade on Sat morning, kids day on Sun and lots of great food.

T: (519) 969-5699

W: www.lasallestrawberryfestival.com ♿ 2 ★

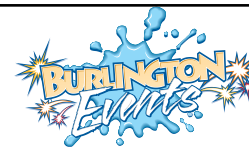
Jun 6 - 8, Waterfront Blues

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

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T: (416) 423-2224

W: www.waterfrontblues.ca ♿ 1 ★



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www.soundofmusic.ca

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July 1, 2008
www.burlington.ca

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July 18, 2008
www.burlingtondowntown.ca

Burlington Children's
Festival
August 17, 2008
www.burlington.ca

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Ribfest
Aug 29-Sept 1, 2008
www.canadaslargestribfest.com

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www.cbcbf.org

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June

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Jun 6 - 8, Ontario Track Cycling Championships

London, Southwestern Ontario

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T: (519) 878-7849

W: www.ForestCityVelodrome.ca 2

Jun 6 - 15, Luminato

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

For ten extraordinary days in June, the vibrant city of Toronto's stages, streets and public spaces are illuminated with arts and creativity. Luminato is an annual multidisciplinary celebration of theatre, dance, classical and contemporary music, film literature, visual arts, design and more. See ad on page 28.

T: (416) 368-3100

W: www.luminato.com 1

Jun 6 - Sep 26, Fridays at the Foster

Uxbridge, Greater Toronto Area



Every Friday night, 7:30-8:30pm, we hold a concert of music, singers, instrumental dancing. Admission is a donation at the door. The acoustics are Science of Sound. See ad on page 29.

T: (905) 640-3966

W: www.town.uxbridge.on.ca 1

Jun 7, Cambridge Riverfest & Dragon Boat Races

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Come and enjoy the dragon boat races on the Grand River - over 30 teams participate! A family event featuring a children's stage, rides, beer garden, live music, food, arts and craft vendors and more.

T: (519) 740-4681 x 4603

W: www.cambridgeriverfest.com 2

Jun 7, Downtown Cobourg Busker & Street Festival

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Prepare to be amazed as the streets of Downtown Cobourg are filled with a spectacular assortment of entertainment and attractions too - sure to knock your socks off!

T: (905) 377-8024

W: www.downtowncobourg.ca 4

Jun 7, Doors Open Lanark

Lanark, Eastern Ontario

Visit rural Lanark Highlands and view a unique machinery fence, restored log building, museum, heritage cemetery and more. Local food and entertainment available. See ad on page 35.

T: 1-800-239-4695

W: www.lanarkhighlands.ca 5

Jun 7, Senior Games

Blind River, Northern Ontario

For an exciting day of fun, competition and entertainment and fantastic prizes to be won. The day is packed with competitive activities ranging from card games to cycling events.

T: (705) 356-2251

W: www.blindriver.com/festivals 7

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UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO

For other Foster programs, visit www.fostermemorial.com, call 905-640-3966 or e-mail bnortheast@powergate.ca.

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 7 - 8, Unionville Village Festival *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

Main Street hosts the 39th annual spring festival for two days of family fun. Highlights include a Parade on Saturday morning, Fireworks over TooGood Pond on Saturday evening, along with a Fun Run, Treasure Hunt and a Main Street Market on Sunday.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 7 - 8, Woofstock *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

The dog days of summer return for a weekend of canine culture. Join close to 100,000 dog lovers and their canine companions for the largest outdoor festival for dogs - and the people who live with them. Quirky and fun. A festive entertainment and consumer show with more than 120 companies offering the latest in every conceivable doggie indulgence, spanning the gamut from artistic to zany.

T: (416) 410-1310

W: www.woofstock.ca ♿ 1

Jun 7 - 8, Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek *Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Experience the drama, pageantry, and excitement of one of the most important events in Canada's history. Bring the family for games, fireworks, and the re-enactment itself. See ad on page 23.

T: (905) 662-8458

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums ♿ 2

Jun 7 - 8, Windfall Ecology Festival *Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area*

Bring the family and wind your way through the natural setting of Fairy Lake Park. Enjoy fun activities for the kids, live entertainment, prominent speakers, great food and much more! See ad on page 2.

T: (416) 465-6333

W: www.windfallcentre.ca 1 ★

Jun 7 - 8, Doors Open Ottawa *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

Door Open Ottawa is a weekend celebration of our architectural heritage when historic and architecturally significant buildings open their doors to the public, free of charge. Most participating buildings are not normally opened to the public.

T: (613) 580-9674

W: www.ottawa.ca/doorsopen 6 ★

Jun 7 - 14, 2008 Canada Dance Festival *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

The Canada Dance Festival presents 11 world premieres, Les Ballets jazz de Montreal, Compagnie Mair Chouinard and free outdoor performances. The CDF showcases contemporary Canadian Dance.

T: 1-866-850-2787 x 576

W: www.canadadance.ca ♿ 6 ★

Jun 7 - Aug 9, White Pine Cultural Festival *Blind River, Northern Ontario*

Dragon boat races, Canada Day Beach Bash, lumberjack show, concert, children's entertainment, kite festival, outdoor art show, soap box derby and more. See website for detail of event dates.

T: 1-800-563-8719

W: www.blindriver.com/festivals ♿ 7 ★

Jun 8, Miramich Lodge Paddle Quest *Pembroke, Eastern Ontario*

Join us as we ply the same waters paddled by the Algonquins and Samuel de Champlain, explorers and fur traders. Be a modern-day voyageur and support Renfrew County's new Miramichi Lodge.

T: (613) 732-3691

W: www.pembrokefestivals.com 5 ★

Jun 12 - 15, Burlington Sound of Music Festival *Burlington, Greater Toronto Area*



Four days of fabulous music - summer music extravaganza! Several stages along waterfront and downtown featuring jazz, folk, rock, pop, country, blues, Latin, Celtic, children's acts and

more! See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 333-6364

W: www.soundofmusic.on.ca ♿ 1 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

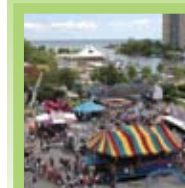
Jun 13 - 14, Sarnia Highland Games *Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario*

Traditional highland games with highland dancing. Scottish heavy events, pipe band competitions, haggis hurling. Further Celtic events to be announced, check website.

T: (519) 336-5054

W: www.sarniahighlandgames.com 2 ★

Jun 13 - 15, Mississauga Waterfront Festival *Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*



Exciting three-day family festival featuring world-class entertainment, carnival, interactive kids village, fire eaters, water show, clowns, petting zoo, vendors, great food, dog show and licensed area.

T: (905) 891-0002

W: www.mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

♿ 1 ★

Jun 13 - 15, 3rd Annual Canadian Handcar Racing Championships *Palmerston, Southwestern Ontario*

Come out and cheer on competitors as they race down the railway tracks against the clock and their opponents in handcars. Food, beer tent and entertainment.

T: (519) 338-2511

W: www.town.minto.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 13 - 15, Father's Day Doubleheader Weekend *Bowmanville, Central Ontario*

Canada's stock car championship, the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series and the U.S. based Grand-Am Cup (for domestic and imported sports cars) take to the track for one of Mosport's biggest events of the year.

T: 1-800-866-1072

W: www.mosport.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 13 - 15, Guelph Multicultural Festival *Guelph, Southwestern Ontario*

Enjoy foods from around the world, vendors, community displays, children's activities, beer tent, local bands, cultural entertainment. A family fun-filled event at Riverside Park.

T: (519) 836-5314

W: www.gdmf.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 13 - 15, 13th Annual Innisfil SummerFest *Innisfil, Central Ontario*

Three day outdoor waterfront event on the beautiful shore of Lake Simcoe. Midway, live entertainment, craft, food and retail vendors. Great fun for the whole family.

T: 1-877-803-2121

W: www.areaproducts.com ♿ 4

Jun 13 - 15, Festival franco-ontarien *Ottawa, Ottawa Region*

The Festival franco-ontarien offers performances from home-grown talents, as well as those emerging from Quebec, Acadia, Africa and Europe. Enjoy different styles of music, dances and plays. Discover French culture at its best!

T: (613) 321-0102

W: www.ffo.ca 6 ★

Jun 13 - 29, Carrousel Festival *Windsor, Southwestern Ontario*



Across the city, over eighteen Villages representing their own cultures and traditions will welcome your entire family. Music, foods, native costumes, displays and performances.

T: (519) 255-1127

W: www.themcc.com 2

Jun 14 - 15, Kids Fun Fair in Caledon *Caledon, Greater Toronto Area*

Weekend Family Entertainment. Midway, attractions, petting zoo, fun foods, walk-around entertainers, performing dogs, exhibits and more. Free admission on our website.

T: (519) 759-0120 x 309

W: www.kidsfunfair.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 14 - 15, Aboriginal Festival *Midland, Central Ontario*

Share a tribute to Canada's First Nations with special on-site activities and displays at the Sainte Marie Among the Hurons.

T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.sainte-marie-among-the-hurons.on.ca

♿ 4 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 14 - 15, Peony Festival Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

The annual Peony Festival coincides with the bloom cycle of 300 varieties of peonies, as well as lilies, hostas and water garden. There is something for everyone!

T: (905) 436-5636 x 2107
W: www.oshawa.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 14 - 15, Canadian International Military Tattoo Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Central Canada's premier show featuring stirring military music, exciting marching bands, spirited dancing, displays and pageantry-now in its 17th year. Come join our celebration of music!

T: (905) 523-1753
W: www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 14 - 15, Kingfest Music Festival King City, Greater Toronto Area

Kingfest is York Region's premier outdoor music festival featuring many of Canada's top artists. Multiple stages, children's area, artisan village, beer tent, food & accommodation. See ad on page 2.

T: 1-888-877-5464
W: www.kingfestmusic.com ♿ 1

Jun 14 - 15, The Battle of Black Creek Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

More than 200 soldiers set up camp for this colourful Revolutionary War re-enactment. Watch realistic street skirmishes and battles.

T: (416) 736-1733
W: www.blackcreek.ca 1

Jun 14 - 22, New Vintage Niagara Festival 2008 St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

What better time to visit Ontario's wine country than late spring for the New Vintage Niagara Festival, a time of growth and re-birth among the 16,000 acres of well tended vineyards. Come down and be the first to taste what the New Vintage has to offer and stay a while and explore Ontario's wine country.

T: (905) 688-0212
W: www.niagarawinefestival.com 3 ★

Jun 14 - Oct 11, Downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area

Main Street in Downtown Georgetown closes every Saturday throughout the summer and welcomes farmers and other vendors. Downtown Georgetown offers a historic setting, many cafes, restaurants and stores to add to your enjoyment!

T: (905) 873-4970
W: www.downtowngeorgetown.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 15 - 21, Oshawa Fiesta Week Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

Starts with the Father's Day parade and concert in Memorial Park, downtown Oshawa. 15 ethnic and cultural pavilions at various venues in Oshawa offering stage shows, food, drink and heritage displays.

T: (905) 725-1624
W: www.fiestaweek.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 15 - Jul 1, First Capital Day Celebrations Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Beginning with First Capital Day and ending with Canada Day, Kingston celebrates its culture and heritage at events throughout the two weeks - music, theatre, multi-cultural events at various venues.

T: 1-888-855-4555
W: www.firstcapitaldays.ca ♿ 5 ★

Jun 19 - Aug 7, Noon Under the Bridge Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Presenting outdoor lunchtime performances in the heart of Canada's Capital. Located under the Plaza Bridge (west arch). See website for details.

T: (613) 239-5000
W: www.canadascapital.gc.ca/noonunderthebridge ♿ 6 ★

Jun 20 - 21, Festival on Main Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area

Downtown Georgetown transforms itself to become a fun-filled festival with stage and busker entertainment as well as street vendors and rides. Saturday morning is also the weekly Farmers' Market!

T: (905) 873-4970
W: www.downtowngeorgetown.com ♿ 1 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 20 - 21, 4th Annual Italia In Festa Thorold, Niagara Falls and Region

Two-day Italian festival highlighting Thorold's Italian heritage through music, drink and entertainment. Enjoy our outdoor "piazza" while listening to the sounds of authentic Italian Coro singers.

T: 1-888-680-9477
W: www.thoroldtourism.ca ♿ 3 ★

Jun 20 - 21, It's the Berries Quilt Show Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Features 100 plus quilts, wall hangings, raffle "Love of Chocolate" quilt, viewers' choice, vendors' market, tea room.

T: (519) 482-9963 ♿ 2 ★

Jun 20 - 21, Annual Fairy Lake Artisans Festival Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area

One-of-a-kind juried arts and crafts festival held at Fairy Lake on the banks of the Holland River. Proceeds from this event will benefit various special charities. See ad on page 2.

T: (905) 895-5193
W: www.northnewmarketlions.ca 1 ★

Jun 20 - 21, Dragon Boat Races Blind River, Northern Ontario

Dragon Boat Races is a Chinese tradition that creates an excellent opportunity for friends, families and co-workers to have fun and raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

T: (705) 356-2251
W: www.blindriver.com/festivals 7 ★

Jun 20 - 22, Burgerfest Grand Bend, Southwestern Ontario

Three days of food, fun and entertainment on Grand Bend's main beach.

T: (519) 933-5478 ♿ 2 ★

Jun 20 - 22, Canadian All Truck Nationals Barrie, Central Ontario

Big Rig Show and Shine, entertainment on stage, on-site camping, vendors welcome.

T: (705) 487-3663
W: www.burlscreek.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 20 - 22, MOSAIC 2008: South Asian Heritage Festival of Mississauga Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Free annual multidisciplinary art festival. Live music and entertainment, food, vendors and more. Just minutes off Hwy. #403 in the heart of downtown Mississauga.

T: (416) 388-9596
W: www.mosaic2008.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 20 - 22, Canadian Aviation Expo Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

Canadian Aviation Expo is Canada's largest aviation trade and consumer show and Canada's largest fly-in earning the title as "Canada's Premier Aviation Event". If it flies it's at the Expo!

T: 1-866-309-9537
W: www.canadianaviationexpo.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 20 - 22, Oakville Waterfront Festival Oakville, Greater Toronto Area

Voted one of the Top 100 Festivals in Ontario! Great Canadian concerts, Children's Village, animal attractions, fireworks, craft show and more. All-inclusive 3-day admission as low as \$11.

T: (905) 847-7975
W: www.oakvillefestival.com ♿ 1 ★



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1-800-461-6424

For all your Festival and Event information



June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 20 - 22, Strathroy Hometown Turkey Festival

Strathroy, Southwestern Ontario

Midway, local musicians, Show and Shine Car Show, outdoor concert, Karaoke Idol Contest, games, vendors.

T: (519) 245-7620

W: www.turkeyfest.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 20 - 22, 29th Annual Vintage Racing Festival

Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

This annual historic auto racing event features three days of beautifully restored, ready-to-race cars from the past 50 years of motorsports. This year's event features a Can-Am Series reunion.

T: 1-800-866-1072

W: www.mosport.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 20 - 22, Women's Outdoor Weekend

Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario

Weekend includes nature crafts, educational hikes, yoga, outdoor cooking, bannock, campfires, chakra's, sunrise ceremony, aquafit, gemstones, healing crystals, circle dancing, stone soup, mini putt.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

Jun 20 - 22, Nortel Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

This festival celebrates the historic Chinese tradition of boat racing, featuring a children's activity area and multicultural performances.

T: (613) 238-7711

W: www.dragonboat.net 6

Jun 20 - 29, TD Canada Trust Toronto Jazz Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

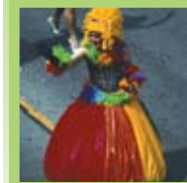
The TD Canada Trust Toronto Jazz Festival will celebrate its 22nd Anniversary at more than 40 venues throughout downtown Toronto.

T: (416) 928-2033 x 25

W: www.tojazz.com ♿ 1

Jun 20 - 29, Toronto Pride Week 2008

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



Toronto Pride Week is the largest LGBTTIQQ2S event in Canada. Come celebrate our diversity with 10 days of arts and cultural programming with over 1 million people in attendance. Rainbow Flag Raising

on June 23, Dyke March on June 28, and Pride Parade on June 29. See website for details.

T: (416) 927-7433

W: www.pridetoronto.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 20 - Jul 1, TD Canada Trust Ottawa International Jazz Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The TD Canada Trust Ottawa International Jazz Festival is one of the largest music festivals in Canada, showcasing over 300 acts in downtown Ottawa over 11 days.

T: 1-888-226-4495

W: www.ottawajazzfestival.com ♿ 6 ★

Jun 20 - Jul 6, Art In The County

Picton, Eastern Ontario

Visit Prince Edward Arts Council's annual art show and sale featuring more than 70 of Eastern Ontario's most talented artists.

T: (613) 476-4811

W: www.artinthecounty.com ♿ 5 ★

Jun 21, National Aboriginal Day

Midland, Central Ontario

Share a tribute to Canada's First Nations with special on-site activities and displays at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

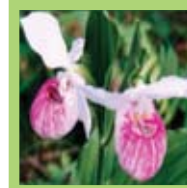
T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.sainte-marie-among-the-hurons.on.ca

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Jun 21, Lanark Highlands Orchid Festival and Tour

Lanark Village, Eastern Ontario



Visit Purdon Conservation Area to see thousands of showy Lady's Slipper Orchids. Along the tour, visit the studios and workshops of area artists and artisans. See ad on page 35.

T: 1-866-559-9154

W: www.lanark-highlands.com ♿ 5 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 21, Veterans Memorial Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Spencerville, Eastern Ontario

The Veterans Memorial Highland Games were established in March 2004. Our mission is to promote public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of Scottish and military heritage.

T: (613) 657-3593

W: www.veteransmemorialhlg.com ♿ 5 ★

Jun 21, Flower City Parade

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Don't miss Brampton's Flower City Parade! Come out and enjoy professional marching bands and wonderful floral floats parade down Main Street. For more info, call or visit our website. See ad on page 3.

T: (905) 874-3956

W: www.brampton.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 21 - 22, Blues Festival

Village at Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

An incredible collection of the finest Blues musicians from across Canada and beyond performing on 2 outdoor stages. Fall in love with the magic of the Village and unique activities all weekend long.

T: 1-877-445-0231

W: www.villageatblue.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 21 - 22, Kitefest

Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Kitefest is a two day kite flying event on the shores of Georgian Bay. Kite flying clubs demonstrate their flying expertise and magnificent kites. Spectators are welcome to fly kites as well.

T: (705) 429-2247

W: www.wasagabeach.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 21 - 22, Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Festival

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrating the cultural diversity of Waterloo Region with food, art and entertainment for 41 years, the KW Multicultural Festival is the regions premiere community festival.

T: (519) 578-7570

W: www.kwmc.on.ca/festival ♿ 2 ★

Jun 21 - 22, Caravan Music Festival

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Set along the historic Navy Yard Park and the shores so Lake Erie. The Festival brings diverse talent and music for all ages. Jazz, fiddle, string. Bands that will soothe the soul!

T: (519) 730-1309

W: www.amherstburg.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 21 - 22, Shesheganwaning First Nation Traditional Pow Wow

Silver Water, Northern Ontario

Celebrate life in a kaleidoscope of colourful craftwork, regalia and singing. Guests are invited to join in on an intertribal dance. An emcee will describe the various dance styles and etiquette.

T: (705) 283-3560 7

Jun 21 - 22, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Traditional Pow Wow

Wikwemikong, Northern Ontario

Celebrate life in a kaleidoscope of colourful craftwork, regalia and singing. Guests are invited to join in on an intertribal dance. An emcee will describe the various dance styles and etiquette.

T: (705) 859-2385 7

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 1-866-559-9154

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 21 - Jul 6, Rose Celebration at Royal Botanical Gardens

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

From the roses Josephine Bonaparte grew at Malmaison, to the latest work of Canadian Rose breeders, our collection showcases their beauty. Weekends include music, education and lunch at the teahouse.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 21 - Sep 20, Newmarket Summer Festival

Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area

Festivals include: Aboriginal Celebration, July 1st, Kids in the Square, Music in the Park, Fiddlefest, Moonlight Movies, Garlic is Great, Jazz & Blues, Art Fest on Main, Kre8tive Kidz Festival.

T: 1-877-550-5575

W: www.newmarket.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 25 - Jul 1, The Stouffville Strawberry Festival

Stouffville, Greater Toronto Area

Festival includes entertainment, contests, a carnival and more. On Saturday more than 100 vendors are on main street. On Jul 1st, join us for our Canada Day celebrations. Open Jun 25-29, Jul 1. See ad on page 2.

T: (905) 642-3779

W: www.strawberryfestival.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 26 - 30, Bikers Reunion

New Liskeard, Northern Ontario



A motorcycle enthusiasts event with a family appeal. Activities for young and old surrounding the sport of motorcycling. The event supports the local Cancer care program raising

\$75,000 annually.

T: 1-866-947-5753

W: www.bikersreunion.ca ♿ 7 ★

Jun 26 - Jul 7, Hosta Fest

Peterborough, Central Ontario

Tour the gardens/greenhouses, see an extensive collection of 350+ varieties of Hosta planted in award winning gardens. Make Peterborough one of your 2008 destinations!

T: (705) 742-5918

W: www.gardensplus.ca ♿ 4

Jun 27 - 28, Southwestern Ont. Fiddle & Stepdance Championships

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Fiddle and Stepdance contest. Many different age categories in fiddle and stepdance. Over \$10,000 in prize money and trophies.

T: (519) 271-6115

W: www.cyg.net/~huitema ♿ 2

Jun 27 - 29, Muskoka Summerfest

Bracebridge, Central Ontario

Shopping at hundreds of exhibits, refreshments tent, KidZone, and live entertainment.

T: 1-866-512-2173

W: www.muskokasummerfest.com ♿ 4 ★

Jun 27 - 29, Windsor Elvis Fest

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Festival events feature dozens of professional and amateur Elvis Tribute Artists in competition and theatre shows, a gospel show, classic car show at venues in Windsor's downtown and on the Riverfront.

T: (519) 254-1108

W: www.windsorelvisfest.com ♿ 2 ★

Jun 27 - Jul 1, Brockville Riverfest

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Activities, midway and live entertainment - fun for everyone! Celebrate Canada Day at Brockville's premiere waterfront festival with fireworks at 10pm on July 1st.

T: (613) 342-8975

W: www.brockvillerverfest.ca ♿ 5 ★

Jun 27 - Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Kearney, Northern Ontario

Wine & Cheese Reception at the Kearney Community Centre. Fun Day at the Kearney Lion's Community Park, featuring activities for young and old, followed by lobster dinner and Good Ole Times Dance!

T: (705) 636-7752

W: www.townofkearney.com ♿ 7

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 27 - Jul 1, Jewel In The Wilderness Festival

Elliot Lake, Northern Ontario

Canada Day weekend where the City of Elliot Lake put on events to celebrate Canada Day. Events are family friendly and the majority of the events are free to the public. Come out and celebrate!

T: (705) 848-2084

W: www.CityofElliotLake.com ♿ 7 ★

Jun 27 - Jul 1, It's Your Festival

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

It's Your Festival is a five-day extravaganza celebrating Canada's Birthday. Experience Canada's multicultural festivities and check out our foods of the world, 4 stages of entertainment and much more!

T: (905) 525-2297

W: www.itsyourfestival.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jun 27 - Jul 6, Friendship Festival

Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Region

A Bi-national festival featuring artisans, artists and entertainment that enliven, educate, and entertain a diverse public. Children's entertainment, midway and much more.

Fireworks Jul 1 & 4.

T: 1-888-333-1987

W: www.friendshipfestival.com 3 ★

Jun 27 - Aug 29, Kincardine Cruise Night

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Classic car buffs will have ample opportunity this summer to show off their machines or take a look at others. Enjoy music, prizes, trophies and more!

T: (519) 396-2731

W: www.sunsets.com/kincardine ♿ 2 ★

Jun 27 - Sep 1, Harbourfront Centre World Routes Summer 2008

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Every summer weekend, dive into a new cultural experience! Our free festivals showcase the best in Canadian and international music, dance, theatre, food, kids' activities and everything in between!

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 27 - Mar 29, Trench Culture

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

This exhibition explores the history of the First World War in its most personal dimension: the words, images, art and sounds created by the front line soldiers who were closest to the war.

T: 1-800-555-5621

W: www.warmuseum.ca ♿ 6

Jun 28, Cobourg Highland Games

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Traditional pipe bands, Scottish dancing, strongman competitive events and authentic Haggis and much more!

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourghighlandgames.ca 4 ★

Jun 28, Fergus 175, Doors Open

Fergus/Elora, Southwestern Ontario

Come visit and see the numerous heritage, architectural and cultural buildings that are significant structures within this area. Open 10am-5pm.

T: 1-877-242-6353

W: www.fergus175.ca 2 ★

Jun 28 - 29, Air Show Ottawa

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Air show featuring flying and static displays of modern military and vintage aircraft, and WWII re-enactment displays. Flying starts at 11:30am. Snowbirds, CF18 demo team and much more.

T: (613) 271-8165

W: www.airshowottawa.com ♿ 6

Jun 28 - 29, Whitby County Town Carnival

Whitby, Greater Toronto Area

This free community event offers fun and festivities for the whole family. Jumping castles, face painting, crafts and more for children. Centre stage offers entertainment all day.

T: (905) 430-4310

W: www.whitby.ca 1 ★

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Village at Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

A mosaic of family entertainers and activities including live music, street performers, clowns, vendors, aqua centre, kid zone, gondola rides plus shopping and dining galore.

T: 1-877-445-0231 x 6205

W: www.villageatblue.com ♿ 4 ★

June

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Launch of the Butter Tart Trail Weekend

Kenilworth, Southwestern Ontario

A weekend long celebration of local foods, antiques, farm visits, scratch baking, artisanal sheep and goat cheeses and breads plus artists studios.

T: 1-866-848-3620

W: www.wellington-north.com ♿ 2 ★

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Canada Day In The Bay

Barry's Bay, Eastern Ontario

Fireworks over the Barry's Bay waterfront at dusk; street festival and entertainment for the whole family.

T: 1-866-222-8699

W: www.madawaskavalley.on.ca ♿ 5

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Cobourg Waterfront Festival

Cobourg-Victoria Park, Central Ontario

Fine arts and crafts, live entertainment, midway amusements, food vendors, fireworks display over the lake and much more.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.waterfrontfestival.ca 4 ★

Jun 28 - Jul 2, Unisong

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Choirs from all provinces sing in Massed Concert at three concerts during the day! Not to be missed.

T: 1-800-267-8526

W: www.abc.ca/abc ♿ 6

Jun 28 - Jul 5, Canada Dry Festival of Fire

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Four nights of spectacular fireworks choreographed to music from around the world. Each night will boast a different international theme on June 28, July 1, 3 and a dazzling finale on July 5th.

T: 1-866-ONE-4FUN

W: www.ontarioplace.com ♿ 1 ★

Jun 28 - Jul 6, Symphony & Operetta Series

Campbellford, Central Ontario

The UBC Opera Ensemble joins the Westben Festival Orchestra & Chorus under Dwight Bennett for a magnificent orchestral gala, Symphonic Serenade. Also performances of Operetta in the Countryside, an operetta of merry mayhem by Johann Strauss Jr. See website for dates and times.

T: 1-877-883-5777

W: www.westben.on.ca ♿ 4 ★

Jun 28 - Aug 1, Moonlight Hike & Wolf Howl

Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario

Guided educational nature hike with parabolic ears and binoculars and night vision minoculars. Call for wolves, search for tracks, social campfire howling competition with wolf souvenir prizes.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

Jun 28 - Aug 3, Westben Symphony & Operetta at the Barn

Campbellford, Central Ontario

The stage hosts an array of renowned artists, from full symphony orchestras and choruses to operettas, symphonic serenades, soloists, and jazz.

T: 1-877-883-5777

W: www.westben.on.ca ♿ 4 ★

Jun 28 - Sep 1, Picnics in Paradise

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Pack a picnic, the family, the dog and some outdoor games and come have a picnic in paradise. In the Arboretum, home to our famous Lilacs, you can feed the chickadees by hand and stroll the trails.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jun 28 - Sep 23, Summer Music in the Garden

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Concerts showcase an eclectic array of music and dance performances. There will be 20 free outdoor concerts and dance performances. The garden tours return with self-guided and guided tours.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Summer Sizzles

Ontario is absolutely bursting with summer festivals! Get caught up in **Canada Day** festivities and fireworks that greet



the summer on July 1st. For a complete listing of Canada Day events, please visit www.ontariotravel.net. Take the family to the popular **Fergus Truck Show** for some summer fun. Thousands of Chinese lanterns embrace the night at the **Chinese Lantern Festival**.

Amidst sweet strains of music, pods of fire float along the waterway in **Welland's Illuminaqua**. Music lovers can indulge in the **Collingwood Elvis Festival**, the **Porquis Blues Fest** or the **Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest**. If art is your thing, don't miss the **Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition**. Snuggle under your blanket for

Movies Under the Stars in Mississauga and Downsview Park, or get dancing at the sizzling **Caribana Festival & Parade** in Toronto. In Kingston, the **World Famous Sunset Ceremonies** is a fantastic way for the entire family to end the day.





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by David Carley and Glenda MacFarlane

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by Deborah Porter Taylor

Tick, Tick... BOOM!

by Jonathan Larson



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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Visit www.ontariotravel.net for information on Canada Day Celebrations in communities throughout Ontario in the Canada Day Supplement.

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

On our country's birthday, the capital will be featured during celebrations at all official sites. The day will be topped off with bigger-than-ever evening show.

T: 1-866-774-1857

W: www.canadascapital.gc.ca/canadaday

♿ 6 ★

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebration

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A full day of free, live entertainment and interactive displays located at scenic Lakeview Park on Lake Ontario. Featuring a full midway with the day culminating with fireworks at dusk.

T: 1-800-667-4292

W: www.oshawa.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Barrie's Canada Day Celebrations

Barrie, Central Ontario

Canada Day festivities held in downtown Barrie; live entertainment, children's activities, and a spectacular fireworks show over Kempenfelt Bay at 10pm.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.barrie.ca ♿ 4 ★

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Festivities include a 5km run, opening ceremonies featuring the Burlington Teen Tour Band, multicultural entertainment, food and craft vendors, activities for the kids and a fireworks display. See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.burlington.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Unionville Canada Day Festival

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Come celebrate Canada's 141st birthday in our village, the site of many buildings older than Canada itself. The shops are open and there will be music and entertainment, including First Nations dancers.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Canada Day at Downsview Park Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



The GTA's largest Canada Day celebration attracts more than 40,000 people. Packed with interactive fun and family entertainment, performances by Canada's best musical talents and an amazing fireworks display.

See ad on back cover.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Canada Day

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us for Mississauga's largest Canada Day celebration ever. Birthday activities at the Civic Centre include: live entertainment, games, food, vendors and much more!

T: (905) 896-5000 x 2403

W: www.mississauga.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

at Queen's Park

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Fun for the entire family, main stage and children's entertainment, inflatable and carnival games, crafts, face painting. Admission free. Located at College and University.

T: (416) 314-0773

W: www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/honours/canadaday ♿ 1 ★

Jul 1, Celebrate Canada

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Day-long Canada Day celebrations, including music and children's entertainment. Fireworks and music at Fort George. Free Admission.

T: (905) 468-6621

W: www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca ♿ 3

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations at the Sudbury Arena

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Come out and bring the family to celebrate the birth of our nation at the Sudbury Arena.

T: (705) 675-7595

W: www.sudburymulticultural.org ♿ 7

Jul 1, Canada Day Celebrations

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Come out and celebrate Canada's birthday with the University of Waterloo at Columbia Lake Fields. Events include: children's activities, live music, fireworks and much more! Join us!

T: (519) 888-4567

W: www.canadaday.uwaterloo.ca ♿ 2

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 1, Embro Highland Games

Embro, Southwestern Ontario

Family fun with a Scottish flair!

T: 1-866-801-7368

W: www.embrohighlandgames.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 1 - Sep 1, Unionville Summer Concert Series

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Lots of jazz, swing, opera, big band and much more. Join us all summer long! Open air concerts on beautiful Historic Main Street Unionville. See website for schedule.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 2 - 5, Brantford International Villages Festival

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Come make memories at the 35th Annual Festival. Free transportation between Villages. Taste the flavours of our diversified cultures. Enjoy energetic entertainment. Four days of fun and food awaits you.

T: (519) 756-8767

W: www.brantfordvillages.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 2 - 5, Ringing Link National Handbell Festival

London, Southwestern Ontario

English Handbell ringers from across Canada will join together after 3.5 days of workshops, rehearsals and social events to share a public concert of massed handbell and individual group performances.

T: (519) 471-2351

W: www.handbell.ca/ringinglink/index.htm ♿ 2

Jul 2 - 13, The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Toronto's largest theatre festival featuring over 135 productions ranging from dramas to musical extravaganzas to kids shows. Unjuried, unexpected, unforgettable.

T: 1-866-515-7799

W: www.fringetoronto.com 1 ★

Jul 2 - Aug 2, Caribana Festival & Parade

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

It began as an expression of the aspirations of the Caribbean community in Toronto. Great food, arts and crafts, entertainment and fun. Come visit the largest cultural festival in North America. Parade Aug. 2nd.

T: (416) 391-5608

W: www.caribanatoronto.com 1

Jul 2 - Aug 27, World Famous Sunset Ceremonies

Kingston, Eastern Ontario



Every Wed. 7:30pm-9pm and on July 5th, Aug. 9. The Fort Henry Guard Drums, Drill Squad, Artillery Detachment present an interpretive story of the 1860s military music precision drill,

big-bang maneuvers including a mock battle.

See ad on page 45.

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com ♿ 5 ★

Jul 2 - Aug 31, A Day In The Life...1914

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Help the farmers and villagers with their everyday chores or take part in a pleasant pastime. Hands-on fun and hands-on activities for the entire family, every day at 11am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 2 ★

Jul 2 - Sep 14, Communities in Bloom National Program

Across Canada, Canada wide

Communities in Bloom fosters civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through friendly competitions in communities across Canada. Ontario Symposium/Awards Gravenhurst Sep 12-14.

T: (514) 694-8871

W: www.communitiesinbloom.ca ★

Jul 2 - Sep 24, Red-Hot Jazz and Cool Blues

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

If you haven't been - you are missing out! The most popular spot in town on Wed. nights. Fantastic jazz musicians rock the Rose Garden. Dinner available.

T: (905) 527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 3 - 6, Sunfest '08: A Celebration of World Cultures

London, Southwestern Ontario

Sunfest is Canada's premier festival of the global arts. It features over 30 top world music, dance and jazz ensembles complemented by more than 200 exemplary food and craft exhibitors. Free!

T: (519) 672-1522

W: www.sunfest.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 3 - 13, Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest

Ottawa, Ottawa Region



This internationally acclaimed festival offers a spectacular explosion of Blues, Roots, R & B, Rock and World performers on multiple stages in the heart of Canada's capital. The Bluesfest

site offers food concessions and is licensed.

T: 1-866-258-3748

W: www.ottawabluesfest.ca ♿ 6 ★

Jul 3 - Aug 28, Movies Under the Stars

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us at the Civic Centre every Thursday in July and August for My Mississauga's Movies Under the Stars. For a complete list of movie titles, please visit our website.

T: (905) 615-3200 x 2403

W: www.mississauga.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 3 - Oct 24, Haunted Ghost Walks of Cobourg

Cobourg, Central Ontario

When the sky is dark and the lights are low these award winning walks provide a chilling account of ghost stories, mysteries and dark history in Downtown Cobourg. Discover Cobourg's Haunted Past!

T: (905) 377-8024

W: www.downtowncobourg.ca 4 ★

Jul 4 - 5, Corvette Weekend in Bayfield

Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

It's a fun weekend to get out your corvette, shine it up and enjoy Bayfield.

T: (519) 565-2020

W: www.bayfieldvetfest.com 2 ★

Jul 4 - 6, Beats, Breaks & Culture

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrating our 5th Anniversary. One of North America's leading electronic music and cultural festivals plugs into the latest currents of modern musical expressions.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 4 - 6, Casa Loma's 4th Annual Renaissance Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Casa Loma's estate gardens will be transformed into a Renaissance-style village populated by vendors, village characters and the court of King Henry VIII. Thrilling live performances add to the festive atmosphere.

T: (416) 923-1171

W: www.casaloma.org ♿ 1

Jul 4 - 6, Porquis Blues Festival

Porquis Junction, Northern Ontario



This annual event is held on the first weekend following July 1st. Rough camping is available for a nominal fee, c/w showers and washrooms. Food services on site.

T: 1-888-524-8880

W: www.porquis.ca ♿ 7 ★

Jul 4 - 6, Northern Lights Festival Boréal

Sudbury, Northern Ontario



Canada's longest continuously running bilingual/aboriginal/multicultural outdoor festival offers music, visual arts, independent films, crafts, dance and storytelling.

T: (705) 674-5512

W: www.nlfbsudbury.com ♿ 7

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 4 - 6, Clifford Rotary 2008 Classic Car & Tractor Show

Clifford, Southwestern Ontario

Numerous events taking place all weekend, including show and shine for antique cars and classic autos, truck shows including Bob Tail Highway Tractors, Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull and much more.

T: (519) 338-2511

W: www.town.minto.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 4 - 6, Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Gather on the shores on Loch Huron and thrill to the sights and sounds of Scotland. Pipe band, highland dance and heavy game competitions to name a few! Something for everyone!

T: 1-888-232-7952

W: www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca 2 ★

Jul 4 - 8, Stargazing Manitoulin

Manitoulin Island, Northern Ontario

Camping in the dark sky sanctuary, welcome reception, observing sessions, laser guided sky tours, swap meet, guest speakers, mini putt, horseshoes, pot luck supper.

T: (705) 859-2470

W: www.gordonspark.com 7

Jul 4 - Aug 29, Movie Under the Stars at Downsview Park

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Bring a blanket or lawn chair with your friends, family and neighbours to enjoy a great movie under the stars when the sun sets at Downsview Park. Every Friday night in July and August.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

Jul 4 - Aug 31, My Mississauga Concert Series

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

My Mississauga is proud to welcome back our annual outdoor summer concert series at the Civic Centre, main stage. For a complete list of concert dates and times, visit the website or call the hotline.

T: (905) 615-3200 x 2403

W: www.mississauga.ca 1 ★

Jul 5, Charlie's Indian Motorcycle Day

Campbellford, Central Ontario

25th Anniversary. Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts gather along the banks of the Trent-Severn Waterway to view Charlie Mahoney's collection of heritage cycles.

T: 1-888-653-1556

W: www.visittrenthills.ca 4

Jul 5 - 6, Afrofest

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Discover Africa in the heart of Toronto! 20th Annual festival of African Music and culture at Queen's Park. Traditional and contemporary music by top international acts and dozens of Canadian groups.

T: (416) 469-5336

W: www.musicafrica.org 1

Jul 5 - 6, Sheguiandah First Nation Traditional Pow Wow

Sheguiandah, Northern Ontario

Celebrate life in a kaleidoscope of colourful craftwork, regalia and singing. Guests are invited to join in on an intertribal dance. An emcee will describe the various dance styles and etiquette.

T: (705) 368-2781 7

Jul 5 - 13, National Fishing Week

Canada wide

A Canada-wide celebration of fishing. Canadians experience the excitement and benefits of recreational fishing. Log on to our website to view or enter events in your area.

T: 1-877-822-8881

W: www.catchfishing.com

Jul 5 - Aug 9, Collingwood Music Festival

Collingwood, Central Ontario

The Collingwood Music Festival's ninth great season is music to your ears, with Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Nexus, Nagata Taiko Drummers, Triple Forte violin/cello/piano and more music for you!

T: 1-888-283-1712

W: www.collingwoodmusicfestival.com

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Jul 5 - Aug 23, Great Ontario Salmon Derby

Province-wide

The derby attracts both avid and recreational fishermen as the derby is designed to be easy and affordable to enter, whether it is individually, as a family or through the many charter boats.

T: 1-888-695-2677

W: www.sportshows.ca ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 5 - Sep 7, Sound and Lights on Parliament Hill

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Celebrate the spirit of Canada through original music, giant images and spectacular lighting effects, using the parliament buildings as a backdrop. 30-minute bilingual show.

T: 1-800-465-1867

W: www.captaleducanada.gc.ca/soundlight

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Jul 6 - Aug 24, Sunset Concert Series

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us at Port Credit Memorial Park for free weekly outdoor concerts. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the beautiful sounds of music. Visit the website for a complete schedule of performances.

T: (905) 896-5314

W: www.mississauga.ca 1 ★

Jul 8 - 12, Niagara International Music Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Choirs singing in several churches in St. Catharines, massed performance in Grimsby at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church.

T: 1-800-267-8526

W: www.abc.ca 3 ★

Jul 9 - 13, Sarnia Rogers Bayfest

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

10th Annual Sarnia Rogers Bayfest at Centennial Park featuring Country music: Rascal Flatts, Emerson Drive, Big & Rich; R&B/Hip Hop & Rock music. Food and merchandise on-site. Check out our website for ticket information, hotels, schedule and directions. A festival destination that should not be missed!

T: 1-866-450-4474

W: www.sarniabayfest.com 2 ★

Jul 9 - Nov 14, "It's in the Bag! The Evolution of Handbags"

Alliston, Central Ontario

From dainty beaded bags to large leather totes, women would be lost without their handbags. Come explore the evolution of this must-have accessory!

T: (705) 435-0167

W: www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca 4

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 10 - 13, Kingston Buskers Rendezvous
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

The 20th annual Buskers Festival is a 4-day, wildly entertaining street performer festival featuring buskers from all over the world. Performances daily from 11am - 10pm - a delight for everyone!
T: (613) 542-8677
W: www.kingstonbuskers.com ♿ 5 ★

Jul 10 - 13, Essex Fun Fest
Essex, Southwestern Ontario

A Family friendly festival with free admission to all kinds of events including: carnival rides, midway, food, craft booths, parade, talent show, live entertainment, beer tent and much more!
T: (519) 776-7336 x 24
W: www.townofessex.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 10 - 13, Bluesfest International
Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Annual 4-day Blues & Roots community festival featuring world-class artists at the beautiful Riverfront Festival Plaza on the Detroit River. Food, autographed merchandise on site. Licensed event.
T: (519) 977-9631
W: www.thebluesfest.ca ♿ 2

Jul 10 - 13, Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival
Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

16th Annual UpTown Waterloo Jazz Festival! Free, outdoor, live jazz music festival for all to enjoy! Everything is here for you in UpTown Waterloo!
T: (519) 885-1921
W: www.uptownwaterloojazz.ca ♿ 2

Jul 10 - 13, Blind River Community Days
Blind River, Northern Ontario

Community Days offers plenty of entertainment. Annual parade, midway, lumberjack competition, many exciting shows and attractions.
T: (705) 356-2251
W: www.blindriver.com/festivals 7 ★

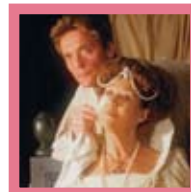
Jul 10 - 13, Barrie's 6th Annual Ribfest & Craft Beer Show
Barrie, Central Ontario

The tastiest weekend of the summer! Come down to Memorial Square to enjoy ribs from professional BBQ Teams from across North America and craft beers from our own backyard!
T: (705) 734-1414
W: www.downtownbarrie.ca 4

Jul 10 - 14, The Great Rendezvous
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Celebrate the spirit of the Canadian fur trade & meet friendly re-enactors from across the continent. Sign up for artisan workshops & enjoy the colourful grand canoe arrival!
T: (807) 473-2344
W: www.fwhp.ca ♿ 7 ★

Jul 10 - Aug 24, Brampton Flower City Theatre Festival
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area



Outdoor PWYC Shakespeare Festival. Also, an indoor contemporary, repertory play/musical festival. Subscription pricing available. See ad on page 40.

T: (905) 874-2800
W: www.rosetheatre.ca ♿ 1

Jul 11 - 13, Belleville Waterfront and Ethnic Festival
Belleville, Eastern Ontario

The Belleville Waterfront and Ethnic Festival is proud to be the biggest summer festival in South Eastern Ontario, with thousands of potential customers enjoying many fantastic events over three days.
T: (613) 968-6481
W: www.bellevillewaterfrontfestival.com ♿ 5 ★

Jul 11 - 13, Carabram
Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Carabram is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, development and promotion of the cultural heritages of the diverse ethnic communities of Brampton. Family festival.
T: (416) 452-4917
W: www.carabram.org ♿ 1 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 11 - 13, Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



The largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, TOAE serves as a fresh-air alternative to conventional galleries. More than 100,000 visitors come to see approximately 500 artists and craftspeople.

T: (416) 408-2754
W: www.torontooutdoorart.org ♿ 1 ★

Jul 11 - 13, Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

The cross-cultural phenomenon keeps time on Ramsey Lake with more than 100 teams from across the province competing annually. Enjoy the festival in adjacent Bell Park.
T: (705) 671-6067
W: www.sudburydragonboats.org ♿ 7

Jul 11 - 13, 13th Annual Stonetown Heritage Festival
St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

This much anticipated festival has earned a reputation as a well-received, family-oriented event featuring entertaining live music, and activities for all ages in a friendly and relaxed environment.
T: 1-800-769-7668
W: www.townofstmarys.com ♿ 2 ★

Jul 11 - 13, Canterbury Folk Festival
Ingersoll, Southwestern Ontario

We feature many great folk artists from all cultures, disciplines and ages. Children to seniors enjoy 3 days of song and dance through workshops, crafters and special concerts. Come join us.
T: (519) 485-5763
W: www.canterburyfolkfestival.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 11 - 13, Bluesfest London
London, Southwestern Ontario

Annual 3-day Blues & Roots community festival featuring world-class artists, located in downtown London. Food, beverages and autographed merchandise on site. Licensed event. Bring your lawn chairs.
T: 1-888-869-0506
W: www.thebluesfest.ca ♿ 2

Jul 11 - 13, Ritmo y Color
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

This long running biannual Latin American festival visits the vibrant cultural arts scenes of Latin artists from abroad and from across Canada.
T: (416) 973-4000
W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 11 - 13, 7th Annual Holstein Rodeo Weekend
Holstein, Greater Toronto Area

Great family fun. 3 days of Rodeo, 2 nights of concerts. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, barbeque steak dinner on Saturday. Kid Show and over 30 vendors. All events go rain or shine.
T: (519) 334-4074
W: www.holsteinrodeo.com 1 ★

Jul 11 - 13, Caramat's World Famous Fish Derby
Caramat, Northern Ontario

Caramat's World Famous Fish Derby is back for the 51st year. This derby is open to all anglers with categories for all species of fish and mystery weights for each division. Many prizes to be won.
T: (807) 872-2663
W: www.greenstone.ca/caramat 7

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 11 - Aug 3, Elora Festival
Elora, Southwestern Ontario

Now in its 29th year, the Elora Festival is bringing the World of Music to Elora this summer. With 40 concerts of Classical, Chamber, Jazz, Choral and World Music, there is something for everyone! See ad on page 51.

T: 1-888-747-7550

W: www.elorafestival.com ♿ 2 ★**Jul 12, Chatham-Kent Supreme Highland Games**
Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

The Chatham-Kent Supreme Highland Games is held each year on the second weekend of July and features a full range of competition from Celtic dancers to mass bands. Beer tent and Scottish vendors.

T: 1-800-561-6125

W: www.tartansertoma.ca ♿ 2**Jul 12 - 13, Art of Being Green**
Lanark, Eastern Ontario

Art of Being Green is an annual two-day event celebrating renewable energy, adaptation and a green lifestyle. Features a vendor trade show, exhibits, local food, children's programs

and entertainment. See ad on page 49.

T: 1-800-239-4695

W: www.artofbeinggreen.com ♿ 5 ★**Jul 1 - 13, Unionville Celtic Festival**
Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Celtic music and entertainment all weekend long. Saturday night Ceilidh and an Irish Feis on Sunday. See the traditional Irish dance competitors. Failte!

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★**Jul 12 - 13, Military Re-enactment Weekend**
Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

Hundreds of historical re-enactors are expected to converge on the grounds over the weekend with military music, demonstrations and three battles, all part of the 195th Anniversary of the Battle of Crysler's Farm.

T: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.uppercanadavillage.com 5**Jul 12 - 13, Sagamok Anishnawbak Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
Massey, Northern Ontario

Celebrate life in a kaleidoscope of colourful craftwork, regalia and singing. Guests are invited to join in on an intertribal dance. An emcee will describe the various dance styles and etiquette.

T: (705) 865-2421 7

Jul 12 - Aug 16, St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival
Prescott, Eastern Ontario

Experience lively, affordable professional theatre in our beautiful riverside setting. Summer theatre offering "As You Like It" and "Merchant of Venice" in repertory. See ad on page 49.

T: (613) 925-5788

W: www.stlawrenceshakespeare.ca ♿ 5**Jul 13 - 20, Greater Sudbury Blueberry Festival**
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Look out for the various events and blueberry food offerings throughout Sudbury during the Blueberry Festival!

T: (705) 673-4463

W: www.blueberryfestival.ca ♿ 7**Jul 14 - 20, Windsor Pride 2008**
Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Two-Spirited community through a series of events that enrich and enlighten the community through this unique cultural celebration.

T: (519) 973-4656

W: www.windsorpride.com ♿ 2

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 17 - 19, Rotaryfest, The Sault's Summer Festival
Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

Three days of family fun on the St. Marys River. Wheels on the Water car show, Indulge-a celebration of food, 86th annual parade, The Stages, Homeniuk Rides, RBC Financial Group PlayZone and more.

T: (705) 945-1279

W: www.rotaryfest.com ♿ 7 ★**Jul 17 - 20, Canadian Guitar Festival**
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

The Canadian Guitar Festival enters its 5th season as the premier showcase for exquisite guitar performance in Canada. Camping, swimming, food, music and new friends.

T: 1-888-506-1418

W: www.canadianguitarfestival.com ♿ 5 ★

Jul 17 - 27, Pride London Festival 2008 "Flying High With Pride"
London, Southwestern Ontario

Art Show opening, July 17. Literary Night July 22. Live Theatre Performance July 23 to 24. Outdoor Festival July 25 to 27.

T: (519) 673-8625

W: www.pridelondon.ca ♿ 2**Jul 17 - 20, Orchestras in the Park**
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

In 2007, the NAC Orchestra presented its first outdoor festival of concerts as part of the celebrations in honour of the 150th anniversary of the choice of the Capital. Join them in 2008 for the second edition of the festival.

T: 1-866-877-1857

W: www.1857.gc.ca ♿ 6 ★**Jul 18, Burlington Downtown Moonlight Madness Sale**
Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

One of our most popular events is back again for one night only! 5pm-11pm. Stores and boutique owners will be offering the best fashions, goods and quality gifts that Burlington Downtown has to offer. See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 333-9868

W: www.burlingtondowntown.on.ca 1*St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival***As You Like It
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613 925 5788www.stlawrenceshakespeare.ca

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Jul 18 - 19, Fiesta Buckhorn, A Celebration of Fine Wine, Beer & Cuisine
Buckhorn, Central Ontario

A must visit for anyone who likes wine, food and jazz. More than 100 wineries, breweries, restaurants offering samples of their best. Admission includes sampling glass and limited food sampling tickets.

T: 1-877-300-9767

W: www.fiestabuckhorn.com ♿ 4 ★**Jul 18 - 19, 1812 Overture at the Fort**
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

The Kingston Symphony presents Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with cannons fired by the Fort Henry Guard and a fireworks finale. A program to delight everyone! See ad on page 45.

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com ♿ 5 ★**Jul 18 - 19, Cambridge Highland Games**
Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

A pipe band competition, heavy events, highland dance competition, Scottish cuisine, tug-of-war and the massed bands. Enjoy children's heavy events, sheep herding and sheep to shawl. New 6km run!

T: (519) 740-4681 x 4603

W: www.cambridgehighlandgames.org ♿ 2 ★**Jul 18 - 19, Doors Open Greater Sudbury**
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

From Churches to Community Centres, the City of Greater Sudbury abounds with buildings of both cultural and social significance. Join us in celebrating the vast diversity of our people and places.

T: (705) 692-4448

W: www.sudburymuseums.ca ♿ 7**Jul 18 - 20, 31st Annual Scottish Festival**
Orillia, Central Ontario

Join the celebrations! 20 band parade, Scottish festivities, entertainment, and vendors Saturday at Couchiching Beach Park. Ceilidh Friday and Sunday, steak fry Friday and Saturday at Legion.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orilliascottishfestival.com ♿ 4 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Festival du Loup**
Penetanguishene, Central Ontario

The Festival du Loup is a celebration of the francophone arts, culture and heritage. Many activities including concerts, games, arts and crafts and refreshments will enliven the weekend. Come and howl with us!

T: (705) 533-3361

W: www.festivalduloup.on.ca ♿ 4 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Chocolate & Railway Festival**
Smith Falls, Eastern Ontario

Come visit the Smith Falls Chocolate & Railway Festival. See and hear the stories of the community, music, parades, a Native Village, chocolate trade show and adventure.

T: (613) 284-4160

W: www.chocolate-railway-fest.ca ♿ 5 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Stewart Park Festival**
Perth, Eastern Ontario

"Three Free Days of Arts & Music" celebrating our 17th Annual festival, we feature quality singers/songwriter's from Canada and beyond, by the babbling shores of the Tay River.

T: (613) 264-1190

W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca ♿ 5 ★

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Jul 18 - 20, Canadian Superbike Doubleheader
Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

This biggest motorcycle racing weekend in Canada features Superbikes, Canadian Thunder and more classes, plus an outdoor expo and marketplace, demo rides. A great event for motorcycle lovers.

T: 1-800-866-1072

W: www.mosport.com ♿ 1 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Dare Devil Days**
Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

This buskers festival is the downtown's signature event. Live music featuring jazz, blues, world, pop and children's artists. Jugglers, stilt-walkers, buskers, Dare Devils and more.

T: (905) 353-9012

W: www.sargantevents.com ♿ 3 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Heritagefest**
Halleybury, Northern Ontario

A great community festival. Inflatable games for kids, heritage exhibits, sailing regattas, boat parades, concerts, a parade and Drive In Theatre highlight the weekend.

T: 1-866-947-5753

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca ♿ 7 ★**Jul 18 - 20, French Dressing International Dragon Boats Festival**
Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

The International Dragon Boat Festival is a three day celebration of life, in support of breast cancer. Fri. Speaker Series; Sat. - Breast cancer survivor teams participate, with corporate teams paddling on Sun.

T: (519) 250-0807

W: www.internationaldragonboats.com ♿ 2 ★**Jul 18 - 20, Mount Forest 8th Annual Fireworks Festival**
Mount Forest, Southwestern Ontario

Classic Car Show, quilt show, amusement park, kid zone, chicken barbeque, street entertainers, clowns & face painting, food, video dance and outdoor movie night. Spectacular fireworks!

T: 1-877-323-4480

W: www.mountforest.ca ♿ 2 ★

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Jul 18 - 20, Sunsplash Festival

Belle River, Southwestern Ontario

The 14th Festival kicks off with the Classic Car Cruise on Fri, parade on Sat, races on Sun uptown. Beer tent, carnival, vendors, fishing derby, music, magic, fun and games at waterfront park.

T: (519) 728-4624

W: www.belleriverbia.com ♿ 2 ★

Jul 18 - 20, Books by the Bay Festival

Callander, Northern Ontario

A unique Northeastern Ontario book festival celebrating Canadian authors of all genres. Authors confirmed for 2008: Karen Connely and Linwood Barclay. More Authors TBA, please check website.

T: (705) 752-2544

W: www.booksbythebay.ca ♿ 7

Jul 18 - 20, 32nd Annual Art in the Park

Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

Over 100 Artist & Crafters displaying their work. Food available on site. Buses welcome, parking available for Buses.

T: (705) 746-2958 ♿ 7

Jul 18 - 20, Lake Nipigon Trout Hunt

Beardmore, Northern Ontario

The Lake Nipigon Trout Hunt is hosted on the majestic waters of Lake Nipigon where the monster Lakers lurk. Enjoy the 6th Great Lake and its sandy beaches with all that Northern Ontario has to offer.

T: (807) 875-2527

W: www.greenstone.ca/beardmore ♿ 7

Jul 18 - 20, Home County Folk Festival

London, Southwestern Ontario

Folk music festival with 5 stages during the day and bandshell performances in the evening. Juried craft show with 100 booths; 30 food booths; craft demonstration area; children's music & craft area.

T: (519) 432-4310

W: www.homecounty.ca ♿ 2

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Jul 18 - 27, Beaches International Jazz Festival
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Festival's 20th year celebration kicks-off at Woodbine Park (Jul 18-20). Streetfest (Jul 24-26); Kew Gardens Park concerts by jazz headliners (Jul 26-27). 10-day music festival held in the Beach area of Toronto.

T: (416) 698-2152

W: www.beachesjazz.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 18 - 27, Day Out With Thomas
St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Day Out with Thomas is an exciting way to enter the world of Thomas & Friends. The event includes a ride on board a train pulled by Thomas, face-painting, storytelling and more!

T: (519) 637-6284

W: www.ecrm5700.org ♿ 2

Jul 18 - Aug 10, Festival of the Sound
Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

The 29th annual Festival of the Sound - Canada's premier summer chamber music event - takes place at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts on the shores of beautiful Georgian Bay. See ad on page 47.

T: 1-866-364-0061

W: www.festivalofthesound.ca ♿ 7

Jul 18 - Sep 1, Emancipation Celebration Festival Art Exhibit
Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

In conjunction with the 146th Emancipation Celebration Festival, this exhibition showcases pieces of all different media produced by area African-Canadian artists.

T: 1-877-473-9766

W: www.greyroots.com ♿ 2

Jul 19, Mabuhay Philippines Toronto Summer Festival
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Annual Cultural Festival at MTCC in downtown Toronto at the heart of the tourist, financial and shopping districts. Features cultural, contemporary dances, music and visual arts, 300+ booths/vendors.

T: (416) 284-2810

W: www.pidctoronto.com ♿ 1 ★

Jul 19 - 20, Paddlefest

Midland, Central Ontario

The canoe is an iconic symbol of the exploration of Canada's interior. Paddlefest will celebrate this legacy with paddle-carving demonstrations, canoe building, and special exhibits and artisans.

T: (705) 526-7838

W: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

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Jul 19 - 20, Friendly Massey Marathon
Massey, Northern Ontario

This is an accredited race through ORA. Experience our very scenic and partly shaded course. Come to Massey and enjoy a small town friendly event with great volunteers.

T: (705) 865-2655

W: www.friendlymasseymarathon.com ♿ 7 ★

Jul 19 - 20, Dog Days of Scugog
Port Perry, Central Ontario

Don't miss the exciting SuperDog Central Team performances. Other events: Ontario Dock Dogs, Skyhoundz Disc Dog, Rally Obedience, SuperDog Idol, fashion shows, vendor's market and more.

T: (905) 985-3589

W: www.scugogshoresmuseum.com ♿ 4

Jul 19 - 20, Mississauga First Nation Traditional Pow Wow
Blind River, Northern Ontario

This Native Gathering is a unique experience celebrating the Ojibway culture. Traditional regalia, dancers with jingle dresses and footed hide moccasins dance to the beat of the Host Drum and others.

T: (705) 356-6499

W: www.blindrivern.com 7

Jul 19 - 27, Rogers Cup 2008
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

An exciting new look will hit Toronto when the stars of the ATP Tour return for the Rogers Cup. Located at Rexall Centre at York University.

T: 1-877-2TENNIS

W: www.tenniscanada.com 1

Jul 20, BrazilFest Toronto 2008 - Brazilian Summer Festival / Festival De Verao
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

You don't need to know how to locate Brazil on a map to enjoy the passion of the country's dance and music. Each year, this festival heats up Toronto with Brazilian fever.

T: (416) 299-5932

W: www.brazilfest.ca 1

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Jul 22 - Aug 17, Toronto Summer Music Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Presenting world-class chamber music concerts and opera featuring international artists.

T: (416) 585-4464

W: www.torontosummertime.ca ♿ 1

Jul 24 - 26, 1st Annual Fun Festival
Commanda, Northern Ontario

For all from 5 to 85. 1, 2 or all 3 days of fun: make art from 'junk' - music from instruments you create - make toys, stories and plays - learn to dance: square / eastern / rain - THEN enjoy Saturday evening Cabaret & show.

T: (705) 729-2113

W: www.nnhg.ca ♿ 7

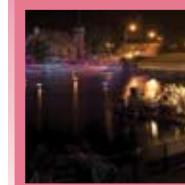
Jul 24 - 26, Hanover Sights & Sounds Festival
Hanover, Southwestern Ontario

Hanover is "the place to be" the last weekend in July! Fun the whole family will enjoy. KidzZone Games & Crafts, Street Dance, BBQ's, Car Show, Live Entertainment, Talent Contest, Teen Events & More.

T: (519) 364-5777 x 235

W: www.sights-sounds.ca ♿ 2 ★

Jul 24 - 26, Illuminaqua
Welland, Niagara Falls and Region



The event is a blend of art, culture, elements of fire and water. Pods of fire will float in a laid-out design along the Recreational Waterway, while the sweet strains of music fill the air.

T: (905) 735-1700

W: www.welland.ca 3 ★

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Jul 24 - 27, Collingwood Elvis Festival
Collingwood, Central Ontario

Days of singing, dancing and Vegas-style shows. Fun for all ages. Tickets on sale now! Call for tickets or purchase online.

T: 1-866-444-1162

W: www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com 4 ★

Jul 24 - 27, Just For Laughs Toronto Festival
Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

After an enormously successful inaugural year, we're coming back for more. Come celebrate laughter in Toronto this summer when Just For Laughs takes over the T-dot for an unforgettable 4-day comedy extravaganza destined to become an international event.

T: 1-888-244-3155

W: www.hahaha.com 1

Jul 24 - 27, Mattawa Voyageur Days
Mattawa, Northern Ontario

A four-day festival which includes: Friday Country Rock Night, Saturday the Classic Rock Entertainment with "12 to 12 Rock Where the Rivers Meet". Sunday Blues Night and

choreographed fireworks.

T: 1-800-267-4222

W: www.voyageurdays.com 7 ★

Jul 24 - 27, Welland 150th Anniversary Weekend
Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

A celebration of the City of Welland's 150th Anniversary. Many activities and events are planned. Check out website for details.

T: (905) 735-1700

W: www.welland.ca/150 3 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Wasaga Under Seige - An 1812 Experience
Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Wasaga Under Siege is a three day battle re-enactment depicting certain battles from the War of 1812.

T: (705) 429-3844

W: www.wasagaundersiege1812.com 4 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Highlands of Durham Games
Uxbridge, Central Ontario

This exciting family event is held in the picturesque setting of Elgin Park. Live music, heavy events, dogs, cattle, pipe bands and more.

T: 1-888-253-5552

W: www.thehighlandsofdurhamgames.com 4

Jul 25 - 27, Kapuskasing Annual Lumberjack Heritage Festival
Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario

A celebration of our Canadian Culture and our natural resource which surrounds us. Join the lumberjack competitions, log rolling, swede saw, water boiling and more.

T: 1-800-463-6432

W: www.kaplumberjack.com 7 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Fergus Truck Show
Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

The leading Family Entertainment and Trucking event in North America features a Show & Shine competition, Truck and Tractor Pulls and non-stop musical entertainment. Fun for

the whole family!

T: (519) 843-3412

W: www.fergustruckshow.com 2 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Harriston Summer Fest
Harriston, Southwestern Ontario

Classic Car Show and Shine, dance to the Twist Tops 50s-60s band. Breakfasts, Minto Idol and live evening entertainment, log sawing contests, blue grass entertainment.

T: 519-338-2511

W: www.town.minto.on.ca 2 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Hillside Festival
Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

Hillside is a three-day, community-based celebration of music, drumming and the spoken word. We feature music performances and workshops on five different stages. Annually held at

Guelph Lake. See ad on page 51.

T: (519) 763-6396

W: www.hillsidefestival.ca 2 ★

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Jul 25 - 27, Greek Festival
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Celebrate Greek culture, cuisine, dance, music and tradition.

T: (705) 522-7871 7

Jul 25 - 27, Norseman Floatplane Festival
Red Lake, Northern Ontario

Weekend Festival featuring the Noorduyn Norseman but welcoming all floatplanes and historic aircraft. Local culture, street festival, floatplane rides, aviation reunion, contests & events for all ages.

T: (807) 727-9996

W: www.norsemanfestival.on.ca 7

Jul 25 - 27, Pro-Am WFN Tour Bass Championships 2008
Samia, Southwestern Ontario

This tour will feature 5 stops & award a total of \$1,000,000 in prize money. Will include top professional anglers including Bob Izumi, J.P. Rose, as well as many international & U.S. competitors.

T: 1-800-265-0316

W: www.wfn.tv/2008basstour 2 ★

Jul 25 - 27, Zurich Fair
Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Friday evening: entertainment and dance.

Saturday: parade, home craft exhibits and more.

Sun: 1pm jamboree, speed horse show 10am.

T: (519) 236-4130 2 ★

Jul 26, Fort Henry Military Tattoo
Kingston, Eastern Ontario

In the 19th century, military procedures at the end of the day evolved into a ceremony known as tattoo. Fort Henry is proud to present its evening military tattoo featuring world class Canadian bands. See ad on page 45.

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com 5 ★

Jul 26, Dragon Boat Festival
St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Come out and enjoy the 8th Annual Dragon Boat Festival. Get involved or just enjoy the day's festivities as a spectator! Martindale Pond off of Main Street.

T: 1-800-305-5134

W: www.stcatharines.ca 3

Jul 26 - 27, Battle of Fort William
Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

With the War of 1812 raging, British and American forces fight over Fort William, the inland headquarters of the North West Company. See ad on page 58.

T: (807) 473-2344

W: www.fwhp.ca 7 ★

Jul 26 - 27, Whitefish Lake Pow Wow
Naughton, Northern Ontario

The Whitefish Lake First Nations Pow Wow is a traditional gathering which helps us keep our traditional teachings and customs. Enjoy the songs and dances of our people in their traditional regalia.

T: (705) 692-3651

W: www.wlfn.com 7

Jul 26 - 27, Inter-Cultural Festival
Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Join us as we celebrate Markham's diversity. A weekend full of shows, food, and music representing some of the different cultures that make up our great town. Free admission!

T: (905) 294-4576

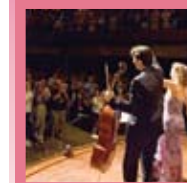
W: www.markhammuseum.ca 1 ★

Jul 26 - 28, Cobalt Rock & Mineral Show
Cobalt, Northern Ontario

Held in the National Historic District of Cobalt. Rock and mineral vendors, collections, mining exhibits, Prospector's Race, GPS Challenge, children's corner and guest speakers.

T: (705) 679-5511

W: www.normc.ca 7

Jul 26 - Aug 9, Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival
Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Celebrating our 15th Anniversary. 250 renowned musicians travel far and wide each summer to attend the world's largest chamber music festival with over 100 concerts and an

affordable pass system.

T: (613) 234-8008

W: www.chamberfest.com 6 ★

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Jul 31 - Oct 12, Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival returns in 2008 with the all new World Edition! Approximately 30 lanterns featuring scenes from around the world. Marketplace is bigger and featuring foods and handicrafts from all over the world. See ad on page 52.

T: (416) 314-9900

W: www.chineselanternfestival.ca ♿ 1 ★

Jul 31 - Aug 3, Deep River Summerfest

Deep River, Eastern Ontario

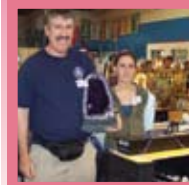
Deep River Summerfest is a participation based arts and activities festival combining everything from Juno award winning jazz, rock and classical music to voyageur canoe races and a fishing derby.

T: (613) 584-9550

W: www.summerfest.ca ♿ 5 ★

Jul 31 - Aug 3, Rockhound Gemboree

Bancroft, Central Ontario



45th annual Rockhound Gemboree. Minerals, specimens, lapidary supplies, jeweler, gems. Attracts 110 vendors and up to 16,000 visitors.

T: (613) 332-1513

W: www.bancroftdistrict.com ♿ 4 ★

Jul 31 - Aug 3, Huntsville Jazz Festival

Huntsville, Central Ontario

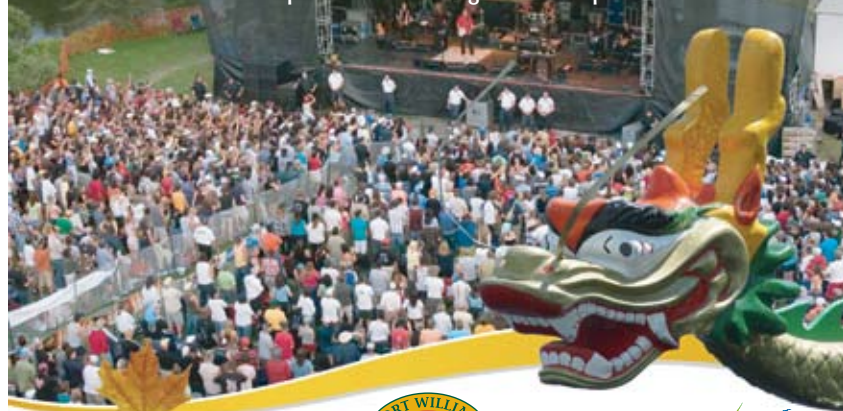
Four great evenings of top notch, professional jazz concerts featuring National and International artists. Added to this will be additional concerts and outdoor offerings throughout the community.

T: (705) 789-4975

W: www.huntsvillefestival.on.ca 4

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enjoy the intimacy of an avant-garde fringe festival. Stroll through **Barrie Kempenfest** where antique and arts & crafts exhibitors showcase their wares. Explore the midway, children's village and food galore. Wear your kilt to the **Fergus Scottish Festival** or

Glengarry's Highland Games. Immerse yourself in the deliciousness of the **Tecumseh Corn Festival**, **Winona Peach Festival** and the **Blueberry Festival** in **Temagami**. Come see the best in North America compete at the **Kingston Sheepdog Trials**. Lots of fun in the sun at the **Cobourg Sandcastle Festival** and the **Pembroke Waterfront Festival**. Experience Aboriginal

culture and join in the bannock making contest at **Thunder Bay's Anishnawbe Keeshigun**. Summer is not complete without some midway madness at the nation's largest **Canadian National Exhibition** and **Ottawa's SuperEx**.



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Aug 1 - 2, Glengarry Highland Games

Maxville, Eastern Ontario



One of North America's largest Celtic festivals, the Games offer massed pipe bands, heavyweights, highland dancing and piping competitions, great Celtic entertainment, over 100 Scottish vendors.

T: 1-866-298-1666

W: www.glengarryhighlandgames.com

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Aug 1 - 3, Tubie Festival

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

Annual Tubie Festival with a parade and children's events Sat. Live music dance Sat night. Racing of inner tube craft down St. Lawrence River on Sun. A local tradition for 37 years.

T: (613) 543-3532

W: www.morrisburgliionsclub.ca ♿ 5 ★

Aug 1 - 3, Kenora Harbourfest

Kenora, Northern Ontario

The 17th Annual Harbourfest features live musical entertainment, kids games, activities, crafts, displays and overall family fun for everyone!

T: 1-800-535-4549

W: www.lakeofthewoods.com ♿ 7

Aug 1 - 3, Millrace Folk Festival

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

A unique event, this festival features traditional folk music from various cultures set amidst 19th century heritage architecture. Free admission; rain or shine.

T: (519) 740-4681 x 4565

W: www.millracefolksociety.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 1 - 3, Tub Daze

Port Burwell, Southwestern Ontario

Civic holiday weekend Sat 10am-11pm, family and tourist celebrations. Beach volleyball, fire truck pulling, food, beer tent, live entertainment. Fireworks Sun at dusk.

T: (519) 874-4450

W: www.bayham.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 1 - 3, Geraldton Music Jamboree

Geraldton, Northern Ontario

The Geraldton Music Jamboree is the ultimate party in the park with acts like Tom Cochrane, Randy Bauchman, April Wine, Faber Drive, Default, and more.

T: (807) 854-1102 ♿ 7

Aug 1 - 3, 4th Annual Riverside Jam

Carleton Place, Ottawa Region

This event is the biggest "little" Country Music jam this side of Nashville! Come on out and enjoy.

T: (613) 253-5257

W: www.riversidejam.com ♿ 6

Aug 1 - 4, Barrie Kempenfest Inc.

Barrie, Central Ontario



38th year. 400 art and craft exhibitors in a juried show, 30 antique dealers, entertainment stages, licenced refreshment tents, midway, children's village and food galore.

T: (705) 739-4216

W: www.kempenfest.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 1 - 4, Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival

Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Region



A celebration of our community's Marine Heritage along Ontario's South Coast at the height of summer. Tall ships, cruises, concerts, vendors, kites, cars and much more.

T: (905) 834-1668

W: www.canaldays.ca ♿ 3 ★

Aug 1 - 4, Canadian Kashub

Ancestry Celebration

Barry's Bay, Eastern Ontario

A celebration of 150 years of the Kashub (Polish) culture in Canada.

T: (613) 756-1743

W: www.wilno.org ♿ 5

Aug 1 - 4, Amherstburg International

Beer Festival

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Beer festival featuring the "Craft Beers of Ontario", artisan foods and live entertainment.

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Aug 1 - 4, Island Soul

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Island Soul features food demos, dance and music from renowned Reggae, Soca and Calypso artists.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com 1 ★

Aug 1 - 4, Ruggerfest

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

New international rugby tournament and beer festival, in H. Murray Smith Centennial Park. A celebration of the sport of rugby and the traditions of spectatorship attendant upon it. Rugby workshops for beginners, children's flag rugby, and much more excitement.

T: (519) 252-2069

W: www.ruggerfest.com 2

Aug 1 - 10, Sioux Lookout Blueberry Festival

Sioux Lookout, Northern Ontario

26th Annual Blueberry Festival will be a grand celebration in Sioux Lookout. This Festival has everything for the entire family from Bass Tournament, Children's Entertainment, food and craft shows.

T: (807) 737-3227

W: www.siuoxlookout.com/bluefest 7

Aug 2, K-Rockin the Fort

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Celebrate Fort Henry's 70th Anniversary with our favorite local Rock Station K-ROCK 105.7. Canadian artists hit the stage as we look out over the water and enjoy the view scape of the City of Kingston. See ad on page 45.

T: (613) 542-7388

W: www.forthenry.com 5 ★

Aug 2, National Capital Triathlon/Duathlon

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Something for everyone with long and short course triathlons and duathlons and a kids' surf 'n turf event. Cycle in the heart of the nation's capital on a traffic-free course.

T: (613) 859-3608

W: www.somersault.ca 6

Aug 2 - 3, 17th Annual Pioneer Days

Cochrane, Northern Ontario

Watch history come to life as tractors and antique cars rumble down Main Street! Take part in kids' and adults' games, enjoy a tractor and antique car parade, and much more!

T: 1-800-354-9948

W: www.polarbearhabitat.ca 7 ★

Aug 2 - 3, Summer in the Park

North Bay, Northern Ontario

Free family event at Lee Park. Petting zoo, exotic pet shows, family entertainment, heritage/community group displays, Ronald McDonald Sports Zone, World's Finest Shows Midway and more.

T: 1-800-465-1882 x 335

W: www.northbaysummerinthepark.ca 7 ★

Aug 2 - 3, 3rd Annual Sandcastle Festival

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Enter to build your own sandcastle or just enjoy a day of fun with music, master sand sculptures, treasure hunt for the kids and much more. Another reason to enjoy Cobourg Beach.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4 ★

Aug 2 - 4, Carib-Latin Festival

Village At Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

Celebrate summer in the beautiful Village at Blue with live reggae and Latin music, street performers and family activities. Other activities include gondola rides, biking, hiking, aqua centre and more.

T: (705) 445-0231 x 6205

W: www.villageatblue.com 4 ★

Aug 2 - 4, Rotary-Lions Annual Funfest

Orillia, Central Ontario

Midway, vendors, games of chance and more! Fabulous fun for everyone! Couchiching Beach Park.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com 4 ★

Aug 2 - 4, Simcoe Rotary Friendship Festival

Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

Arts, crafts, antiques, food, parade, Cow Paddy Bingo, Adopt-A-Duck Race, Motorcycle Show & Shine, entertainment, buskers/clowns, kids zone, fishing derby, soap box derby, Canadian Raptor Show, Buskerfly and more!

T: (519) 426-9436

W: www.simcoerotaryfriendshipfestival.com

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Aug 2 - 4, 48th Annual Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Cultural Festival and Pow Wow

Wikwemikong, Northern Ontario

Witness the beauty of Native American song and dance, handmade art, and savour culinary delights. The finest dancers from across North America will compete for over \$70,000 in prize money.

T: (705) 859-2385 7

Aug 3, Jazz - Out of This World!

Campbellford, Central Ontario

Spanish Flamenco Guitarist Robert Michaels, double Juno winner, with gold & platinum records, returns with Flamenco guitar and dancer!

T: 1-877-883-5777

W: www.westben.on.ca 4 ★

Aug 3 - 16, Kincardine Summer Music Festival

Kincardine, Southwestern Ontario

Various programs for all ages and all musical interests. Visit website for details.

T: 1-866-453-9716

W: www.ksmf.ca 2 ★

Aug 4, Unionville Simcoe Day Festival

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Festive music all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday with great entertainment and a sidewalk sale.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1 ★

Aug 4, NITTYGRITTYBRAMACHINGWINGDING

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Spend your Civic holiday weekend enjoying Brampton's summer festival which promises to be fun for the whole family and a "must attend" event.

T: (905) 458-6555

W: www.brampton.ca/nittygritty 1 ★

Aug 4 - 8, Celtic College

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Classic classes in crafts, singing, instruments, dance, etc. Adult and junior college.

T: (519) 524-8221

W: www.celticfestival.ca 2 ★

Aug 4 - 10, Oshawa Jazz & Blues Festival

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A week long celebration of music, culture and community that takes place at several venues throughout the city of Oshawa and surrounding areas.

T: 1-800-576-1086

W: www.oshawajazzandbluesfestival.com 1

Aug 4 - 10, Durham Jazz Festival

Durham Region, Greater Toronto Area

A week long celebration of music, culture and community in a wide range of venues in municipalities across Durham Region.

T: 1-800-576-1086

W: www.eclipseconcerts.com 1

Aug 5 - 7, Annual Championship Conformation Dog Show & Obedience Trials

Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Annual show hosted by the Grey Bruce Kennel & Obedience Club. Event takes place at Harrison Park. Call for details.

T: (519) 794-3456

W: www.tourism.owensound.ca 2 ★



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Aug 5 - 10, Pembroke Waterfront Festival Pembroke, Eastern Ontario

TUES-THURS: This year's event features the Valley Heritage Tent, celebrating Pembroke's 180th with culture and music from roots to Rock! HEADLINE EVENTS: Fri: 7pm-11pm, Sat: noon-11pm, Sun: noon-7pm.

T: (613) 735-6821

W: www.pembroke.ca ♿ 5 ★

Aug 6, Blueberry Festival Temagami, Northern Ontario

Annual Blueberry Festival, featuring a blueberry pancake breakfast, arts & craft sale, penny sale, bake sale, BBQ lunch, kids games, entertainment. Held at the Welcome Centre on the waterfront. Fundraiser.

T: 1-800-661-7609

W: www.temagamiinformation.com ♿ 7

Aug 6 - 10, Turkey Point Summerfest Turkey Point, Southwestern Ontario

Annual festival with activities and entertainment for everyone! Kids day, Youth night, beach volleyball, car show, sand castle sculpting contest, Caribbean Bar, live entertainment and more!

T: (519) 426-1022

W: www.turkeypoint.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 7 - 9, Summer Music Fest & Sidewalk Days Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Come to Downtown Woodstock for great entertainment and a street full of shopping! The entertainment lineup includes fire eaters, stilt walkers, jugglers and great live music.

T: (519) 537-5721

W: www.downtownwoodstock.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 7 - 10, Toronto's Festival of Beer Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

We will celebrate 13 years of the popular summer tradition at the Historic Fort York. Featuring over 200 brands of beer, BBQ, live entertainment and real southern BBQ.

T: (416) 635-9889

W: www.beerfestival.ca ♿ 1

Aug 7 - 10, 57th Canadian Old Time Fiddle Championship Shelburne, Southwestern Ontario

Five Days of Family Fun! There will be a giant fiddle parade, farmers market, midway, camping, beer gardens, pork BBQ, and more!

T: (519) 925-2600

W: www.townofshelburne.on.ca ♿ 2

Aug 7 - 10, Kitchener Blues Festival Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario



This free 4-day event celebrates the best of international, national and regional blues performers; electric, R&B, gospel, swing, acoustic on 4 stages with a spectacular BBQ experience.

T: (519) 571-2555

W: www.kitchenerbluesfestival.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 8 - 10, 11th Annual Tribute Artist Weekend Orillia, Central Ontario

A weekend filled with entertainers paying tribute to Elvis, Buddy, Dean and all the greats! Competitions, memorabilia vendors, Steak BBQs. Royal Canadian Legion at waterfront and Port of Orillia.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillialeion.ca ♿ 4 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Orillia Waterfront Festival Orillia, Central Ontario

In-water boat show, cottage and outdoor products, live entertainment, water shows and fun activities for all ages! Hilarious cardboard boat race Sunday. Port of Orillia.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Kingston Sheep Dog Trials Kingston, Eastern Ontario



Come see the best in North America compete! See the trials, craft fair, birds of prey, Time Bandits canine demos, reptile zoo, kids stuff and local cuisine. Dog friendly event.

See ad on page 65.

T: (613) 546-4291 x 1706

W: www.cityofkingston.ca/sheepdogtrials

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Aug 8 - 10, Verona Festival 2008 Verona, Eastern Ontario

The Verona Festival is a joyful expression of our community. For three days, long time neighbours, newcomers, and visitors enjoy music, games, food, and good fellowship.

T: (613) 374-3807

W: www.veronacommunity.on.ca/festival.htm

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Aug 8 - 10, Taste of the Danforth Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Join us for a weekend long street party that turns Danforth Avenue into a culinary playground offering food of every kind imaginable, entertainment and special activities.

T: (416) 469-5634

W: www.tasteofthedanforth.com ♿ 1

Aug 8 - 10, 23rd Bayfield Antiques Show and Sale Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

Showcasing over 30 outstanding antique dealers from all across Ontario. Friday evening gala, Saturday and Sunday tea room open. This is one of Ontario's best antique shows and should not be missed.

T: (519) 565-5544 ♿ 2 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Canadian Redneck Games Harriston, Southwestern Ontario



An event like no other! Winner of the 2007 Best New Festival Award (FEO) where toilet seat tossing, bobbin' for pigs feet and diving in mud are socially acceptable!

T: (519) 338-2511

W: www.canadianredneckgames.ca ♿ 2 ★

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www.cityofkingston.ca/sheepdog

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Aug 8 - 10, Fergus Scottish Festival Fergus, Southwestern Ontario



An interactive family celebration of Scottish culture featuring Tattoo, pipe bands, highland dancing, heavy events, clans, heritage tent, MacKiddie centre, genealogy, Celtic music and international

vendors. See ad on page 51.
T: 1-866-871-9442

W: www.fergusscottishfestival.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Alliston Potato Festival Alliston, Central Ontario

Parade, Midway, Sidewalk sales, Inflatable bouncers, Ronald McDonald's Sports Zone, Frito-Lay Miss Vickie's Potato Chip Recipe Contest, Antique Snowmobile Sale & Swap Show, Demolition Derby and more.

T: (705) 435-9708

W: www.allistonpotatofestival.com 4 ★

Aug 8 - 10, 1000 Islands Poker Run Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Kingston will play host to more than 150 powerboats from across North America. Lots of entertainment at the largest event of its kind in North America.

T: (613) 542-8677

W: www.downtownkingston.ca 5 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Earth, Air, Fire & Water, Celtic Roots Festival Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Music, crafts, art, dance from Ireland, Scotland and elsewhere. Canada's oldest Celtic Festival. Come to a magical world.

T: (519) 524-8221

W: www.celticfestival.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 8 - 10, Goderich Art Club Show and Sale Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

A wide variety of subject matters, various mediums, abstract, realism and live demonstrations. Complimentary refreshments.

T: (519) 482-5623 x 3 2 ★

Aug 8 - 10, 2008 Chinatown Festival Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrating the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the annual Toronto Chinese Festival.

T: (416) 260-9800

W: www.chinatownbia.com 1

Aug 8 - 17, Unionville Jazz On Main Festival Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Our popular "Jazz on Main Street Party" will host "Hot Spots" on both Friday night and Saturday night for two straight weekends! Aug 8-10, 14-17.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 8 - 29, My Mississauga Youth Concert Series Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Back by popular demand, outdoor youth concerts return to the Civic Square this summer. Concerts take place every Friday from Aug. 8-29 at 7pm and feature local entertainment.

T: (905) 615-3200 x 2403

W: www.mississauga.ca ♿ 1 ★

Aug 9, JerkFest Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

JerkFest is an annual family fun event that takes place each year on the second weekend of August. The festival provides patrons with an opportunity to feast on mouth-watering food: pork, chicken, etc.

T: (416) 993-5123

W: www.jerkfestival.ca ♿ 1

Aug 9, The Ottawa Lumiere Festival Ottawa, Ottawa Region

An outside evening event of over a 1000 magical lanterns, colourful and enchanting performers and costumed participants carrying their own hand made lanterns - simple, beautiful and magical.

T: (613) 745-2742

W: www.lumiereottawa.com ♿ 6

Aug 9 - 10, MuslimFest Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area



MuslimFest celebrates the best in Muslim arts and entertainment. Enjoy music, drumming sessions, films, paintings, sculptures, comedy, bazaar, international food, and more at this two-day festival.

T: (416) 312-2211

W: www.muslimfest.com ♿ 1 ★

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Aug 9 - 16, Festival of the Islands Gananoque, Eastern Ontario

Nightly waterfront concerts with premier Canadian artists. Daily children's program, Model Railroad, Wood Carving Show, midway, belly flop, soap box derby, huge craft sale, classic car show and more.

T: (613) 382-1562

W: www.festivaloftheislands.com 5 ★

Aug 10, 6th Annual Dragon Boat Festival Kenora, Northern Ontario

Come enjoy or take part in the 6th annual Dragon Boat Race on Rabbit Lake!

T: 1-800-535-4549

W: www.kenora.ca 7

Aug 13 - 15, PWT Elite Walleye Tournament Dryden, Northern Ontario

Events for the entire week. Super Pro Anglers from U.S. and Canada will be paired up with amateur anglers to catch a daily limit of walleye from Wabigoon and the chain of lakes.

T: (807) 223-2622

W: www.pwtdryden.com ♿ 7

Aug 14 - 15, Porquis Fall Fair Iroquois Falls, Northern Ontario

Come out and enjoy our Pet Show, Horse Show, crafts, baking, live entertainment, kids activities, and fireworks on Friday.

T: 1-888-524-8880 ♿ 7

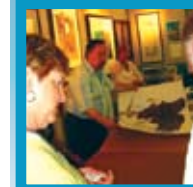
Aug 14 - 17, Prince Edward County Jazz Festival Picton, Eastern Ontario

Enjoy exciting jazz events all over the County including evening concerts at The Regent Theatre; daytime jazz at wineries, jazz dinners; meet the artists events and jam sessions.

T: (613) 476-8416

W: www.pecjazz.org ♿ 5 ★

Aug 14 - 17, Buckhorn Fine Art Festival Buckhorn, Central Ontario



This year we are celebrating the 31st anniversary of the show and we are featuring Glen Loates. Grand opening and preview Thu. 7pm-10pm chance to win cash to purchase a

work of art from artists on site.

T: 1-877-300-9766

W: www.buckhornfineart.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 14 - 17, Dundas Cactus Festival Dundas, Southwestern Ontario

Street Festival with midway, food, crafts, vendors, art show, and free entertainment on 3 stages.

T: (905) 627-0926

W: www.dundascactusfest.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 14 - 17, Jarvis Cornfest - 17th Annual Jarvis, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a country family festival and crafts, displays, Fri. night concert and fireworks, entertainment, Slow Pitch, antique farm machinery show, Sat. night concert, Sun. car show and more!

T: 1-800-863-9607

W: www.cornfest.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 14 - 17, Walton Transcan National Motocross Championship Walton, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's only national amateur motocross championship and final event of the national pro series as seen each year on national television.

T: (519) 887-6735

W: www.waltontranscan.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 14 - 17, Havelock Country Jamboree Havelock, Central Ontario

Ontario's largest outdoor camping country music festival.

T: 1-800-539-3353

W: www.havelockjamboree.com 4

Aug 14 - 24, SuperEX Ottawa, Ottawa Region

SuperEX combines midway madness with plenty of free entertainment, including the 3 day Capital Magic Festival, agriculture, an 11 day pet show, free and paid concerts, plus a special family land.

T: (613) 237-7222

W: www.ottawasuperex.com ♿ 6

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Aug 15 - 16, Haliburton County Fair

Minden, Central Ontario

Enjoy the Petting Zoo, games, face painting for the little people. Food, entertainment, horse pull, demo derby for the adults. Don't forget the midway and demolition derby!

T: 1-800-461-7677

W: www.haliburtontourism.com 4 ★

Aug 15 - 17, 17th Annual Dockside Festival of the Arts

Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Over 150 Artisans from across Canada, this Signature Event draws thousands of people. Come "Shop the Dock" at the Special Events Park located at The Muskoka Wharf.

T: (705) 687-4432

W: www.gravenhurst.com 4 ★

Aug 15 - 17, Corvette Weekend

Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Come to the 17th Annual Corvette Weekend. Enjoy a variety of corvettes parked for viewing along Beach Drive and the shore of Georgian Bay.

T: (705) 429-3844

W: www.wasagabeachcorvetteclub.com

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Aug 15 - 17, All Breed Dog Shows & Obedience Trials

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

International All Breed Dog Shows for All Canadian Kennel Club recognized breeds, and Obedience Trials for these breeds.

T: (613) 925-4990 5

Aug 15 - 17, Markham Jazz Festival

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy 3 days of jazz at various stages and street locations on Unionville Main Street, Markham Main Street, and "Hot Spots" (pubs and restaurants around the area). Enjoy live jazz in all its genres. See ad on page 2.

T: (905) 471-5299

W: www.markhamjazzfestival.com 1 ★

Aug 15 - 17, Hot & Spicy Food Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

This festival features local, international and celebrity chefs dishing up spicy cuisine in demonstrations and at workshops, panel discussions and tutored tastings.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com 1 ★

Aug 15 - 17, Voyageurs' MusicFest

Batchawana Bay, Northern Ontario

The Voyageurs' MusicFest is the north shore of Lake Superior's own folk, fiddle, rock, country, swing, blues and jazz festival. Join us, as we celebrate Canadian Roots musicians on our outdoor stage.

T: 1-877-877-7385 7

Aug 15 - 17, Bayfield Fall Fair

Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

Youth talent show, concessions, displays, parade, horse shows, 4-H achievement, petting zoo and much more.

T: (519) 482-3020 2 ★

Aug 15 - 17, Northumberland Rotary Ribfest 2008

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Come and enjoy many different varieties of ribs, live entertainment and much more at beautiful Victoria Park.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.northumberlandribfest.ca 4 ★

Aug 15 - 17, Worldfest Cultural Attractions

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Worldfest is an annual, three day cultural event showcasing international heritage, music, dance and cuisine.

T: (416) 657-1100

W: www.worldfesttoronto.com 1

Aug 15 - 17, Winnie's Home Town Festival

White River, Northern Ontario

Families come out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend featuring live entertainment, heritage walking tours, parades, dances, fireworks, games and more!

T: 1-888-517-1673

W: www.whiteriverlibrary.com 7

Aug 15 - 24, Capital Pride Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The largest parade in the city happens on Sunday, Aug. 24 with 50,000 people watching and joining in. This is Canada's Capital Pride celebration of the GLBT community.

T: (613) 421-5387

W: www.prideottawa.com 6

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Aug 15 - Sep 1, Canadian National Exhibition

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



The CNE is one of the largest annual fairs in North America with a unique variety of entertainment. International Shopping/Cuisine, Kids' World, a 3-day Air Show and more. CNE Horse

Show and Casino opens on Jul 22. See ad on page 69.

T: (416) 393-6300

W: www.theex.com 1 ★

Aug 16, Peter Gzowski Festival of Stories

Keswick, Greater Toronto Area

The Peter Gzowski Festival of Stories celebrates the joy of reading & storytelling & includes authors, illustrators & storytellers, face painting, crafts, free books & heritage demonstrations. Free! See ad on page 2.

T: (905) 476-4305 x 284

W: www.festivalofstories.ca 1

Aug 16, Canoe the Clyde for Cancer

Lanark, Eastern Ontario

Bring the whole family for a leisurely paddle by canoe or kayak on the beautiful Clyde River, while raising pledge funds for the Cancer Society. Routes of 5 or 10km. See ad on page 35.

T: (613) 259-5738

W: www.lanarkhighlands.ca 5 ★

Aug 16, DriftMania

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Watch experienced auto racers take their vehicles to the limit by drifting sideways across the track at this family event. See some of the ultimate cars and engines up close and personal.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

Aug 16 - 17, Carrot Fest

Bradford, Greater Toronto Area

The Street Festival includes vendors market, children's village, wrestling event, Texas Holdem' Poker tourney, Carrot Fast 5km run, docdog competition, Mayor's soap box derby and more!

T: (905) 775-5359 x 5102

W: www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca

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Aug 16 - 17, Niagara Jazz Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Niagara's most exciting music festival featuring world class performers in a unique waterfront location. "Music in Harmony with Nature".

T: (905) 938-1567

W: www.niagarajazzfest.com ♿ 3 ★

Aug 16 - 17, Anishnawbe Keeshigun

Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Experience Aboriginal culture with traditional dancing, singing & drumming at Fort William's annual Native Festival. Enjoy tasty treats & join in the bannock making contest! See ad on page 58.

T: (807) 473-2344

W: www.fwbp.ca ♿ 7 ★

Aug 16 - 17, 4th Annual Morson Bass International

Morson, Northern Ontario

Fishing tournament: \$500 per 2 person team; kid-parent teams encouraged; 100% payback for angler prizes; event free to spectators; games & kids' fishing tournament, food, bingo, crafts, dance, auction.

T: 1-807-488-5905

W: www.morsonbass.com ♿ 7

Aug 16 - 17, Rural Ramble Farm Tour

Northumberland, Central Ontario

Two day, self-guided driving tour of farms and rural attractions in Northumberland County. 2004 National Winner of Award of Excellence for Agriculture and Education. Fun for the whole family!

T: 1-877-461-FARM (3276)

W: www.RuralRambleFarmTour.com 4 ★

Aug 17, Burlington Children's Festival

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

The Children's Festival is a free, fun-filled day featuring 2 stages of outstanding Children's performers as well as over 30 activity stations for the kids to enjoy. See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.burlington.ca ♿ 1 ★

Aug 17, Goderich Triathlon

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Come out and cheer on this exciting sporting event! Watch phenomenal athletes compete in this ultimate sport.

T: (519) 662-4086 2

Aug 17 - 24, Algomatrad - Algoma Traditional Music and Dance Family Camp

St. Joseph Island, Northern Ontario

An annual, intergenerational, family-friendly, residential camp featuring workshops, concerts and dances lead by masters of Ontario and Canadian traditional music, dance and art.

T: (705) 782-4311

W: www.algomatrad.ca 7 ★

Aug 20 - 24, Barrie Fair

Barrie, Central Ontario

The Barrie Fair is going into its 155th year. Planning on demolition derby, kids entertainers. See website for details.

T: (705) 737-3670

W: www.barriefair.ca ♿ 4

Aug 21 - 24, Limestone City Blues Festival

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

The best in the blues hit Kingston's scenic waterfront and favourite downtown venues. Four day festival with entry to all events for just a \$10 bracelet.

T: (613) 542-8677

W: www.kingstonblues.com ♿ 5

Aug 21 - 24, Mobil 1 presents Grand Prix of Mosport

Bowmanville, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's biggest sports car race event of the year features the exotic prototype and GT racers of the American Le Mans Series, plus six more classes of racing. Lots to see and do off-track too.

T: 1-800-866-1072

W: www.mosport.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 21 - 24, Scotiabank Buskerfest

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Theatre in the street. Street performers, comedians, contortionists, magicians and mimes. The Best of the Best in the World! Located in the historic St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood!

T: (416) 964-9095

W: www.torontobuskerfest.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 21 - 24, Tecumseh Corn Festival

Tecumseh, Southwestern Ontario

Tons of hot buttered corn with free live main entertainment on each night. Events such as the ever popular Miss Tecumseh pageant and midway. Check website for details.

T: (519) 739-CORN

W: www.tecumseh.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 21 - 24, Waterloo Busker Carnival

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

20th Annual Busker Carnival! A 4-day street Busker Carnival - fun for everyone!

T: (519) 885-1921

W: www.waterloo-buskers.com ♿ 2

Aug 21 - 24, A River Needs to Run

Minden, Central Ontario

A River Needs to Run is set at the 1935 Dedication of a Hydro Dam on the Gull River. This outdoor play explores water issues from a contemporary and historic perspective.

T: (705) 286-3154

W: www.mindenculturalcentre.com 4 ★

Aug 22 - 23, Barrie Dragon Boat Festival

Barrie, Central Ontario

Enjoy dragon boat racing, cultural and commercial exhibits, participate in children's activities and much more.

T: (705) 728-1010

W: www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca 4

Aug 22 - 24, 3rd Annual Wasaga Beachfest

Wasaga Beach, Central Ontario

Three day long festival full of music, buskers, clowns, midway, and vendors. All takes place along Beach Drive on the shore of Georgian Bay.

T: (705) 429-3844

W: www.wasagabeachfest.com ♿ 4 ★

Aug 22 - 24, Ribfest

Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Mouth-watering chicken and ribs from 7 of Canada's most respected rib vendors. A full weekend of entertainment for the whole family... don't forget your napkin!!

T: (705) 687-6774

W: www.muskokawharf.ca ♿ 4

Aug 22 - 24, Autofest

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A 3-day Automotive Festival at Lakeview Park. Autofest features live entertainment, antique cars, show and shine, a poker run and many automotive exhibits and vendors.

T: (905) 576-3039

W: www.autofestoshawa.com ♿ 1 ★

Aug 22 - 24, Fiesta Del Sol '08: A Celebration of Latin American Culture

London, Southwestern Ontario

An elegant way to end summer, Fiesta Del Sol celebrates the rich diversity of Latin American culture. Featuring 20+ professional music and dance ensembles, and 100+ eclectic food and craft vendors.

T: (519) 672-1522

W: www.sunfest.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Aug 22 - 24, Winona Peach Festival

Winona, Southwestern Ontario



This is a family event with something for all ages. We have Arts & Crafts, commercial exhibits, amusement rides, games, entertainment, 'Peach of a Car Show', more food than you imagine!

T: (905) 643-2084

W: www.winonapeach.com ♿ 2 ★

Aug 22 - 24, Taiwan: Ilha Formosa

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

This summer weekend celebrates the cultural treasures of this beautiful Island with performances from artists direct from Taiwan and from Canadian artists of Taiwanese heritage.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1

Aug 22 - 24, 129th Palmerston Fall Fair Palmerston, Southwestern Ontario

Too many events to list here! Parade, midway, Palmerston Idol, baby show, pet show, BBQ, dance, tractor rodeo and much, much more!

T: (519) 338-2511
W: www.town.minto.on.ca 2 ★

Aug 22 - 25, SD & G Dog Show Long Sault, Northern Ontario

Over 100 dog breeds will be in attendance and over 2,900 dogs will compete over the four-day event. Confirmation competitions will occur on all four days, with four additional obedience competitions on Friday to Monday.

T: 1-800-437-2233
W: www.stlawrenceparks.com 7

Aug 23, Zurich Bean Festival Zurich, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a festival of home cooked beans, smoked chops, large car show, free entertainment, midway, 130 vendors and evening dance.

T: (519) 236-2326 2

Aug 23 - 24, War of 1812 Firepower Weekend Kingston, Eastern Ontario

War of 1812 re-enactors combined with the Fort Henry Guard present an ear popping occasion as the Fort traces the roots of the various devices of warfare. Visit website for more details! See ad on page 45.

T: (613) 542-7388
W: www.forthenry.com 5 ★

Aug 23 - 24, Doors Open & Heritage Train Rides Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Heritage homes and sites open their doors for visitors to tour. Ride the Heritage Train from historic Unionville Station and enjoy the walking tours of Main Street Unionville. Come visit our 200 year old town!

T: (905) 477-0117
W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1 ★

Aug 23 - 24, Multisport Triathlon Cobourg, Central Ontario

Come cheer on at the triathlon, duathlon and give-it-a-try. There will be races for the entire family. The starting point is Victoria Park to the famous Cobourg Beach and Splash Pad.

T: 1-888-262-6874
W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4

Aug 23 - Sep 1, The Forest Festival Haliburton, Central Ontario

An annual festival of the arts located in the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife. Concerts, workshops, guided forest walks. Produced in partnership with Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer.

T: 1-800-461-7677
W: www.theforestfestival.com 4 ★

Aug 25 - 31, Seaforth Country Classic Seaforth, Southwestern Ontario

Come and see Men's professional golf tournament. Charity for Huron Perth Hospitals. Dances and car raffle.

T: (519) 522-1857
W: www.seaforthcountryclassic.com 2 ★

Aug 25 - Sep 1, Pembroke & Area Old Time Fiddle Contest Pembroke, Eastern Ontario

"Pembroke Fiddling and Step Dancing" held at the Pembroke Memorial Centre. Over \$20,000 prize money and trophies!

T: (613) 635-7200
W: www.pembrokefestivals.com 5 ★

Aug 26 - Sep 1, Meaford Hall International Film Festival Meaford, Southwestern Ontario

The 2nd annual Meaford Hall International Film Festival. Six films followed by six parties!

T: (519) 538-6766 2

Aug 27, Aviation Days Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

An aviation day at the local airport as part of the 150th Anniversary of the City of Welland. The day will be highlighted by an appearance from the Snowbirds.

T: (905) 735-9511
W: www.welland.ca 3 ★

Aug 27, Brant United Way Airshow Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Come to Brantford to see up close the world famous Canadian Forces "Snowbirds" and many other performers demonstrate their spectacular aeronautic displays. A great back to school event for everyone!

T: (519) 752-7848
W: www.brantunitedway.org 2 ★

Aug 27 - 31, Auction Barn Jamboree Colborne, Central Ontario

This annual event features 4 1/2 days of traditional country music with camping, professional musicians performing at the Keeler Centre with all the amenities and Open Mic fun for all!

T: (905) 355-2106
W: www.auctionbarnjamboree.ca 4 ★

Aug 28 - Sep 1, 150th Annual Paris Fair Paris, Southwestern Ontario

Join the fun at the 150th Annual Paris Fair. Fun for the whole family from animal shows, midway, games, musical performances, demo derby, agriculture displays, crafts, exhibits and so much more!

T: (519) 442-2823
W: www.parisfair.com 2

Aug 29 - 31, Harvestfest Barrie, Central Ontario

A three day waterfront Country Music Festival. This family event features performances from classic and upcoming musicians. It includes a Farmer's Market, midway, classic vehicles, and vendors.

T: (705) 252-4143 4 ★

Aug 29 - 31, Shelter Valley Folk Festival Grafton, Central Ontario

5th Anniversary! Family celebration of art, wellness, sustainable living, harvest foods and the finest in folk music. Three daytime stages, artists' village, workshops and camping. Volunteers welcome.

T: (905) 377-9556
W: www.sheltervalley.com 4 ★

Aug 29 - 31, Heritage Festival Tehkummah, Northern Ontario

Events include a variety night, old time dance, horse pull & equine plowing match, buggy & pony rides, vintage farm equipment & autos, horse shoe tournament, children's activities & white fish supper

T: (705) 859-2344 7

Aug 29 - Sep 1, Burlington Rotary Ribfest Burlington, Greater Toronto Area



Canada's largest ribfest with 15 rib teams from across North America! Something for everyone - great food, music, entertainment and crafts. Playground, rides, face painting and more for the kids!

See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 332-3513
W: www.canadalargestribfest.com 1 ★

Aug 29 - Sep 1, Orangeville Fall Fair Orangeville, Greater Toronto Area

Annual fall fair, home craft exhibits, produce and livestock competitions, Midway, demo derby, musical entertainment, truck and tractor pulls, horse pulls, horse shows, and more.

T: (519) 942-9597
W: www.orangevillefairgrounds.ca 1

Aug 29 - Sep 1, Bayfest Port Rowan, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Labour Day festival, fun for the whole family with rides, crafts, fireworks and an amazing parade. Enjoy the beauty of Long Point Country along Lake Erie's shore.

T: (519) 586-8577
W: www.portrowan-longpoint.org 2 ★

Aug 30, FamilyFest Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Downsview Park will once again host the biggest and best outdoor family musical festival of the summer on Labour Day weekend. Celebrate summer's last blast at Downsview Park's FamilyFest. See ad on back cover.

T: (416) 952-2222
W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Aug 30, The Canadian Triathlon/Duathlon & 8 Km Run

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Ontario's only iron distance (226) tri/duathlon, along with a half iron, sprint, try-a-tri and an 8km run. The premiere event of the eastern triathlon series.

T: (613) 859-3608

W: www.somersault.ca 6

Aug 30 - 31, St. Thomas Fire Muster Days

St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Participants compete in firefighter based games. Stage entertainment, car show, antique fire trucks, emergency service displays, crafters, vendors and more. Free event.

T: (519) 631-0210

W: www.geocities.com/MadisonAvenue/2902

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Aug 30 - 31, Monarchs and Migrants Weekend

Brighton, Central Ontario

Discover the world of Monarch Butterflies and migrants birds by taking part in nature walks, bird banding, monarch tagging and much more at Presqu'île Provincial Park.

T: (705) 475-4324

W: www.ontarioparks.com/English/pres.html 4

Aug 30 - Sep 1, Summer Sundown

Village at Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

Enjoy the end of summer with live music, street performers, fireworks, Kid Zone - all free. Plus, gondola rides, aqua centre, shopping and dining. Enjoy your stay at one of our beautiful Village hotels.

T: 1-877-445-0231 x 6205

W: www.villageatblue.com 4 ★

Aug 30 - Sep 1, Ashkenaz: A Festival of New Yiddish Culture

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Merging all the cultures of the Jewish diaspora into a diverse and dynamic festival of new Yiddish culture! Music, theatre comedy and more. Coproduced by the Ashkenaz Foundation.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.ashkenazfestival.com 1

Aug 31 - Sep 1, Oakville Half Marathon & 10K

Oakville, Greater Toronto Area

Join us on the last weekend of the summer.

The courses for the 10K and half Marathon run along some of the fastest and finest streets of Oakville. If you are looking for a route to test your summer training and set a personal best, this is the course for you.

T: (905) 949-1910 x 235

W: www.oakvillehalfmarathon.com 1

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Savour & Celebrate

As the heat of the summer gives way to the crisp fall air, Ontario's landscape begins to explode with delights for every sense.



Treat your taste buds at the **Niagara Grape & Wine Festival**, **Etobicoke's Taste of the Kingsway** and **Oshawa's Rotary Ribfest**. Savour fall's bounty at **St. George's Applefest & Craft Show**, chock full of scrumptious

food and fun. Enjoy a day filled with music at **Unionville's Heritage & Big Band Festival**, or check out the **Orillia Beatles Celebration** with performances by Beatle tribute artists. Fall fairs abound and are always a family pleaser! Choose from **London's Western Fair**, or 'Go Green' at **Milverton's Fair**.

Every September, **Toronto** opens its doors to experience the best cinema in the world at the **International Film Festival**. Celebrate the end of the summer season at **Sault Ste. Marie's Bushplane Days** with lots of demos and a plethora of kids activities.



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Sep 1, Unionville Heritage & Big Band Festival

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate the fall season and enjoy a day filled with the sounds of Big Bands. Antiques, street market, entertainment and historical displays fill the pedestrian friendly street.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1 ★

Sep 1 - Oct 31, Pumpkin Patch Picking

St. Andrews West, Eastern Ontario

Take a peaceful horse-drawn wagon ride to the pumpkin patch where you can pick your pumpkin right from the vine. Enjoy an afternoon on the farm. Take a picnic and enjoy your stay.

T: 1-888-229-6360

W: www.mcmaze.ca 5

Sep 1 - Nov 30, Celebration of Trails

East Central Ontario, Central Ontario

An annual festival of trail events in east central Ontario. More than 35 exciting trail events to get you out and active on the region's great trails. Your path to fitness, fun and adventure!

T: (705) 328-0261 x 30

W: www.celebrationoftrails.ca 4 ★

Sep 3 - 7, Junction Centennial Arts Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



Toronto's most concentrated multi-arts Street Festival. 250 music, dance, theatre and visual artists and street vendors; Kidzone, GreenVillage, beer garden, shops and restaurants. See

ad on page 77.

T: (416) 767-5036

W: www.junctionartsfest.com 1

Sep 4 - 7, Shores of Erie International Wine Festival

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario



A Toast to Tastes! The festival combines the perfect blend of regional wines, fine cuisine and an eclectic mix of live entertainment. Stroll the magnificent, waterfront grounds of

Fort Malden. See ad on page 76.

T: (519) 730-1001

W: www.soewinefestival.com 2 ★

Sep 4 - 7, Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market

Barrie, Central Ontario

Canada's Finest Automotive Flea Market. Cars and parts as far as the eye can see. Car sales corral, Sunday auction. Bring your family and friends, and stay on-site campground.

T: (705) 487-3663

W: www.burlescreek.com 4 ★

Shores of Erie International
WINE FESTIVAL
A toast to the tastes!

A perfect blend of regional wines,
fine cuisine and
fabulous live entertainment!

September 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2008
AMHERSTBURG, On 519-730-1001
www.soewinefestival.com

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Sep 4 - 7, Russell Fair

Russell, Eastern Ontario

Come Harvest the Excitement at the 150th Anniversary of the Russell Fair. Demolition Derby, Deal or No Deal, Fair Factor and more!

T: (613) 445-2155

W: www.RussellFair.com 5 ★

Sep 4 - 7, Arthur Fall Fair

Arthur, Southwestern Ontario

Bring the family out to the fair! Thursday night Beef BBQ. There will be: 2 horse shows, 4-H livestock shows, garden and lawn tractor pull, baby show, variety show and a parade!

T: (519) 848-2770 2

Sep 4 - 8, Central Durham Agricultural Fair (Orono Fair)

Orono, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy one of Canada's oldest agricultural fairs. Locally known as the Orono Fair. Fun for the entire family.

T: 1-800-563-1195

W: www.clarington-tourism.ca 1

Sep 4 - 13, Toronto International Film Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Over the last 30 years, the film-going public has supported and shaped the Festival into what it is today. Every September, the city opens its doors and experiences the best cinema in the world.

T: 1-877-368-FILM

W: www.tiff.ca 1

Sep 5 - 6, Taste of the Kingsway Festival

Etobicoke, Greater Toronto Area

This annual fall festival held along Bloor Street West, (from Prince Edward Dr. to Montgomery Rd.) is a food & entertainment extravaganza. Over 250,000 people attended in 2007.

T: (416) 239-8243

W: www.theKingswaytoronto.ca 1 ★

www.junctionartsfest.com

JUNCTION Arts FESTIVAL

Sept 3 - 7, 2008

416-767-5036

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 5 - 7, Quilting at the Lakes

Buckhorn, Central Ontario

Our show features over 200 quilts on display, merchant's mall, members' boutique, block challenge, tea room. Sandy Simmelink is the featured quilter. The 2007 Hoffman Challenge winners will be there.

T: (705) 652-8597

W: www.buckhornquilters.ca ♿ 4 ★

Sep 5 - 7, Uxbridge Fall Fair

Uxbridge, Central Ontario

There will be livestock shows, crafts, tractor pull and youth show (Fri. night), demo derby (Sat. night), team penning and horse shows Sun, midway, entertainment and much more!

T: (905) 852-7147

W: www.uxbridgefair.ca ♿ 4

Sep 5 - 7, Days of Elvis

Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

A tribute to Days of Elvis will bring back the Memories of Queen Street. The event will have top Elvis tribute artists, vintage era car show, old photo album and Elvis Film Fest.

T: (905) 353-9012

W: www.sargantevents.com ♿ 3 ★

Sep 5 - 7, Lincoln County Fair

Beamsville, Niagara Falls and Region

The Lincoln County Fair showcases our agricultural roots through educational exhibits and livestock competitions, along with entertainment and amusement for both young and old visitors.

T: (905) 563-7071

W: www.lincolncountyfair.com ♿ 3

Sep 5 - 7, 5th Annual St. Marys "Once Upon a Thames" Storytelling Festival

St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

A 3 day outdoor event on the banks of the Thames River. Professionally acclaimed storytellers and musicians will entertain audiences of all ages.

T: (519) 284-2698

W: www.stmarysstorytelling.org ♿ 2 ★

Sep 5 - 7, Eden Mills Writers' Festival

Eden Mills, Southwestern Ontario

Audiences of 1000s come each year to enjoy the unique mix of bucolic surroundings, great literature, jazz music and relaxed ambience throughout the village of Eden Mills.

T: (519) 826-0876

W: www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca ♿ 2 ★

Sep 5 - 7, 24th Annual Vegetarian Food Fair

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The largest event of its kind in North America. The annual Vegetarian Food Fair gives visitors an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy a diverse cross-section of vegetarian cuisine.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com ♿ 1

Sep 5 - 7, Oshawa Ribfest

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A 3-day event located at scenic Lakeview Park featuring live entertainment for all ages, midway, beer garden and fabulous ribs for sale from a variety of ribbers.

T: (905) 576-2567

W: www.oshawaribfest.com 1 ★

Sep 5 - 7, Huron Pioneer Threshers & Hobby Show

Blyth, Southwestern Ontario

Steam engines, antique tractors and tractor pull, flea market, crafts, antique cars, horse ploughing, step dancing, fiddle competition, clowns, music every night, hot meals, concession booths, camping available.

T: (519) 523-9100

W: www.blythsteamshow.on.ca 2 ★

Sep 5 - 7, Georgetown Fall Fair

Georgetown, Greater Toronto Area

Annual Fall Fair. Horses, tractors, fair competitions, agricultural exhibits, music, midway rides and more!

T: (905) 873-6157

W: www.georgetownfallfair.ca 1

Sep 5 - 7, Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

10th Annual Southside Shuffle Port Credit's Blues and Jazz Festival. Featuring the Average White Band, The Funk Brothers and over 120 other musical acts throughout the festival weekend.

T: (905) 271-9449

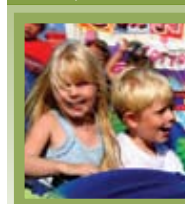
W: www.southsideshuffle.com 1

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 5 - 14, Western Fair

London, Southwestern Ontario



Ten-day annual agricultural fair featuring midway, games, fair food, grandstand shows, attractions, vendors, agricultural events and competitions. Southwestern Ontario's number one annual event!

T: (519) 438-7203

W: www.westernfair.com ♿ 2 ★

Sep 6, Christie Classic Antique Show and Sale

Flamborough, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's favourite Antique Show with over 300 dealers. Browse or buy that special something from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Food vendors provide lunch or a light snack. Admission fee of \$8.00 applies.

T: (905) 628-3060

W: www.conservationhamilton.ca ♿ 2

Sep 6 - 7, 14th Annual GWN Dragon Boat Challenge

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

As one of Canada's premier dragon boat festivals, the GWN Challenge is sure to fulfill all your festival needs with entertainment, vendors and world class dragon boat racing!

T: (416) 962-8899

W: www.gwndragonboat.com ♿ 1

Sep 6 - 7, Long Sault Hydroplane Regatta

Long Sault, Northern Ontario

The HOTTEST SHOW ON H2O! High speed Hydroplane racing with fire-breathing engines and incredible side by side racing maneuvers. Watch the fastest boats travel at speeds of over 250 km/h!

T: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.stlawrenceparks.com ♿ 7

Sep 6 - 7, Doors Open Oxford

Oxford County, Southwestern Ontario

Explore the rural roots of Oxford County, located between Toronto and Windsor. Unique sites include historic homes, a museum,

an African Cemetery, art/healing centre, a Masonic lodge and more!

T: 1-866-801-7368 x 3355

W: www.doorsopenoxford.ca 2

Sep 6 - 7, 6th Worldwide Paint Out Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

The public is invited to watch the artists as the artists paint Niagara Falls for the annual Worldwide Paint Out. Other groups will be painting simultaneously around the world on the same day.

T: (905) 354-8692

W: www.i-p-a-p.com 3

Sep 6 - 27, Honey Harvest Festival

Aylmer, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the sweet Honey Harvest! Honey harvesting, beeswax candle making, beehive opening demonstrations. Live music, wagon rides, puppet shows and face painting. Bee Beard demonstration at 2 pm.

T: (519) 773-5503

W: www.clovermead.com ♿ 2

Sep 11 - 13, Festival National de l'Humour Hearst, Northern Ontario

Le Festival National de l'Humour is a comedy festival that offers three days of humorous performers and entertainment. A great way to spend the weekend with friends and family!

T: (705) 362-4900

W: www.conseildesarts-hearst.ca ♿ 7 ★

Sep 11 - 14, Lambeth Harvest Festival

Lambeth, Southwestern Ontario

Slow pitch tournament, bike rodeo, beer garden, car show, live entertainment, parade on Sat. at 10am, fireworks on Sun. at 9pm and much more.

T: (519) 652-8797

W: www.harvestfest.on.ca ♿ 2 ★

Sep 11 - Nov 9, Contemporary Portraiture: Curator's Choice

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Portraiture as a genre referred to the art of painting, photographing or sculpting the likeness of a person. Curated by Katerina Atanassova.

T: (905) 477-9511

W: www.varleygallery.ca ♿ 1 ★

Sep 12 - 13, Milverton Fair

Milverton, Southwestern Ontario

Go GREEN, Be Seen at the 145th Milverton Fair where "tradition meets tomorrow". Join us for environmentally-friendly focused fun. Educational exhibits and activities for the whole family.

T: (519) 595-4424

W: www.milvertonfair.ca ♿ 2

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Sep 12 - 14, Port Hope Agricultural Fair
Port Hope, Central Ontario

Agricultural, handcraft and children's exhibits, midway, ATV/lawn mower races, entertainment, 4H livestock competitions, horse pull vintage tractor and antique car shows and goat show.

T: (905) 396-3247

W: www.porthopefair.com ♿ 4

Sep 12 - 14, 149th Annual Harriston-Minto Fall Fair
Harriston, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a wide variety of events including midway, beer garden, horse, goat, cattle and dog shows, tractor and classic car shows, demolition derby and much, much more!

T: (519) 338-2511

W: www.harristontomintofair.ca ♿ 2 ★

Sep 12 - 14, Westitalia
Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

A three day festival where everyone "is" Italia in September. A wonderful community celebration of great food, fantastic entertainment and activities for the entire family.

T: (905) 526-6134

W: www.westdalevillage.ca ♿ 2 ★

Sep 12 - 14, Feversham Fair
Feversham, Southwestern Ontario

Country Fair featuring antique and farm tractor pulls, 4-H Invitational and Jr. calf shows, light horse show, memorabilia room, kids' activity zone, tug-o-war, Jr. & Sr. Ambassador contest.

T: (519) 922-2931

W: www.ontariofairs.com ♿ 2

Sep 12 - 14, Bracebridge Fall Fair & Horse Show
Bracebridge, Central Ontario

Enjoy old fashioned fall fair fun! Check out the horse pulls, tractor pulls, pet shows, horticultural displays, baking, needlework contests and midway rides. Sat dance, Sun auction.

T: (705) 645-4223

W: www.town.bracebridge.on.ca 4 ★

Sep 12 - 14, Downsview Park GoKarting Championships*Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

Downsview Park and Grand Prix Kartways go full-throttle this Sep weekend with the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship series bringing the high adrenaline sport to Canada's national urban park. See ad on back cover.

T: (416) 952-2222

W: www.pdp.ca 1 ★

Sep 12 - 14, Kirkton Fall Fair
Kirkton, Southwestern Ontario

Parade, pet show, baby show, pedal tractor pull, 4-H clubs, children's rides, decorated scarecrow contest & demolition derby.

T: (519) 229-8151 2 ★

Sep 12 - 14, Shelburne District Fair
Shelburne, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a weekend full of fun filled family events. Enjoy pork BBQ, midway, demolition derby, exhibitions and much, much more!

T: (519) 925-6520

W: www.townofshelburne.on.ca 2

Sep 12 - 15, Fergus Fall Fair
Fergus, Southwestern Ontario

Visit the 172nd Fergus Fall Fair for a grand experience in agricultural fun! 2008 Theme is Your Rural Roots.

T: 1-877-242-6353

W: www.fergusfallfair.ca ♿ 2 ★

Sep 13, Kettleby Fall Fair
Kettleby, Greater Toronto Area

Charming harvest fair in historic village park setting, all-day musical entertainment, quality products, hand-made arts & crafts, games, pony rides, petting zoo, noontime parade down quaint main street.

T: (905) 713-3658

W: www.village.kettleby.on.ca ♿ 1

Sep 13, Doors Open Timmins 2008
Timmins, Northern Ontario

The Doors Open Timmins Committee invites you to come celebrate the rich history and cultural diversity of Timmins at the 2nd Annual Doors Open Timmins event.

T: (705) 360-2617

W: www.doorsopentimmins.ca ♿ 7

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 13, Doors Open Waterloo Region
Waterloo Region, Southwestern Ontario

Doors Open Waterloo Region opens the doors to historical and architecturally significant buildings across the Waterloo Region.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 2 ★

Sep 13, Dragon Boat Festival
Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

A one day recreational Hong Kong style dragon boat race for trophies. Overall Winner will receive a free 2009 entry into the Stratford Dragon Boat Festival.

T: (519) 273-4271

W: www.rotarystratford.com 2

Sep 13 - 14, War of 1812 Re-enactment
Port Rowan, Southwestern Ontario

Hundreds of re-enactors and settlers set up camp at Backus during this popular annual event. Authentic military encampments and demonstrations. Kids' mini militia. Battle re-enactment 2pm each day.

T: 1-877-990-9932

W: www.lprca.on.ca 2

Sep 13 - 14, Doors Open Belleville & District
Belleville, Central Ontario

Doors Open Belleville and District is an opportunity to visit heritage sites in the area free of charge. With more sites participating in 2008 than in previous years, this promises to be interesting.

T: 1-888-852-9992

W: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 4 ★

Sep 13 - 14, Annual Art Market
Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Burlington Art Centre Art Market features over 100 Canadian artists and artisans selling their original works. Location to be announced. Check website. See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 632-7796

W: www.burlingtonartcentre.on.ca 1

Sep 13 - Oct 26, Harvest Festival Season
Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Decorated for fall, the farm offers wagon rides, scarecrow making, apple picking, pumpkin picking (available weekdays too), fresh baking, walking trails, corn maze, playground and animals.

T: (519) 469-3040

W: www.birtchfarms.com ♿ 2

Sep 14, 1914 Fall Fair
Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Enter your best baking, handiwork or preserves in competition for cash prizes. Musical entertainment, penny carnival and lots of fun.

T: (519) 748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/door ♿ 2 ★

Sep 14, Ironman 70.3 Muskoka Canada
Huntsville, Central Ontario

For over 21 years Trisport Promotions has been host to over 250,000 triathletes and over 300 triathlons across Ontario. Visit our website for more details.

T: 1-800-267-9700

W: www.ironmanmuskoka.com 4

Sep 14 - 19, Niagara Children's Water Festival
Jordan, Niagara Falls and Region

Discover. Connect. Understand. Perfect event for the whole family to visit Ball's Falls. Explore and learn about the importance of our water resources through interactive activities and displays.

T: (905) 788-3135

W: www.niagarachildrenswaterfestival.com ♿ 3

Sep 14 - 22, Cinefest Sudbury International Film Festival
Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Cinefest Sudbury has developed into a 9-day event, evolving into a major cultural tourism event. It is a favourite destination for serious Cinefiles.

T: (705) 688-1234

W: www.cinefest.com ♿ 7

Sep 15 - 17, Kapuskasing River Walleye Fishing Tournament
Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario

Walleye Tournament on the Kapuskasing River, come and enjoy a full day of fishing with your family and friends.

T: 1-800-463-6432 7 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 16 - 17, Brussels Fall Fair

Brussels, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy our Fall Fair, with opening ceremonies, parade, midway, home crafts, school & farm exhibits, 4-H beef and sheep, and lots more!

T: (519) 887-6687 **2**

Sep 16 - 20, "Come Home To The Country" - 2008 International Plowing Match

Teeswater, Southwestern Ontario


Experience Ontario's agriculture and country living at its best. Enjoy agriculture displays, demonstrations, horse and tractor plowing competitions, entertainment, parades, educational areas and

much more. See ad on page 83.

T: 1-877-IPM2008

W: www.ipm2008.ca **2** ★

Sep 17 - 21, Ottawa International Animation Festival

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The largest event of its kind in North America and one of the most respected animation events in the world. See website.

T: (613) 232-8769

W: www.animationfestival.ca **6**

Sep 18 - 20, Prince Edward County Music Festival

Picton, Eastern Ontario

Now in its 5th year, this three day Festival presents chamber music with a unique and exciting focus in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, an acoustically outstanding venue.

T: (613) 476-4811

W: www.pecmusicfestival.com **5** ★

Sep 18 - 21, Kingston Fall Fair

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Antiques, maple syrup, soap making, competitions: culinary arts, home crafts, flowers, fruit and vegetables, photography, cattle, poultry, grain, seed, horse shows; food vendors.

T: (613) 542-6701

W: www.kingstonfair.com **5**

Sep 19 - 20, 10th Annual Owen Sound Celtic Festival

Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrating all Celtic cultures, and our Scottish and Irish pioneers, through performing, visual and culinary arts, historical interpretation and education.

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.oscelticfestival.com **2** ★

Sep 19 - 20, Biketoberfest

Fenwick, Southwestern Ontario

Biketoberfest is a celebration of motorcycles with a draw for a Harley Davidson, vendors, refreshments, live music, show & shine, poker run, too. There will also be a special event on the Friday.

T: (905) 892-4685

W: www.fabulousfenwicklions.org **2**

Sep 19 - 20, Exeter Fall Fair

Exeter, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy evening entertainment, parade, horse shows, sheep, goat shows, 4-H calf exhibit, school division, pet show, midway and so much more!

T: (519) 235-1284 **2**

Sep 19 - 21, All Canadian Jazz Festival

Port Hope, Central Ontario

A weekend filled with Jazz in Memorial Park, featuring a Saturday Jazz Parade down historic main street, multitude of Jazz musicians, fabulous food and refreshments.

T: (905) 885-1938

W: www.allcanadianjazz.ca **4** ★

Sep 19 - 21, Ancaster Fair

Ancaster, Southwestern Ontario

Annual agricultural fair with livestock shows, agricultural educational program, demolition derby, entertainment, baby show, home craft and agricultural exhibits, and school fair exhibits. Great Fun!

T: (905) 648-6198

W: www.ancasterfair.ca **2**

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 19 - 21, Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair

Minesing, Central Ontario

Annual show and sale of quilting, spinning, weaving, rug hooking, stitchery and arts & crafts.

T: (705) 728-3721

W: www.simcoe.ca (under culture and information link) **4**

Sep 19 - 21, A Little Bit of French Next Door Festival

Belle River, Southwestern Ontario

We are very excited for this first time ever event to showcase our local French History. The festival criteria will include French language, atmosphere, music and food!

T: (519) 728-4624

W: www.belleriverbia.com **2** ★

Sep 19 - 21, Delhi Harvestfest

Delhi, Southwestern Ontario

3 Family fun filled days. Come enjoy this Harvest Festival full of musicians, performers, vendors, midway, parade, car show.

T: (519) 582-1108

W: www.delhiharvestfest.tripod.com **2** ★

Sep 19 - 21, Festival of Hawks

Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Southwestern Ontario

Experts at Hawk Tower assist with hawk identification. Workshops, seminars for all, dragon-fly hikes, hands-on kid's activities, wild hawk releases, bird banding, Monarch Butterfly demonstrations.

T: (519) 776-5209 x 308

W: www.erca.org **2**

Sep 19 - 21, The Orillia Beatles Celebration

Orillia, Central Ontario

Join us for a jam-packed festival celebrating the world's greatest band! Performances by Beatle tribute artists & bands Downtown, and in over 15 venues throughout Orillia. Museum and Marketplace.

T: (705) 325-4283

W: www.orilliabeatlescelebration.com **4**

2008 Bruce County INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH

September 16 - 20 Teeswater, Ontario

Come home to the Country

For more information contact: 1-877-IPM-2008 or ipm2008@wightman.ca

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 19 - 21, Settlers Day at Penetanguishene Centennial Museum

Penetanguishene, Central Ontario

180th celebration of the migration of Drummond Islanders from Drummond Island to Penetanguishene. The weekend promises to be unique honoring all Drummond Island families. Contact museum for more details.
T: (705) 549-2150
W: www.pencenmuseum.com 4 ★

Sep 19 - 21, Lucknow Fall Fair

Lucknow, Southwestern Ontario

Theme "Canadian Maple". Jr Ambassador Pageant, parade, livestock shows, displays, entertainment, children's activities and much more.
T: (519) 395-4010
W: www.lucknowagsociety.com 2 ★

Sep 19 - 21, Acton Fall Fair

Acton, Greater Toronto Area

"The Best Little Fall Fair in Ontario!"
T: (519) 853-9555
W: www.actonfair.ca 1

Sep 19 - 28, Niagara Grape and Wine Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Join the 57th "Wine Country" celebration of Niagara's internationally acclaimed grape and wine industry the last ten days of September. Named one of North America's Top 100 Events again by the American Bus Association.
T: (905) 688-0212
W: www.niagarawinefestival.com 3 ★

Sep 20, Downtown Cobourg Harvest Festival & Chili Cook-off

Cobourg, Central Ontario

This annual fall favourite features hayrides, pony rides, farmer's market, live entertainment, activities at the kids tent, apple pie contest, chili cook-off, other contests and other things Fall!
T: (905) 377-8024
W: www.downtowncobourg.ca 4 ★

Sep 20, Wye Marsh Rhythms Festival

Midland, Central Ontario

Wye Marsh Festival 2008 Folk Music will be featured on "centre stage". Join us for a BBQ lunch, beer garden, canoe rides and much more. Affordable family fun!
T: (705) 526-7809
W: www.wyemarsh.com 4 ★

Sep 20, Royal Medieval Faire

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Now in its 11th season, the Faire is an interactive day, consisting of vendors, hands-on displays, food & beverages, games, Celtic music, magic, swordplay, ceili plus much more!
T: (519) 747-8733
W: www.royalmedievalfaire.org 2

Sep 20, Cows Come Home Festival

Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Downtown Woodstock paints the downtown black and white...we're celebrating being the Dairy Capital - C.O.W. - (City of Woodstock). Come celebrate in downtown Woodstock!!!
T: (519) 537-5721
W: www.downtownwoodstock.ca 2 ★

Sep 20, Doors Open Newmarket

Newmarket, Greater Toronto Area

Newmarket will again participate in Doors Open Ontario, a program of the Ontario Heritage Trust. Twelve sites of local significance will open, all free of charge.
T: (905) 953-5314
W: www.newmarket.ca 1

Sep 20, Doors Open King Township

King City, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate heritage and tour significant properties for a behind the scenes tour that will connect visitors with the history of the site and community.
T: (905) 833-2331 1

Sep 20 - 21, GeoCache Blue

Village At Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

Discover GeoCaching, an Outdoor, High Tech Scavenger Hunt using hand GPS units. No experience necessary, 2 hours. Enter a team (4-6), we supply GPS. Great for families, all levels, all fun! Space limited.
T: 1-877-445-0231 x 6205
W: www.villageatblue.com 4 ★

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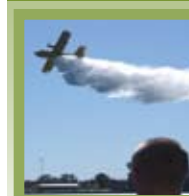
Sep 20 - 21, Doors Open Oshawa

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

Doors Open Oshawa is an opportunity to visit Oshawa's cultural treasures, free of charge! Explore our museums and art galleries, historic homes and churches, military and automotive heritage.
T: (905) 436-5636 x 2108
W: www.heritageoshawa.ca 1

Sep 20 - 21, Bushplane Days 2008

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario



Come out and celebrate the end of another summer season! Waterbombing demonstration, chartered flights, exhibits from all areas of aviation. Plenty of activities for the kids.

T: (705) 945-6242
W: www.bushplane.com 7

Sep 20 - 21, Flesherton Split Rail Festival

Flesherton, Southwestern Ontario

Ontario's "friendliest festival", Split Rail features a fabulous Craft Fair with over 80 vendors, famous Quilt Auction, antique and classic cars and farm equipment and Ontario Horseshoeing Championships.
T: (519) 924-0150
W: www.splitrailfestival.com 2 ★

Sep 20 - 21, St. George Apple Fest & Craft Show

St. George, Southwestern Ontario



Voted "Best Attraction" in Brant County Shining Stars awards. We offer apples, pies, antiques, crafts, entertainment, children's activities, craft show, food and fun. Coaches welcome by pre-arranging.

T: (519) 448-1344
W: www.stgeorgeapplefest.com 2 ★

Sep 20 - 21, Doors Open London

London, Southwestern Ontario

Doors Open London is a premier annual heritage event that invites the public to learn about our city's past by taking free tours of London's best heritage sites.
T: (519) 645-2845
W: www.doorsopenlondon.ca 2

Sep 20 - 21, North American Police Equestrian Championships

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

This event will be a highlight of the fall schedule and is the first time it has been hosted at Fort Henry National Historic Site. Please visit our website for more details. See ad on page 45.
T: (613) 542-7388
W: www.forthenry.com 5 ★

Sep 20 - 27, Taste of Port Dalhousie

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Enjoy a guided culinary tour of the restaurants of Port Dalhousie featuring seven restaurants paired with seven Niagara wineries.
T: (905) 937-4783
W: www.portdalhousie.com 3

Sep 21, Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release Day

Baldwin, Central Ontario

Come out and release your own Monarch Butterfly to begin its migration to Mexico for the winter. Cost is \$7.00 for each tag and this includes a tour of the Butterfly Conservatory.
T: 1-800-598-0041
W: www.bluewillowgarden.com 4

Sep 21, Pioneer Fall Fair

Port Perry, Central Ontario

Step back in time and visit the village for our annual fall fair. Enjoy historical demos by the military re-enactors, blacksmith, woodworker and printmaker history and more.
T: (905) 985-3589
W: www.scugogshoresmuseum.com 4

Sep 25 - 27, Rainy River Walleye Tournament

Rainy River, Northern Ontario

Parade of boats, dances, mini trade show. Watch your favourite angler weigh-in. Fish fry, kids' games, kids' mini fishing tournament, draws and much more.
T: (807) 852-3650
W: www.rrwalleye.com 7

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Sep 25 - 28, Caledonia Fair - 136th Annual Caledonia, Southwestern Ontario

Experience the sounds, sights and delights of the Caledonia Fair. Livestock, home craft, food and the midway combined with continuous entertainment and popular demolition derby.

T: (905) 765-6861

W: www.caledoniafair.com 2 ★

Sep 26 - 28, Coldwater Fall Fair Coldwater, Central Ontario

Friday: Parade, demo derby; Saturday: Indoor exhibits, livestock shows; pulls; antique appraisals, tug-of-war, tractor/truck pulls; Sunday: English/Western horse, children's pony shows, spelling bee, antique machines.

T: (705) 538-2111

W: www.coldwaterfallfair.com 4

Sep 26 - 28, 24th Annual Applefest Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Join in Markham Museum's salute to the wonderful apple! The Museum operates its own apple cider mill and offers samples to visitors. Rides, shows, food, fun!

T: (905) 294-4576

W: www.markhammuseum.ca 1 ★

Sep 26 - 28, Go Snowmobiling Show Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

For snowmobilers and club members, the OFSC Snowmobiling Show is a once-a-year opportunity to see all of the coming year's models and prototypes from the industry giants.

T: 1-888-695-2677

W: www.sportshows.ca 1 ★

Sep 26 - 28, Calvacade of Colours Dowling, Northern Ontario

Enjoy an annual arts and crafts show, country fair, on-going activities and a barbecue throughout the event. Participants are encouraged to take a walk/hike on the trails at A.Y. Jackson Lookout.

T: 705-855-3610

W: www.cavacadeofcolours.com 7

Sep 26 - Oct 5, Barrie's 6th Colours of Music Barrie, Central Ontario

Barrie's 6th Colours of Music presents wonderful music wonderfully performed by choirs, orchestras, etc. from across Canada and around the world.

T: (705) 725-1070

W: www.coloursofmusic.ca 4

Sep 26 - Oct 5, Dream Catcher Express North Bay, Northern Ontario

Dream Catcher Express is a fall colour train day excursion traveling from North Bay to Temagami and returns on the same day. Features a dome car, professional entertainers and licensed snack coach.

T: (800) 461-8558

W: www.ontarionorthland.ca/PassengerRail/newdreamcatcher/dchome.htm 7

Sep 26 - Oct 19, THE QUILT: A Breast Cancer Support Project - Casa Loma Quilt Exhibit Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Exhibit of 120 handmade quilts donated from across Canada displayed throughout the majestic castle.

T: (416) 923-1171

W: www.casaloma.org 1

Sep 27, TASTE! A Celebration of Regional Cuisine Picton, Eastern Ontario

Prince Edward County's annual one-day epicurean experience featuring regional chefs, gifted growers, wonderful winemakers and the best beers, cider and cuisine.

T: 1-866-845-6644

W: www.thecounty.ca/taste 5 ★

Sep 27, Kingston Chilifest Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Don't miss the fun and excitement of autumn in the City! Enjoy a spectacular day featuring local restaurateurs and chefs struttin' their hot stuff along with family friendly activities.

T: 1-888-855-4555

W: www.chillifest.ca 5

Sep 27, Rocklyn Fair Meaford, Southwestern Ontario

Traditional fall fair featuring men's pie baking contest, Junior Farmers Olympics, 4-H calf show, pet show, baby and toddler show, exhibits. Fun for the whole family.

T: (519) 538-1759

W: www.ontariofairs.com 2

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 27, Doors Open Mississauga Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Visit the old and the new as Mississauga opens its doors to the public to celebrate our rich heritage.

T: (905) 896-5314

W: www.mississauga.ca 1 ★

Sep 27, Doors Open Stratford Perth Perth County & Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

As part of Doors Open Ontario, the 10 to 12 locations throughout Perth County and Stratford will be open to the public on that day.

T: 1-800-561-7926

W: www.visitperth.ca or www.welcometostratford.com 2

Sep 27, Doors Open Brant Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Investigate 16 unique sites from across Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations and New Credit. All locations are new to this year's event, each significant in heritage, architecture and culture.

T: 1-800-265-6299

W: www.doorsopenbrant.ca 2 ★

Sep 27 - 28, Rural Ramble & Autumn Adventures in the Ottawa Valley Pembroke, Eastern Ontario

Enjoy a traditional self-guided driving tour which takes visitors through the various agricultural and rural operations of the scenic Ottawa Valley countryside.

T: 1-800-757-6580

W: www.ottawavalley.org 5

Sep 27 - 28, Ruthven Apple Festival Ruthven, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy the down home country atmosphere for the entire family. Children's rides, farmer's market, over 100 craft and food vendors, parade, car show. All proceeds benefit Community Living Essex County.

T: (519) 776-6483 x 246

W: www.communitylivingessex.org 2 ★

Sep 27 - 28, Deer Trail Studio Tour Elliot Lake, Northern Ontario

16th Annual Art Show & Sale "Art in the Colours". Meet up to 45 artists and artisans at various locations along the Deer Trail Touring Route.

T: (705) 848-8164

W: www.deertrailstudiotour.com 7

Sep 27 - 28, Purple Hills Studio Tour Clearview Township, Central Ontario

This top rated studio tour provides an opportunity to visit painters, sculptors, fabric and glass artists in their studios and purchase one-of-a-kind art.

T: (705) 445-8191

W: www.arttour.ca 4

Sep 27 - 28, Norfolk Studio Tour Norfolk County, Southwestern Ontario

Free self-guided tour of artists studios and guest artists in their work environment.

Purchase that unique gift!

T: (519) 583-1101

W: www.norfolkstudiotour.com 2 ★

Sep 27 - 28, Hills of Erin Studio Tour Hillsburgh, Southwestern Ontario

20th annual Hills of Erin Studio Tour - self-guided tour from 10am-5pm. Visit over 25 local artists and artisans in over 15 locations throughout the Hills of Erin.

T: (519) 833-7105

W: www.hillssoferinstudiotour.com 2

Sep 27 - Oct 5, Elora & Fergus Studio Tour Fergus & Elora, Southwestern Ontario

The Elora/Fergus Studio Tour is hosted in Ontario's most picturesque areas. The tour offers a unique opportunity to visit working artist studios and experience first hand how works of art are created.

T: 1-877-242-6353

W: www.elorafergusstudiotour.ca 2 ★

Sep 27 - Oct 5, Victoria County Studio Tour in the City of Kawartha Lakes City of Kawartha Lakes, Central Ontario

Over 20 artists and artisans open their studios for the 23rd Annual Studio Tour throughout the beautiful City of Kawartha Lakes. Enjoy the Art, the Fall colours and our Hospitality!

T: (705) 887-1340

W: www.victoriacountystudiotour.com 4

Sep 27 - Oct 26, 7th Annual Harvest Hillbilly Hoedown Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Servin' up a heapin' helpin' of fun, Hillbilly Style! At our 7th Annual Harvest Halloween Hoedown Weekends in October! Pig races, pumpkins, farm animal show, hayrides, bonn barn. Yee Haw!

T: (519) 624-0085

W: www.yeehawadventurefarm.com 2

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Sep 27 - Oct 26, Harvest Festival Milton, Greater Toronto Area

Weekends: Sept 27/28 to Oct 25/26. Boo Barn wagon ride & tour, face painting, pumpkin painting, animal barn, corn mazes, BBQ, farm yard, giant sand box, bakery, farm market, gift barn.

T: (905) 878-4908

W: www.springridgefarm.com 1

Sep 27 - Oct 30, Downey's Pumpkinfest North of Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Slightly haunted with a Boo Barn and Skeleton Band. Wagon/pony rides, corn maze, puppet show, live entertainment. Barn market with fresh fruit and veggies, bake goods and more.

T: (905) 838-2990

W: www.downeysfarm.com 1

Sep 28, Doors Open Barrie Barrie, Central Ontario

First annual Doors Open event in Barrie. Explore the community, its history and culture! Enjoy free walking tours and access to significant buildings, attractions, and landmarks in the community.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.doorsopenbarrie.ca 4

Sep 28, 8th Annual 1/3 Marathon & 6km Run Deep River, Eastern Ontario

Enjoy the town streets and beautiful scenic fall trails, while participating in the 1/3 Marathon & 6 km Run. This is an annual event that will take place on Sunday, September 28th. Entry fee is \$12.

T: (613) 584-2000 x 103

W: www.deepriver.ca 5

Sep 28, Ciderfest Egmondville, Southwestern Ontario

Flea market, rope making, weaving, rug braiding, carving, heritage demos, tea cup reading, hot and cold cider, apple fritter, beef on a bun, hot dogs, etc. House open for tours.

T: (519) 523-4411 2

Sep 28, Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon/Half Marathon/5k Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



Flat, fast and festive! The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon is the sixth fastest marathon in North America. Visit our website for more details.

T: (416) 944-2765

W: www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com 1

Sep 28, The Word On The Street Toronto Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's largest book and magazine festival has something for everyone. Take in a reading, hone your skills at a writer's workshop, enjoy a musical performance, or browse the 250 literary exhibits.

T: (416) 504-7241

W: www.thewordonthestreet.ca 1

Sep 29 - Oct 15, Fall Rhapsody Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Admire the magical fall colours of Gatineau Park, only 15 minutes from Parliament Hill. Explore 90 km of trails by bicycle or on foot. Enjoy activities for the whole family.

T: 1-800-465-1867

W: www.capitaleducana.gc.ca 6

Sep 29 - 31, Charlton Agricultural Society Charlton, Northern Ontario

Teddy Bear Picnic, Prince and Princess of Pumpkin Patch, Heavy Horse Pull, Horse Show, Home crafts, Flowers, Vegetables, Livestock and Fun Auction.

T: (705) 544-8969

W: www.ontariofairs.com 7

Sep 30 - Nov 29, In Picasso's Shoes Orillia, Central Ontario

In this exhibition, artist Teo Dragonieri transforms commonplace shoes to represent the art of 56 great artists whose work influenced the development of 20th century art.

T: (705) 326-2159

W: www.orilliamuseum.org 4

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Fabulous Fall

Celebrate with old friends and new at **Kitchener-Waterloo's Oktoberfest**, the largest event of its kind outside of Germany.



Experience the incredible monster **Pumpkinfest** in **Port Elgin** and **Waterford's Pumpkin Festival** with its huge pumpkin pyramid. Rural

Ontario is spectacular at the **Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show**. For one sleepless night, experience **Toronto** transformed by artists during **Scotiabank's Nuit Blanche**, or enjoy art in the light of day on a **Studios of Brampton** tour. **Ball's Falls Thanksgiving**

Festival is delightful fun for the whole family, with artisans, Canadian-made goods and yummy gourmet treats. Have a 'spook'tacular good time on a **Ghost Walking Tour** in **St. Catharines**, or at **Fort Fright Night** in **Thunder Bay**.



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Oct 1, Fall & Winter Celebrations

Visit www.ontariotravel.net for information on fall and winter celebrations in communities throughout Ontario in the Fall & Winter Celebrations Supplement.

Oct 1, Chilean Wine Festival

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Discover the diversity and unique flavours of Chilean wines. Celebrate and savour wines from more than 25 wineries, sample authentic Chilean appetizers and enjoy the live entertainment - a complete Chilean experience all under one roof!

T: (416) 398-3335

W: www.winesofchile.ca ♿ 1

Oct 2 - 5, Markham Fair

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's largest 4 day fair- agricultural exhibits and competitions, huge midway, horse racing, demo derby, tractor pull, baby farm animals, entertainment, 200 vendors and much more!

T: 1-800-450-3557

W: www.markhamfair.ca ♿ 1 ★

Oct 2 - 6, Toronto International Art Fair

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Keep current on what's happening in the contemporary Canadian art scene where artists new and established showcase their art.

T: 1-800-663-4173

W: www.tiafair.com ♿ 1

Oct 3 - 5, 8th Annual Kingston Jazz Festival

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Top Canadian artists featured in the newly renovated Baby Grand Theatre. Visit our website for more details.

T: (613) 530-2050

W: www.kingstonjazz.com ♿ 5

Oct 3 - 5, Niagara Food Festival

Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Celebrate the Peninsula's Tastiest Party on Merritt Island in Welland. With over 40 wineries, and food vendors showcasing their finest delights.

T: (905) 735-1761

W: www.niagarafoodfestival.com ♿ 3 ★

Oct 3 - 5, Upper Canada Heritage Days

Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

Experience history first hand, have it come back to life as you witness both land and naval battles daily as actual battles from the War of 1812 are recreated. Meet historical personalities.

T: (519) 354-0294

W: www.heritagedays.ca ♿ 2 ★

Oct 4 - 5, Doors Open Collingwood

Collingwood, Central Ontario

The doors to some of Collingwood's most beautiful and intriguing historic and cultural spaces.

T: 1-866-444-1162

W: www.doorsopencollingwood.ca ♿ 4 ★

Oct 4 - 5, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest

Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario



1000+ lb pumpkins, 1000s of antique and classic cars, Tons of Family Fun Second to None! Come experience Port Elgin Pumpkinfest! See ad on page 90.

T: 1-800-387-3456

W: www.pumpkinfest.org ♿ 2 ★

Oct 4 - 5, Tweed and Area Studio Tour

Marlbank, Eastern Ontario

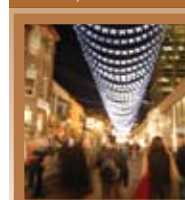
Our self-guided studio tour of artists and artisans features: Painters, sculptors, potters, decorative and functional woodworking, spinning, weaving, rug hooking, fibre art and figurative art.

T: (613) 478-5147

W: www.tweedstudiotour.org 5

Oct 4 - 5, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



For one sleepless night, experience Toronto transformed by artists. Discover art in galleries, museums and unexpected places. Explore more than 195 destinations. One night only. All night long.

T: (416) 338-0338

W: www.toronto.ca/special_events 1 ★

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Oct 4 - 5, Studios of Brampton Brampton, Greater Toronto Area



Tour various professional artists studios throughout Brampton and see how they work. See ad on page 93.

T: (905) 874-2919
W: www.artsbrampton.ca 1

Oct 4 - 6, Apple Harvest Festival Village at Blue Mountain, Central Ontario

Celebrate the bounties of fall in Apple Country! Pumpkin carving, horse and wagon rides, street performers, live outdoor bands, the famous Apple Pie Contest, all FREE. Also, win fall colours gondola rides.

T: (705) 445-0231 x 6205
W: www.villageatblue.com 4 ★

Oct 4 - 12, Haliburton County Studio Tour Minden, Central Ontario

Annual event held the weekend before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving weekend. See how the artists of Haliburton live and work while enjoying some of the best Fall Colours in the Province.

T: 1-800-461-7677
W: www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca 4 ★

Oct 4 - 13, Sensational Elora Elora, Southwestern Ontario

10 festive days showcasing art, drama, music and food in Elora.

T: 1-877-242-6353
W: www.ferguselora.com/chamber 2 ★

Oct 4 - 24, Amish Tours Millbank/Milverton, Southwestern Ontario

On Saturdays in October, take a driving tour to see the Amish way of life, their culture, their skills, how they make their livelihoods - in a world without electric power. This tour is perhaps the rarest jewel we have to offer this autumn.

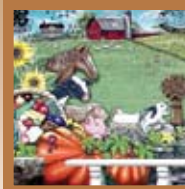
T: (519) 595-7570
W: www.visitperth.ca 2

Oct 7 - 13, Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

Something for everyone. Meet farm animals, view competitions, enjoy the arts and entertainment. Savour tasty food, thrills of the midway, view the largest horse show in Canada. Come for the FUN!

T: (519) 426-7280
W: www.norfolkcountyfair.com 2 ★

Oct 10 - 13, Rockton World's Fair Rockton, Southwestern Ontario



Enjoy old fashioned country fun including horse shows, Ontario Regional Clydesdale show, North American 6-horse hitch, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, 4-H, demo derby,

midway and more!
T: 1-866-985-2002
W: www.rocktonworldsfair.com 2

Oct 10 - 13, Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival Welland, Niagara Falls and Region



34th annual festival, fun for the whole family - over 100 juried artisans, Canadian-made goods - great for gifting, live entertainment, children's workshops and activities, gourmet foods, heritage demos.

T: (905) 788-3135
W: www.conservation-niagara.on.ca 3 ★

Oct 10 - 13, Brigden Fall Fair Brigden, Southwestern Ontario

This annual fall fair includes livestock shows and competitions, home craft display buildings, fruit/vegetable vendors, midway with rides, 4-H shows, food and beverage stands.

T: (519) 864-1197
W: www.brigdenfair.ca 2 ★

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Oct 10 - 18, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario



Canada's Great Bavarian Festival offers something for everyone with 17 exciting festhallen and over 30 Family and Cultural Events. Canada's largest Thanksgiving Day parade is Mon.

Oct. 13th. See ad on page 90.
T: (519) 570-4267
W: www.oktoberfest.ca 2 ★

Oct 10 - 18, Oktoberfest at Bingemans Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

K-W Oktoberfest is North America's largest Bavarian Festival. Visitors take part in the annual celebrations. Bingemans provides a grand selection of events for all ages throughout Oktoberfest.

T: (519) 744-1555
W: www.bingemans.com 2 ★

Oct 11 - 13, Buckhorn Harvest Craft Show Buckhorn, Central Ontario

120 Artisans displaying for sale toys, florals, pottery, woodworking, designer clothing, jewelry, stained glass, seasonal items, leather goods, gourmet foods, home decor plus much more!

T: (705) 657-8833
W: www.buckhorncommunitycentre.com 4 ★

Oct 11 - 13, Crown & Pumpkin Studio Tour Lanark/Clayton/Blakeney/Almonte, Eastern Ontario

This tour is one of the most artistically diverse art tours in eastern Ontario and is now in its 12th year. The tour takes place over the Thanksgiving weekend in Lanark County.

T: (613) 256-8370
W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca 5 ★

Oct 12, Ottawa Fall Colours Marathon, Half Marathon, 5 & 10 Km Run Ottawa, Ottawa Region

A Boston Qualifier! Something for everyone with a marathon, half marathon, 5 & 10 Km runs and Michael's Most Excellent 1 Km Turkey Trot. Set in the countryside of the Village of Cumberland.

T: (613) 859-3608
W: www.somersault.ca 6

Oct 13, Unionville Little Oktoberfest Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday filled with great food, fun atmosphere and festivities with an old Bavarian flare. Catch a ride on the double-decker bus rides and learn a bit about Unionville's first settlers - Germans!

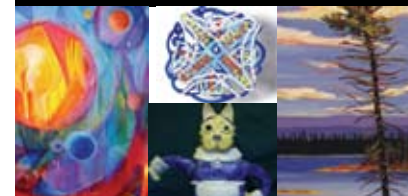
T: (905) 477-0117
W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1 ★

Oct 15 - 19, imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival brings together the best in Aboriginal Film, Video, Radio and New Media from around the world.

T: (416) 585-2333
W: www.imagenative.org 1

Studios of Brampton TOUR 2008



Join us the first weekend in October for a free, self-guided tour to meet our Brampton artists, view their studios and watch as they create their masterpieces!

**Saturday, October 4th &
Sunday, October 5th, 2008**
from 10am to 5pm each day.

Call (905) 874-2919 or order your
FREE Studios of Brampton guide, or visit
www.StudiosofBrampton.com

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

Oct 16 - 19, Toronto Ski Snowboard and Travel Show

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Everything and anything to make your slope side experience complete! Canada's largest showcase of ski and snowboard related travel destinations, equipment, clothing, lifestyle information and related products and services.

T: 1-888-695-2677

W: www.sportshows.ca ♿ 1 ★

Oct 16 - 30, Historic Ghost Walking Tours

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Come hear the history and haunting stories of many buildings in the Downtown St. Catharines area.

T: (905) 685-8424

W: www.mydowntown.ca ♿ 3

Oct 17 - 19, 18th Annual Orillia Jazz Festival

Orillia, Central Ontario

A weekend of great live jazz at Orillia and area restaurants and hotels! Opening Gala, free shuttle bus service Friday and Saturday evenings.

T: (705) 329-0001

W: www.orilliajazzfest.ca 4 ★

Oct 17 - 19, Hike Haliburton Festival

Haliburton County, Central Ontario

With over 30 hikes, there is definitely something to suit all interests, ages and abilities. A great event for the whole family. All hikes are guided. Register online today!

T: (705) 489-4049

W: www.trailsandtours.com 4 ★

Oct 17 - 19, Annual Rainbow Trout Derby - Joe Brandon Memorial

Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

Prizes for three heaviest rainbow trout weighed in at station. Various age categories. Registration includes camping at Rainbow Valley.

T: (519) 233-3158

W: www.huroncounty.ca 2 ★

Oct 17 - 25, Ghost Encounters 2008

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Ghost Encounters is a Haunted Hayride and Haunted Barn. Adult entertainment. Not recommended for children. Oct. 17, 18, 24, & 25. All proceeds in support of Participation House.

T: (519) 756-1430

W: www.DougTheGreat.com ♿ 2 ★

Oct 17 - 26, Fright Nights

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Oct. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26. Come and enjoy all the fun! Haunted Houses, Scary Skates, Art on Ice, Crafts for Kids, Swamp Monster Swim. Please contact the City of Brampton Recreation Centres for more information.

T: (905) 874-3956

W: www.brampton.ca ♿ 1 ★

Oct 17 - 26, Fort Fright Night

Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Embark upon a haunted tour of Fort William as spooky happenings unfold. Mysterious screams & piercing sounds & unsettling bumps in the night abound! Not for the faint of heart! Oct. 17-19, 24-26.

T: (807) 473-2357

W: www.fwhp.ca 7 ★

Oct 17 - 31, Scream Park at Bingemans

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Screampark is a new adventure in terror, unlike any you've ever seen before. Are you easily scared? Then our BooBerry patch for Kids offers you plenty of Halloween fun.

T: (519) 744-1555

W: www.screampark.ca 2 ★

Oct 17 - Nov 2, Halloween Ghost Tours

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Hallowe'en guided walking tour through haunted Fort George. Thrill to accounts of real-life experiences with ghosts, spirits and things that go bump in the night. Not a haunted house ride.

T: (905) 468-6621

W: www.niagara.ontarioghosts.org ♿ 3

Oct 18 - 19, Scarlet Maple Cycle or Drive Fall Tour

Lanark, Eastern Ontario

"Open Doors" of eleven heritage churches, museums, studios and workshops of area artists and artisans and interesting country stores. End your tour with a delicious community/church dinner. See ad on page 35.

T: 1-866-559-9154

W: www.lanark-highlands.com ♿ 5 ★

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Oct 18 - 19, Gem Storm 2008

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Annual gem and mineral show sponsored by Kingston Lapidary and Mineral Club. Unique jewelry, exotic fossils, exquisite gemstones, one of a kind carvings, minerals, children's mine.

T: (613) 384-4439

W: www.spaceclick.ca/klmc ♿ 5

Oct 18 - 19, Doors Open Niagara

Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Historical buildings in the City of Welland are open to the public.

T: (905) 735-1700

W: www.welland.ca 3 ★

Oct 18 - 19, Doors Open Haunted Huron

Clinton, Southwestern Ontario

Explore the supernatural when the communities of Huron County open their scariest sites and spookiest buildings to the bright light of day. History doesn't always stay dead.

T: (519) 482-5457

W: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca 2

Oct 18 - 26, Barrie Film Festival

Barrie, Central Ontario

Celebrating its 11th year with a showcase of films from around the world, delivering venues for both filmmakers and film lovers alike with a Shorts Competition, galas and special guest Q&As.

T: (705) 721-9696

W: www.barriefilmfestival.ca ♿ 4

Oct 18 - 26, Boo at the Zoo

Scarborough, Greater Toronto Area

Two weekends of Boo at the Zoo! Kids aged 12 and under in costume, accompanied by an adult, receive free admission (2 kids per adult). Check out our scary Kids Zoo, magicians, with boo brew and more!

T: (416) 392-5929

W: www.torontozoo.com ♿ 1

Oct 18 - 30, Haunted House

Waterdown, Southwestern Ontario

Be prepared for the fright of your life. Something only endured in nightmares. Promises to be scarier than 2007!! Dare to enter the Haunted House. Proceeds support literacy in the community.

T: (905) 527-3823 x 230

W: www.rotaryhauntedhouse.ca 2

Oct 18 - Nov 1, Special Halloween Tours

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Join us for the spookiest time of the year on our special Halloween tours. Various departure times in English and French each evening.

T: (613) 232-0344

W: www.hauntedwalk.com 6

Oct 20 - 25, East Africa Quilt Exhibit

Ailsa Craig, Southwestern Ontario

Quilts from East Africa. Over 125 quilts on display, classes by quilters from Africa. Lecture/slide show twice daily on quilting in Africa. Quilts from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Rwanda.

T: (519) 293-3499

W: www.cotton-by-post.com ♿ 2

Oct 22 - Nov 1, International Festival of Authors

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The 29th Annual IFOL will present a number of special events including readings by Scotiabank Giller Prize and Governor General's Literary Awards finalists, as well as the awarding of the Harbourfront Festival Prize.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.readings.org ♿ 1 ★

Oct 24 - 26, Vintage Film Festival

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Features movies from the 20s and early 30s including silent films and talkies.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.vintagefilmfestival.ca ♿ 4 ★

Oct 24 - 26, Haunted Halloween Village

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

Guests will be guided through the dark village listening to ghost stories, learning about some of the history and collecting candy at various locations. Tailored to kids 10 and under.

T: (905) 294-4576

W: www.markhammuseum.ca ♿ 1

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Oct 24 - 26, Halloween House

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

A haunted maze, face painting, spooky portrait photography and kids activities. A fun event for families. Appropriate for children from toddlers to teens.

T: (705) 945-9756

W: www.ssmarts.org ♿ 7

Oct 24 - 26, Scream Works

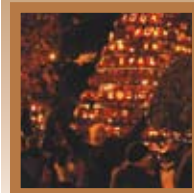
Peterborough, Central Ontario

Ontario's Halloween destination! A city-wide Halloween festival with haunted house, psychic fair, family fun zone, ghost bus tours, live entertainment and more! A Family Friendly Event!

T: (705) 742-0662

W: www.screamworks.ca 4 ★

Oct 24 - 26, Waterford Pumpkin Festival

Waterford, Southwestern Ontario


Various family events - craft show, parade, carnival and car show. And, a huge pumpkin pyramid. Kids day, baby contest, motorcycle show, spook house, chicken chariot race.

T: (519) 443-0113

W: www.pumpkinfest.com 2 ★

Oct 25, Pumpkinfest

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Enjoy free pumpkin carving and jack-o-lantern light show, then take your pumpkin home with you! Free admission.

T: (613) 213-4992 ♿ 5

Oct 25, Haunted Hamilton's Halloween Costume Ball

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

You don't want to miss this enchanting night at Hamilton's historic and very haunted Customs House! Featuring music, costume prizes and great food! Visit the Haunted Hamilton website for more details!

T: (905) 529-4327

W: www.hauntedhamilton.com ♿ 2

Oct 25 - 26, Ontario Wood Carvers Competition and Show

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Watch and learn as more than 100 wood carvers demonstrate, exhibit and talk about wood carving. From small plates to life-size sculptures, this is a show to see.

T: (416) 736-1733

W: www.blackcreek.ca ♿ 1

Oct 27, Aberfoyle Fall Special

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario


Canada's original antique market introduces the industry's newest outdoor show. Browse two hundred vendors teeming with antiques, collectibles and nostalgic treasures,

in a fresh air setting. See ad on page 13.

T: 1-877-763-1077

W: www.aberfoyle-antiques.com ♿ 2

Oct 30 - Nov 2, HOCKtoberfest 2008

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

A female hockey festival like no other! 72 teams from all over the globe, including Great Britain, Sweden, Germany, Canada & the U.S. will be converging on Windsor for 4 days. Displays, clinics & more!

T: (519) 816-8235

W: www.hocktoberfest.com ♿ 2

Oct 31 - Nov 2, The Maker's Hand

Picton, Eastern Ontario

Browse Eastern Ontario's most exciting show and sale for unique pieces from a collection of work including wood, metal, mixed media, glass, jewelry, clay, fibre and wearable art.

T: (613) 476-4811

W: www.themakershand.com ♿ 5 ★

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Before you take off, log on.

For additional festival and event listings, visit www.ontariotravel.net for the Canada Day, Holidays & Winter Celebration supplements.

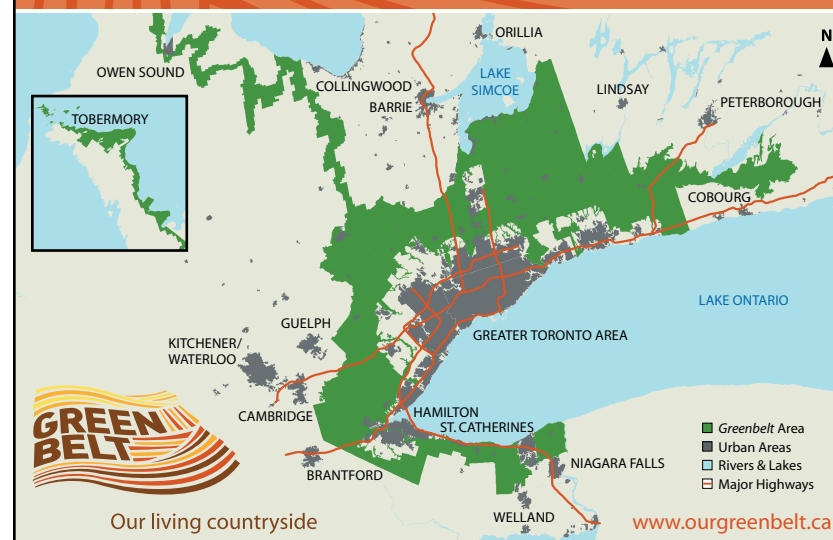
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Holiday Spirit

As the holiday season approaches, many communities throughout Ontario start the celebrations with holiday



parades. Partake in the Yuletide spirit at a **Santa Claus Parade** in **Toronto**, **Woodstock** or **Cobourg**. Charming **holiday light displays** illuminate the crisp evenings in **Niagara Falls**, **Owen Sound**, **Espanola**, **Toronto** and

many other Ontario communities. **Simcoe's Christmas Panorama** will bring a smile to everyone's face. Visit **Toronto's Royal Winter Fair**, the largest indoor combined agricultural, horticultural, canine and equestrian event in the world. Searching for that perfect gift?

Check out the **RBG Auxiliary Christmas Sale** in **Burlington** or stroll through **Mississauga's Christmas Marketplace** for some unique handmade gifts. For a complete listing of Fall & Winter Celebrations visit **www.ontariotravel.net**.



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Nov 1, Fall & Winter Celebrations

Visit www.ontariotravel.net for information on fall and winter celebrations in communities throughout Ontario in the Fall & Winter Celebrations Supplement.

Nov 1 - Mar 1, Celebrate the Season 2008 Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us as the City of Mississauga celebrates the season with free events at the Civic Centre for the family to enjoy, starting with the tree lighting. Visit website for a complete list of events.
T: (905) 615-3200 x 2403
W: www.mississauga.ca ♿ 1 ★

Nov 5 - 9, 20th Annual Ottawa Storytelling Festival Ottawa, Ottawa Region

The Festival will feature some of the best storytellers from Ottawa and across Canada, telling stories of every description for children, families and adults.
T: (613) 722-2606
W: www.ottawastorytellers.ca ♿ 6

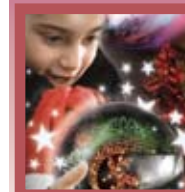
Nov 7 - 9, Words Aloud Spoken Word Festival Durham, Southwestern Ontario

A spoken word festival now in its fifth year in Durham, Ontario, featuring distinguished poets and storytellers from across Canada.
T: (519) 369-3692
W: www.wordsaloud.ca ♿ 2

Nov 7 - 16, Royal Winter Fair Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The place where entertainment meets education. It's the largest indoor combined agricultural, horticultural, canine and equestrian event in the world!
T: (416) 263-3400
W: www.royalfair.org 1 ★

Nov 8 - Jan 5, Winter Festival of Lights 2008/2009 Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region



Canada's foremost lights festival illuminates the nights with over 3 million lights and more than 120 animated displays in the spectacular setting of Niagara Falls, Ontario. See ad on page 101.

T: 1-800-563-2557
W: www.wfol.com ♿ 3 ★

Nov 13 -15, RBG Auxiliary Christmas Sale Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Nothing says Christmas like the festive talents of the RBG elves! Gorgeous holiday greenery for sale, vendors with unique gifts and more! Start your Christmas shopping early!
T: (905) 527-1158
W: www.rbg.ca ♿ 1 ★

Nov 13 -16, Festival of Trees Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario

Come out and enjoy local entertainers and stroll through the many displays of decorated wreaths and trees. Most of the displays will be raffled off or auctioned.
T: (705) 738-6163
W: www.kawarthasettlersvillage.com 4

Nov 14 - Jan 6, WinterGreen Festival Niagara West, Niagara Falls and Region

Celebrate Natural Niagara! Cuisine, wine, lighting, decorations, shopping, arts, heritage, health, wellness, scenery, Green Christmas Season and Twelve Days of Christmas activities for all!
T: (905) 945-6651
W: www.angelfest.com 3 ★

Nov 14, St. Marys Santa Claus Parade St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

Taking place after sundown, this lighted parade is one of the most delightful events you will ever experience! North on James St. S., left (west) on Queen St., left (south) on Water St.
T: 1-800-769-7668
W: www.townofstmarys.com ♿ 2 ★

Nov 14 -15, Unionville Moonlight Madness & Home for the Holidays Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Tour neighbourhood homes decked out for the season. Shops are open late and you can enjoy evening horse and carriage rides which meander through the village.
T: (905) 477-0117
W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ♿ 1 ★

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Nov 14 - Jan 4, Festival of Northern Lights Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

Over 300 displays and 53,000 lights in the trees and along the riverbanks will captivate all ages. Lights on nightly 5pm-11pm. Special events for visitors and tour buses to enjoy. Catch the Magic!

T: 1-888-675-5555

W: www.festivallights.ca ♿ 2 ★

Nov 14 - Jan 4, Festival of Lights St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

During the holiday season, historic Downtown St. Marys is decorated with thousands of miniature lights, garlands & bows. Visit "The Milt Dunnell Field" where lighted figures look upon the Thames River.

T: 1-800-769-7668

W: www.townofstmarys.com ♿ 2 ★

Nov 15, Sudbury Santa Claus Parade Sudbury, Northern Ontario

The downtown parade celebrates the arrival of the holiday season with more than 60 floats, including the jolly old man and his colourful entourage.

T: (705) 671-2489

W: www.greatersudbury.ca ♿ 7 ★

Nov 15, Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

A community Santa Claus Parade with bands, floats, vehicles and marching groups. Main & Queen to John St., north to John & King, west on King to Bay St.

T: (905) 387-2682

W: www.hamiltonsantaparade.com ♿ 2 ★

Nov 15, Woodstock Santa Claus Parade Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Come see Woodstock's Santa Claus Parade! The illuminated floats will again light up Dundas Street. Parade leaves the fairgrounds at 6pm and heads west on Dundas Street.

T: (519) 537-5721

W: www.woodstocksantaparade.ca ♿ 2 ★

Nov 15, THE QUILT: Gala Quilt Auction Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Exciting evening features food, drink, entertainment & the auction of beautiful quilts. Funds raised provide free outreach programs for physical and emotional support. Let no one face cancer alone.

T: 1-866-578-8553

W: www.TheQuilt.com ♿ 2

Nov 15, Santa Claus Parade Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

See the thrill on the children's faces as they watch a wonderful parade of lights and fantastic bands move past them.

T: (905) 451-1122

W: www.bramptonbot.com 1

Nov 15 - Dec 21, Festival of Trees Sudbury, Northern Ontario

Catch the spirit over the holidays by viewing & bidding on over 60 beautifully decorated wreaths and Christmas Trees while enjoying musical performances by local musicians and activities for the kids.

T: (705) 677-4115 ♿ 7

Nov 16, Santa Claus Parade Richmond Hill, Greater Toronto Area

Santa Claus is coming to town! Parade starts at 1:30pm at the intersection of Yonge Street and Industrial Road, heads south on Yonge Street to Hillcrest Mall. Enjoy this favourite holiday tradition!

T: (905) 771-5466

W: www.richmondhill.ca ♿ 1 ★

Nov 16, The Santa Claus Parade Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's number one parade! 103 year tradition. Parade starts at 12:30pm down Bloor Street and University Ave. Check out our website for more information.

W: www.thesantaclausparade.org 1

Nov 17 - Jan 7, Fantasy of Lights Kingsville, Southwestern Ontario

Join us in celebrating numerous activities throughout November & December. Light displays, Santa Claus Parade and more, for 6 weeks in historic Kingsville.

T: (519) 733-2123

W: www.fantasyoflights.ca ♿ 2

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Nov 20, Christmas Marketplace Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Stroll through the Christmas Marketplace craft sale hosted at Mississauga's Civic Centre in the Great Hall. Unique handmade gifts and live entertainment in an atmosphere of holiday nostalgia.

T: (905) 896-5314

W: www.mississauga.ca ♿ 1 ★

Nov 20, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

This free community event offers festive fun for the entire family. Live entertainers and local choirs perform festive holiday music. The event features lighting of the tree and a visit from Santa.

T: (905) 436-3892

W: www.oshawa.ca ♿ 1 ★

Nov 21 - Jan 1, Celebration of Lights Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Annual event includes many displays and thousands of lights along with a 72 foot arch over Front Street—light up Centennial Park. Opening ceremonies include fireworks, entertainment, trolley rides, etc.

T: (519) 344-8422

W: www.celebrationoflights.com ♿ 2

Nov 21, Light Up Brighton & Santa Claus Parade Brighton, Central Ontario

Light Up Brighton & Santa Claus Parade!

T: (613) 475-2275 4

Nov 21 - Jan 4, Christmas Magic in Cobourg 2008 Cobourg, Central Ontario

Christmas Magic transforms Victoria Park and the Waterfront into a dazzling display of over 100,000 coloured lights.

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4 ★



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Nov 22, Caledonia Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade

Caledonia, Southwestern Ontario

On Dasher and Dancer! Come on out and enjoy the downtown Caledonia parade! See Santa in person!

T: (905) 765-4664

W: www.kincanada.ca 2

Nov 22 - Dec 31, Calvacade of Lights 2008

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



Toronto glows for the holiday season with a spellbinding calendar of festive events, spectacular fireworks, and sparkling lighting displays. Entertainment and Fireworks: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13th and 20th.

T: (416) 338-0338

W: www.toronto.ca/special_events 1 ★

Nov 22 - Mar 15, Natrel Rink

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Natrel Rink is the first outdoor rink to launch the winter season in Toronto (weather permitting). Enjoy music and picturesque waterfront surroundings at Canada's largest artificially cooled outdoor rink.

T: (416) 973-4000

W: www.harbourfrontcentre.com 1 ★

Nov 23, Orillia Santa Claus Parade

Orillia, Central Ontario

Join us for one of the largest Christmas parades north of Toronto! Over 100 floats, bands, and Santa himself, celebrate "What Christmas Means to Us". Downtown Orillia.

T: (705) 326-4424

W: www.orillia.com 4 ★

Nov 23, Cobourg Santa Claus Parade 2008

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Cobourg's Annual Santa Claus Parade down King Street in Downtown Cobourg. Guaranteed to please the young and young at heart!

T: (905) 377-8024

W: www.downtowncobourg.ca 4 ★

Nov 27 - Jan 3, Upper Canada Village

"Alight at Night"

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

Visit a 60-acre heritage site adorned with over a quarter million sparkling lights. Ride on horse-drawn wagons, a carriage for two, or the Toy Train. Skating, festive dining and holiday shopping on site.

T: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.alightatnight.ca 5

Nov 28 -30, Down Home Country Christmas Yuletide Festival

Tillsonburg, Southwestern Ontario

Tillsonburg's Yuletide Festival, with decorated home tours, craft shows, turkey dinners and musical performances. Come back to Tillsonburg for that Down Home Christmas feeling.

T: (519) 842-2294

W: www.tillsonburg.ca 2 ★

Nov 28 -30, Poinsettia Celebration

Zurich, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the season absorbing the beauty of the colourful varieties of poinsettias during our open house. Enjoy the ambience created by candlelight on Fri and Sat evenings.

T: (519) 565-2122

W: www.huronridge.ca 2 ★

Nov 28 - Jan 1, Winter Wonderland

London, Southwestern Ontario

Free outdoor skating 10am-10pm daily. Seasonally decorated park, New Years Eve Celebration.

T: (519) 661-2500 x 5230

W: www.london.ca 2 ★

Nov 29 - Jan 4, Simcoe Christmas Panorama

Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

50th Anniversary "River of Lights" Show is a wonderful way to bring a smile to anyone's face when you see our 67 displays lit up with thousands of lights.

T: (519) 426-1022

W: www.simcoepanorama.ca 2 ★

Nov 30, Mississauga Santa Claus Parade

Streetsville, Greater Toronto Area

The Mississauga Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Village of Streetsville. It is a great family event. 1pm-3pm.

T: (905) 858-5974

W: www.villageofstreetsville.com 1 ★

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Winter Wonderland

There are great holiday events that happen throughout December from parades to craft



shows, to the **Portage Flyer Christmas Train**.

For a complete listing of Holiday Celebrations visit **www.ontariotravel.net**.

Your family can celebrate 2009 at **New Year's Eve Celebrations** in several cities in Ontario: **London, Barrie, Brampton, or Petawawa**, just to name a few. You might be

tempted to hibernate come January, but with great festivals like the **Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo in Sault Ste. Marie** or **Winterlude in Ottawa**, who would want to? Delicious fun for the whole family can be had at **maple syrup festivals** in **Midland, Burlington** and **Ottawa**. In **Grand Bend**, see thousands of ducks, geese

and tundra swans during **Return of the Swans**. In **Toronto, Canadian Music Week** showcases over 500 of Canada's best new and emerging talents. Ontario is the place to be for year-round fun and festivities.



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Dec 1, Fall & Winter Celebrations

Visit www.ontariotravel.net for information on fall and winter celebrations in communities throughout Ontario in the Fall & Winter Celebrations Supplement.

Dec 4 - 6, Follies Christmas Variety Show *Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario*

Rip roaring musical and comedy extravaganza featuring the music and comedy of our lives. See ad on page 20.

T: (905) 528-8095

W: www.geritolfollies.ca 2

Dec 4 - 7, Christkindl Market *Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario*

Relive an extraordinary, centuries-old German tradition "Festival of German Christmas". Win a trip for 2 to Germany. Join us for a candlelight procession and opening ceremony on Thu. at 6pm. See ad on page 105.

T: (519) 741-2387

W: www.christkindlcanada.com 2

Dec 5 - 7, Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

A Friday evening candlelight parade starts off the Christmas celebrations in Unionville. Followed by late-night shopping, horse and carriage rides and, of course the jolly man in red.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1

Dec 6 - 7, Unionville Santa Train Rides *Unionville, Greater Toronto Area*

All Aboard! Take a memorable train ride with Santa and his elves. A very unique memorable experience of a lifetime for you and your children/grandchildren.

T: (905) 477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 1

Dec 7, Burlington Christmas Parade 2008 *Burlington, Greater Toronto Area*

The annual Christmas Parade attracts over 70 entries and 10 bands including Burlington's own Teen Tour Band. The route begins at the Burlington Mall and finishes in downtown Burlington.

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.burlington.ca 1

Dec 7 - Jan 9, Burlington Lakeside Festival of Lights *Burlington, Greater Toronto Area*

Enjoy a wonderful display of holiday lights while walking along the lakeside promenade at Spencer Smith Park. This is Burlington's unofficial "welcome to winter" event! See ad on page 27.

T: (905) 333-9868

W: www.lakesidefestivaloflights.com 1

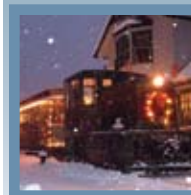
Dec 12 -14, Toronto Motorcycle Show 2008 *Toronto, Greater Toronto Area*

At the Toronto Motorcycle Show, all the major manufacturers officially launch their 2009 models to the Canadian media and public. The show offers every conceivable product and service related to the motorcycle lifestyle.

T: 1-888-695-2677

W: www.sportshows.ca 1

Dec 20, 2008 Portage Flyer Christmas *Kilworthy, Central Ontario*



A Portage Flyer Christmas is a night-time sparkling, bon-fire, hot chocolate and Christmas caroling train. Ride the authentic 1902 open air coach to see Santa and tell him "your side of the story".

T: (705) 789-7576

W: www.muskokaheritageplace.org 4

Dec 31, Barrie's Downtown Countdown 2009 *Barrie, Central Ontario*

Family-oriented, outdoor New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Barrie featuring live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, midway, skating, face painting, and two fireworks shows.

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.barrie.ca 4

Dec 31, Rockin New Year's Eve 2008 *London, Southwestern Ontario*

Rockin New Year's is an annual free New Year's celebration that takes place in Victoria Park. Visit our website for additional information.

T: (519) 661-2500 x 5230

W: www.london.ca 2

Dec 31, New Year's Eve Family Celebrations *Petawawa, Eastern Ontario*

Enjoy a unique way to celebrate New Year's with the entire family. Skating, clowns, ice entertainment and more!

T: (613) 687-5678

W: www.petawawa.ca 5

Dec 31 - Jan 1, New Year's Eve Celebration 2008 *Brampton, Greater Toronto Area*

An annual event held in Downtown Brampton, come see great Fireworks, toasted marshmallows, live entertainment and much more! Fireworks are held at 9pm and midnight. See ad on page 3.

T: (905) 874-3956

W: www.brampton.ca 1

Jan 1, Mayor's New Year Levee 2009 *Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area*

Celebrate the beginning of the New Year at Mississauga's Civic Centre. Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate and live entertainment.

T: (905) 896-5000

W: www.mississauga.ca 1

Jan 16 - 25, Niagara Icwine Festival 2009 *Niagara Region, Niagara Falls and Region*

Niagara is transformed into a wintry wonderland. Celebrating Icwine with Gala evenings, outdoor Icwine cafe's, ornate ice bars and dinners, to roasting chestnuts, frozen grape picking and carriage rides. The 12th edition of the Niagara Icwine Festival offers plenty for every taste.

T: (905) 688-0112

W: www.niagarawinefestival.com 3

Jan 22 - 26, Port Sydney Winter Carnival *Port Sydney, Central Ontario*

Outdoor events, races - on and off the ice, snowball throw, skills competition, dog sled, horse & sleigh rides, chicken bowling on Saturday, January 26. Something for the whole family!

T: (705) 385-1117

W: www.portsydneycocf.ca 4

Jan 23 - Feb 7, Winter Carnival 2009 *Burlington, Greater Toronto Area*

Free family fun! A variety of winter events happening throughout Burlington during this two week period. The Lowville Winter Games are a must see on Sunday Feb. 5th at Lowville Park!

T: (905) 335-7704

W: www.city.burlington.on.ca 1

Jan 30 - Feb 2, Wiarton Willie Festival 2009 *Warton, Southwestern Ontario*

Warton Willie Festival is a celebration of Groundhog Day. This annual celebration has taken place in Warton for over 50 years and sponsors events for people of all ages over a 4 day period around Feb. 2nd.

T: (519) 534-1400 x 123

W: www.warton-willie.org 2

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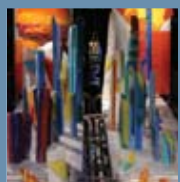
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Jan 30 - Feb 8, WinterCity 2009

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



A city-wide celebration of Toronto's incomparable diversity of spirit bursting with Winterlicious culinary experience, unique free entertainment and a showcase of Toronto's vibrant arts scene.

T: (416) 338-0338

W: www.toronto.ca/special_events 1 ★

Feb 1 - 21, Welland Winter Carnival 2009

Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

Winter Carnival Snow Poker Rally, Feb 1; Snowmobile Club Winter Carnival Snowmobile/ Hay Rides, Feb 4; Snowmobile Club French Canadian Carnival Day, Feb 8. See website for more details.

T: (905) 735-1700

W: www.welland.ca 3 ★

Feb 5 - 8, Pembroke Snospre Winter Carnival 2009

Pembroke, Central Ontario

The Snospre Winter Carnival celebrates the old time joy of winter, with a series of fun outdoor events as well as a Cabaret Show (Fri) and a Comedy Show (Sat) at the Armouries. Ice Derby, Polar dip.

T: (613) 763-6821

W: www.pembroke.ca 4 ★

Feb 6 - 8, PolarFest 2009

Lakefield, Bridgenorth and Ennismore, Eastern Ontario

Polarfest offers something for everyone - from a Pond Hockey Tournament, Polar Zoo, ice carving demos, speed skating, sledge hockey, sleigh rides, hot air balloon rides, golf, guided hike, fireworks and more!

T: (705) 292-9507

W: www.polarfest.ca 5 ★

Feb 6 -15, Bon Soo Winter Carnival 2009

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

10 days of winter carnival fun including over 125 indoor and outdoor events for the entire family. Events include, fireworks, concerts, winter sports, polar bear swim, winter playground, and much more.

T: 1-866-899-1607

W: www.bonsoo.on.ca 7 ★

Feb 6 - 16, Temiskaming Shores Snowfest 2009

Haileybury, Northern Ontario

A great winter festival with activities for the whole family. Pond hockey and ice fishing tournaments, snowmobile poker run, kids slide-a-thon and 120cc mini sled races.

T: 1-866-947-5753

W: www.temiskamingshores.ca 7 ★

Feb 6 -22, Winterlude 2009

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Three fun-filled weekends of excitement! Skating on the world's longest skating rink, glittery ice/snow sculptures, playing in Snowflake Kingdom and the largest snow playground on the continent and meeting the Ice Hog family - all this and much more. See ad on page 107.

T: (613) 239-5000

W: www.winterlude.gc.ca 6 ★

Feb 7, 3rd Annual Winter Carnival

Markham, Greater Toronto Area

3rd Annual! Start off with a Free pancake breakfast, then enjoy a skating show, petting zoo, wagon rides, a scavenger hunt, snowshoeing, skating and more.

T: (905) 294-4576

W: www.markhammuseum.ca 1 ★

Feb 7, Winterfest Cabin Fever Reliever 2009

Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Come downtown for a great day including a 3-on-3 street hockey tournament and snow sculpting competition.

T: (519) 537-5721

W: www.downtownwoodstock.ca 2 ★

Feb 7 - 8, Barrie Winterfest & Festival of Ice 2009

Barrie, Central Ontario

A celebration of winter! Ice sculptures, giant snow slide, horse-drawn wagon rides, dog sled rides, ice maze, lumberjack show, polar bear swim, pancake breakfast and more!

T: (705) 739-4285

W: www.barrie.ca 4 ★

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Feb 12 -15, Barry's Bay Timberfest 2009

Barry's Bay, Eastern Ontario

Our annual festival celebrating the heritage of logging in the Madawaska Valley.

T: 1-866-222-8699

W: www.timberfest.com 5 ★

Feb 14 -16, Voyageur Winter Carnival

Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

A winter adventure for the whole family! Snow tubing, cross country skiing, a giant snow maze and more! See fabulous entertainment and fireworks or compete for \$4000.00 in the Chilly Willy Pond Hockey Challenge.

T: (807) 473-2344

W: www.fwhp.ca 7 ★

Feb 16 -23, ByWard Market Mardi Gras

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Restaurants compete to make the best stew. Snow Volleyball, register in advance. Nightly entertainment, menu specials, great savings.

T: (613) 562-3325

W: www.byward-market.com 6 ★

Feb 19 - Mar 3, Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival 2009

Kirkland Lake, Northern Ontario

Snow cross racing, kids events, live entertainment, cabaret, fireworks and much more. Check out our website for more details on all the numerous events planned. Fun for the whole family!

T: (705) 642-3255

W: www.klfestivals.com 7 ★

Feb 20 -22, 61st Winterama

Penetanguishene, Central Ontario

Join us for this special and unique festival of winter. A variety of fun family activities including a professional lumberjack show, kids and adult arm wrestling competition, cardboard toboggan races and much more!

T: (705) 549-7453

W: www.penetanguishene.ca 4 ★





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Feb 20 -22, Cobourg Winter Festival 2009

Cobourg, Central Ontario

3 fun filled days for the entire family. Fireworks, ice carving, ice maze, ice cube treasure hunt, snow shoes, hayrides, harbourfront zoo, West Coast Lumberjack Show and much more!

T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 4 ★

Feb 23 - Mar 1, Porquis Winter Carnival 2009

Porquis Junction, Northern Ontario

Excellent family entertainment at reasonable prices. It's a great place to shake off the mid-winter blues. Come see us at "The Biggest Little Carnival in the North".

T: 1-888-524-8880

W: www.porquis.ca 5 ★

Mar 2009, Maple in the County

Prince Edward County, Eastern Ontario

Annual celebration of all things maple. Feast on delicious maple-themed meals, enjoy a wagon ride, take a tour of a sugar bush, build a birdhouse, or listen to some toe-tapping fiddle music.

T: (613) 393-2796

W: www.thecounty.ca/maple 5 ★

Mar 9 - 29, Return of the Swans

Grand Bend, Southwestern Ontario

You may see thousands of ducks, geese and tundra swans. Paint Ontario Art Sale and Competition, children's activities.

T: (519) 243-2600

W: www.lclmg.org 2

Mar 11 - 15, Canada Blooms 2009

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's largest flower and garden show. Celebrating Spring in Ontario with over 30 designer gardens, over 200 exhibitors and Canada's top garden experts speaking about the best of Canada gardens.

T: (416) 447-8655

W: www.canadablooms.com 1 ★

Mar 13 -15, Winterfest 2009

Elliot Lake, Northern Ontario

In cooperation with Mount Dufour Ski Resort, a weekend of fun and relaxation happens. Fri evening Teen Dance, Sat fireworks at 7pm.

Turkey bowl, tug-of-war to name a few events.

T: (705) 848-2084

W: www.CityofElliotLake.com 7 ★

Mar 11 - 14, Canadian Music Week 2009

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area



CMW takes over more than 40 clubs and concerts venues to showcase over 500 of Canada's best new and emerging talents.

T: (905) 858-4747

W: www.cmw.net 1

Mar 28 - 29, Wye Marsh Sweetwater Harvest 2009

Midland, Central Ontario

Join us for the 18th Annual Sweetwater Harvest celebration. Demonstrations of native, pioneer and modern maple syrup making techniques. Exciting family activities and all day pancakes.

T: (705) 526-7809

W: www.wyemmarsh.com 4 ★

Mar 29 - Apr 5, Festival des sucres / Maple Sugarfest 2009

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Maple Sugarfest caters to all age groups. Activities: Sunday brunch, children's day, lumberjack competitions, Aboriginal experiences, traditional music, wagon rides and more.

T: (613) 746-4335

W: www.sugarbushvanier.com 6 ★

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